

Herriman Elementary School Community Council

Meeting Minutes for November 11, 2024

Herriman Elementary, 3:00pm

Present: Laurie Goodsell
Laura St. Louis
Brian Cauley
Bonnie Nelson
Jennifer McDaniel

Next meeting: January 16, 2025, at 3:00pm at Herriman Elementary

1. **Note that the meeting minutes from the September meeting were approved via email.**
2. **Review the reading goals**

Laurie Goodsell showed a comparison of the Beginning of the Year (BOY) data from 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years, as measured by Acadience data.

In March 2024, the SCC approved a change in the goal to bump it up to 67%. Additionally, 60% is the state goal, so our school goal is higher. Herriman Elementary has a lot to celebrate.

	2023-2024 scores	2024-2025 scores
K	61.2	66.7
1	69.9	77.7
2	73.6	72.0
3	61.0	72.2
4	75.5	72.2
5	68.9	72.2
6	83.1	72.2

Remember, for comparison purposes, the group of kids from 23-24 will have moved up a grade for 24-25. Also, Laurie double checked with the district and the 72.2 scores in 3-6th is not a typo.

- The students will take the middle of the year (MOY) tests in December, and it is typical to see a dip in reading scores mid-year.
- Laurie reiterated that this year our school is focusing on all students making a year's worth of growth so that even those who are behind do not fall further behind.

3. Talk our school's door locking policy

Brian and Laurie discussed a question we'd received from a parent regarding our school's door locking policy. The parent had learned that the school policy had changed and was concerned about the change, thinking anyone could have access at any time. However, the current procedures were explained, and the parent seemed satisfied with the explanation.

Up until Laurie became principal this year, the school has always kept the classroom doors closed and locked all day.

(All exterior doors are always kept closed and locked; this discussion is limited to interior doors. A school-coded pass was required to enter the school, and all parents are required to check in at the office—they can't use the doors by their student's grade. Portable doors are also kept locked all the time and are equipped with a peep hole to allow teachers to see who is knocking.)

Having the doors locked all the time meant that any time a student to enter the classroom (after using the restroom during class time, checking into school, coming back from individual instruction, etc.), they would have to knock upon returning to enter the classroom. This got the kids in the habit of answering the door any time there was a knock.

Laurie understands the safety aspect of having the doors locked all the time, but it needed to balance with the disruption to the classroom of having kids constantly knocking and going in and out.

This year, our policy is to keep our doors lock-down ready. The kids practice the procedures monthly in order to be prepared and to hopefully be ready to break the habit of answering the door when they hear a knock.

Bonnie commented that the old way was a big disruption and that this new way helps quite a bit with classroom management.

Laurie highlighted the fact that Jordan School District doesn't have a district-wide policy on this issue, so she is using her best judgement. The students are required to do lock-down drills every month.

On the most recent drill, the lights were off, the kids were out of sight, and people from the office checked to ensure that they stayed this way, and they were 100% compliant, even in the 6th grade halls.

4. DLI enrollment numbers

Laurie reported that we don't have new information on the boundary changes, and we will have to wait for the district to give us more details. Generally, we get enrollment information in January and the teacher hiring fair for the district is in February, so it's likely a decision will be made soon, and we can discuss that in greater detail at the next meeting.

5. Next meeting date agreed; meeting adjourned.

Our next meeting will be held January 16, 2025.