

# Wasatch School Community Council Agenda March 12, 2021

## Called at 11:45am

Members present: Chris Fuhriman, Ruth Ann Snow, Joy McMurray, Emily Craig, Betsy Isom, Jayne Wells, Brynn St. Claire, Marlene Esplin, Shauna Boyack, Paul Caldarella, Britney Wood

Visitors present: Alex Judd, Rob Hunter, Dixon Holm, Kelsey Hogue

Members absent: Jennie Blum, Xaviera Ma

### **Safe Walking Routes (Alex Judd, Provo City)**

Welcome!

- 1) Goal: Create safe walking routes for students at Wasatch Elementary
- 2) By law, Wasatch must make available a Safe Schools Route for students that may be walking or biking to school.
- 3) Action: Community Council submits safe walking/biking route requests by the end of November to allow time for study and cost/budget analysis for the fiscal year to be presented in March. There were no formal safe walking route inspection requests submitted by Wasatch in 2019/2020. The engineering team made a routine inspection of the crosswalks associated with Wasatch-there was only one item found at Heritage Drive and 900 East where there is a need for an advanced school zone warning sign. Board members have requested an analysis for the crosswalk at Briar and Cherry due to speeding cars traveling down Briar. Four way crosswalks are not required to have crossing guards. It has been difficult to get crossing guards across the city already. Required crossings are short. There is a need for 20-30 crossing guards not covered daily.
- 4) Action: The engineering team will look at the current crosswalks and look for solutions. There may be a need for more striping and lit signage. An outreach program has been encouraged, to educate parents and children about safe walking/biking practices. In the past, a map has been distributed to parents and caretakers the past several years. It was proposed that the issue could be addressed within Wasatch area neighborhoods specifically with parades along safe walking routes during Safety Week. This issue should be addressed within the Wasatch community more than once a year. It is important to submit safety concerns as soon as a concern is noticed. In a newsletter/school website input a link to a map the state maintains to inform parents/students of safe routes at [saferoutesutahmap.com](http://saferoutesutahmap.com)

## **TSSA Plan**

- 1) The money allotted to individual schools to improve the school's learning environment.
- 2) Action: TSSA plan is based on the history of student population as well as predicted return of said students.
- 3) Action: Pay half of Brooke Berges salary to coach/mentor second grade teaching interns. In the past there has been an intern in first grade as well as second grade. This year as well as next there will be two second grade interns to keep consistency and increase quality of attention
- 4) March 15th is the deadline for teachers to inform of their intention to return next year.
- 5) No drastic changes being made in teacher allotment. Keeping the balance going off prior and rectnt numbers.

## **PBIS**

1. There is work in progress with Chris and the Wasatch social worker (Lindsey Gledhill) to come up with a working plan for positive behavior with students.
2. There is a new plan for cafeteria behavior with the motto: calm, quiet and clean.
3. Ribbon Week was earlier in the school year, it was held virtually. The focus was on passing out information for the prevention of drug use and suicide with a focus on emotional health.
4. There will be an ongoing dialogue with students in regards to mental wellness and health.
5. Kindness Week was positive. There were challenges given to students, these challenges worked great in encouraging students to have good behavior at school.
6. Some schools have been piloting the program for social/emotional curriculum called "Second Step" by Kathy Hansen to encourage positive and intentionally good behavior. The piloting schools have been encouraged by the huge impact it has had on their student's overall behavior. The district has researched this program and are going to implement it district wide.

## **Additional Business**

1. This is the last Community Council meeting of the 2020/2021 school year. An April meeting was set as needed and at this point it is not necessary.
2. There will be four continuing board members and three open spots to replace Jayne Wells, Marlene Esplin and Paul Caldarella.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm**

