

**Friday, October 13, 2023**

**Community Council Minutes**

**Conducting:** Emilie Nelson

In attendance, Emilie Nelson, Chris Fuhriman, Kendall Thurston, Lacy Forston, Heather Kelly, Joy McMurray, Kyle Kelley, Sara Wursten, Becky Bundy, Jayne Wells, Sara Parrish, Brooke Berges

1. Welcome Emilie Nelson
2. Chris Fuhriman-School Improvement Plan Report
  - a. Will we be spending this money this year?
  - b. \$92,174.82 for school improvement
  - c. The money will be spent and used for school improvement
3. Joy McMurray and Kendall Thurston
  - a. Safe Routes to school for the new Wasatch
  - b. Met with Meg Van Wagenen and Derek Anderson to introduce the plan.
    - i. The city wants us to use a map to find where the safe routes are.
      1. Students will be coming from different directions
      2. The city is putting in a sidewalk on the northside of OakCliff
      3. There will be hard core barriers on Oak Cliff
      4. The fence will be plastic covered, chain link fence.
    - ii. Need to decide how many crossing guards in the area.
    - iii. The recommendation is Locust Lane is the desired route-streets will feed into it.
      1. Apple and Locust-crossing guard-most important.
      2. 820 and Locust is also where we would like a crossing guard.
      3. The city will not allow stop signs if certain criteria are not met.
      4. There will be a walking path through the new development, but it will not help with the safe routes
      5. The money for sidewalks is coming from grants, not the city
      6. We can get as many crossing guards as we want, but the police can't staff all of them.
      7. They are working on sidewalks and infrastructure for the school
      8. If kids are late then they will have to walk through the school property instead of down and around the school
      9. The city can't use Hillsdale as a safe route because it is a private road
      10. The Deadlines-two weeks from now for safe routes
      11. Prioritize where they put the sidewalks in now so that there aren't any problems
      12. Check to make sure other areas are safe
      13. No safe safe route for "wild mouse" area on the hill
    - iv. Bussing
      1. The students on the north side of the school boundaries will be able to take a bus.
      2. Derek Anderson-different students will be bussed with new school.
    - v. Next Steps
      1. Painting crosswalks is the easiest and cheapest way
      2. 4 ways stops will not be a priority
      3. Sidewalks are difficult to get as well, but can be a priority
      4. Ideally we want 3 crossing guards
        - a. We currently have 3 crossing guards
      5. There are lots of difficulties and questions, but we are working through them
        - a. Sidewalks up to Lookout point?
        - b. Where do we put crosswalks?
        - c. How do we get the word out?

- d. Educate the parents and the students about the safe routes
      - e. Joy McMurray-want to start out with the safest route possible.
    - 6. All the parts at the north side aren't walkable and we need to find solutions
  - vi. Meg Van Wageen email update
    - 1. Chain link fence update
    - 2. Fundraiser for bricks to be sold from Wasatch before it is torn down
    - 3. Superintendent Dau sends out an email with a weekly podcast about what is going on in the district. Make sure to check that out.
      - a. Mulling over Camp Big Springs
        - i. \$100,000 to fix it or the school district can buy it
        - ii. Ideally the money would be spent to fix it
  - vii. Data Review-Brooke Berges
    - 1. RISE data is available
    - 2. Comparing schools which are alike is the best way to see where we are at as a school
    - 3. We have made progress in Reading
    - 4. We can be doing better in Math and we are implementing WIN groups to help with that
4. Reflect communication on the good things that are going on-Emilie Nelson
- a. Social Media
  - b. Emails
  - c. Other ways to communicate
  - d. Newsletter-from Linda
  - e. Weekly box on the newsletter to highlight
  - f. Let other parents know about the social media

The next meeting will be on November 10th at 11:45am at Wasatch in room 33.