



Heatherwood Educational Advisory Team

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Se ofrece traducción de los materiales de la reunión a español por pedido. Por favor comunicarse con limary.bonilla@bvsd.org.

- I. Welcome**
Principal Genna Jaramillo welcomed the group.
- II. Purpose**
Assistant Superintendent Robbyn Fernandez reminded the team of its purpose.
- III. Public Comment**
There was no public comment.
- IV. Connection**
Principal Jaramillo shared a video about the time capsule that was opened earlier in the week.
- V. Update on Survey**
Ryan Winger of Magellan Strategies provided an update on the user survey. The survey was sent via text message to all registered voters in the area. The survey was also included in the school newsletter and is posted on the website.
- VI.** As of the meeting, over 100 people had responded. Respondents were mostly Heatherwood families, with a few non-Heatherwood families.
- VII. Transportation**
BVSD Safe Routes to School coordinator Amy Thompson, shared information about BVSD's ongoing bus driver shortage and how that has impacted the bus routes in Heatherwood. She responded to questions from the group about adding specific transportation services that might influence families to choose Heatherwood. Due to the driver shortage, more routes cannot be added. However, Thompson provided information about alternative options for transportation.
- VIII. Boundaries**
Due to shortage of time, boundaries will be discussed at the next meeting.



IX. Preschool

Early Childhood Education Director Emma Herzog provided information about preschool enrollment. The program at Heatherwood is currently under enrolled. The Colorado Department of Education manages preschool enrollment and BVSD does not have control of the enrollment process. Preschool students in the neighborhood are not guaranteed enrollment at Heatherwood like at other grade levels.

X. School Age Care

Community Schools Director Emerald Murphy provided information about the School Age Care program. She is currently working to hire another staff person for Heatherwood which could allow more families to enroll. Like transportation, school age care also struggles with hiring difficulties.

XI. Communications and Promotion

Chief Communications Officer Randy Barber was joined by his team and provided information about the District's Communications department and appropriate staff contacts. The group shared information and ideas about how the Heatherwood community can promote the school in the neighborhood.