



Doss Elementary CAC

February 15, 2024

Please Sign-In

Co-Chairs (Francis & Lande):

- Welcome
- Review of [January Meeting Minutes](#)
- Approve minutes from January 25, 2024– *unanimously approved*

Principal Sheridan Report:

- Teacher Check-ins
 - o Pre-K – Wrapping up transportation; moving into colorful creations.
 - o Kindergarten – Finished valentine’s day, dental health unit + dentist visit, field trip to Capital next week, Rodeo Day on 29th, points unit started
 - o First – Reading: Points of view, writing – parts of letter, math – geometry and fraction units, starting telling time unit, starting president’s biography unit, soon begin practicing for Texas play in March
 - o Second -Math – going into 3 digit subtraction; reading – wrapping up POV, going into theme, writing – autobiographies, geography – globes, science - weather
 - o Third – Just finished fractions; starting geometry unit. Science – finished with weather. In April Meteorologist from KXAN visiting. LA – book reports, figurative language and poetry. FT upcoming – Paramount theater
 - o Fourth – FT to Children’s concert w/ Austin Symphony; Math – started geometry unit.
 - o Fifth – Reading: Starting analyzing poetry, figurative language. SS – Declaration of Independence. Science – ecosystems unit and adaptations. Math – coordinate planes, graphing. Moving into measurements.
 - o Special Areas – Not in attendance. PE doing gymnastics.
 - o SPED – Special Olympics started up again – basketball. Best Buddies Love Bash today.
 - o DLI – Lunar Day celebration 2/15 and 2/16. Assembly will have Chinese NY song and Dragon Dance tomorrow.

- Important Dates
 - Friday Assembly – Parents need to stay at the top.
 - STAAR Interim – All district is doing practice STAAR through same platform as real STAAR. Next 2 weeks.
 - STAAR Dates – April 11th, 18th, 25th
 - Spring Break - Week of 3/9
 - AISD Pride Week – Right after Spring Break. No changes to agenda from last year. Agenda just shared with staff. Waiting for feedback but don't expect major changes.
- Budget/Staffing for 2024-2025 –
 - No staff members lost; will be able to add staff – 1 in 5th, 1 in 3rd
 - Question: closed to transfer? District is school of choice but basically Doss is closed b/c no seats available at Doss. School choice does not mean schools have seats for transfers.
 - Question: DLI for 3rd combined in 1 class next year? Still TBD.

PTA Update

- Not much new transpired since the 1/25 meeting.
- Son and Daughter dances coming up before Spring Break.
- Spring Party on 4/13 – already good ticket sales.
- Fundraising efforts go a long way to support the schools funding needs on top of what is provided for in the budget.
- In 2nd budget cycle for any changes mid-year. Main item of discussion is the Bridges math curriculum, which wasn't in the PTA budget. Lots of discussion and due diligence going on to make sure we have buy in for the curriculum to be used. \$68k cost primarily for license fees (seats for teachers). Fifth grade is using it now as a test and feedback has been very positive.
- Will have a presentation at the next PTA meeting in late March.

Comment / Questions:

- Question about flickering lights in hallways/classrooms? Maintenance said the motherboard is overheating and they have to retrofit a part to make the fix.
- Question: Are we teaching cursive and typing? Yes, both in 4th. 2nd is also teaching cursive. 3rd grade does some typing. School does not have FTE for typing curriculum outside of the primary classroom.

New Business:

- Next meeting is March 28, 2024

Adjourned:

- Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm