



Doss Elementary CAC October 5, 2023

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Co-Chairs (Francis & Lande):

- Welcome
- Review of [August Meeting Minutes](#)
- Approve minutes from August 24, 2023 – *motion to approved w/ no changes; unanimously approved.*

Principal Sheridan Report:

- Teacher Check-ins
 - **Pre-K** – *working on family unit; introducing shapes, patterns, letter recognition; field trip coming up.*
 - **Kinder** – *fire safety week coming up; fall/Halloween unit; field trip to Crow's Nest farm; book character parade coming up on Halloween. Mandarin – into MMX; t-shirt fundraiser.*
 - **1st grade** – *went on first field trip 10/3 to Zach Scott; field trip to Nature Science center coming up; Halloween unit coming up; haggerty writing pilot program started – well liked so far.*
 - **2nd grade** – *Zach Scott field trip; math whole numbers; science matter, creepy creature product next week.*
 - **3rd grade**– *LA – making inferences, identifying subject/predicate. Math – 3 digit addition, rounding/estimating. Science – properties of matter.*
 - **4th grade** – *Hello World; kids all have computers now; planning field trip 10/23 Inner Space Caverns. Starting science homework.*
 - **5th grade** – *Math – middle of decimals unit; Science – energy unit, force and motion soon; Reading/Writing – fictional narratives; History – explorers*
 - **SPED** – *intervention groups in full swing; ending Q1 – progress monitoring students on IEP goals.*
 - **Special Areas** – *starting a throwing and catching unit; track – health and track; marathon kids tracking laps; health – body parts and types of activities. K-2 emotional regulation. Music – musical audition, practices have started.*
 - **Admin** – *Sarah Kent introduced herself (was in/out of last CAC meeting when intros were made).*
- BTS Night

- Parent Conferences
- CIP – Principal Sheridan went over a slide deck detailing the CIP
 - *Accountability refresh – focus on improved student performance.*
 - *New rating system for school from 2022 to 2023 – Based on changes, everything has been Delayed.*
 - *Discussed changes in STAAR testing – more rigorous; most schools will show a decrease in score.*
 - *Q: What was the rationale in changing the test? A: Not sure. Great to challenge. Difficulty is in comparing scores vs prior testing which was less rigorous.*
 - *Q: Was the school aware of changes to the test well ahead of time? A: Not really. It was not known at the beginning of the '22-23 school year. Some guesses were made but the reading portion was a big surprise to everyone.*
 - *Another piece is grading the school on lowest performing groups.*
 - *Q: Do we look at how schools with similar demographics compare? A: Principal Sheridan – we look at Hill and Highland Park but HP doesn't have the same SPED programs and language immersion departments. Hill is more comparable.*
 - *Priority Problem Statements – 36% of SPED meeting reading. 48% of economically disadvantaged reached 'meets' – Panorama Student Survey showed decreased sense of fairness. All focus areas of improvement.*
- AISD Sped Update – TEA looking over SPED processes/systems. In partnership with TEA – means all professional development has been laid out for how to best handle special education. Approved by Board and TEA. Monday 10/9 – working on 4 hour module of SPED development. Everyone working with children will participate in this initiative.
 - *Q: Is there any catching up Doss needs to do? A: No, Doss is in a good place.*

PTA Update

- Fundraising Successes – No Hassle – over 234 families; raised over \$34k (goal was \$30k). PIE – raised \$85k - \$55k goal. Assembly on 10/20 to “Ice the Principal”
- Doss Track Refresh – happening 10/9; looking at more long term solutions to be done over summer.
- Parent Education Session – 30 parents – focused on technology
- PTA Meeting Outcomes – buddy system for new families, showing them the Doss ropes. Traffic pickup taskforce (headed by Nada)
- Adult Conversational English (ACE) Class – 7 parent instructors. Oct-Apr on Wednesday mornings
- Copy Process Rollout – Starts 10/10; goal is funneling to big copy room where they will have assistants to help streamline copying. One backup PLC if main room gets too crowded.
- Calendar Task Force – Biggest goal is pushing start date of school next year from a Monday to a Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Save the dates:
 - H'Owl 10/29
 - Book Fair 11/3-11/10
 - 5th Grade Musical 11/9
 - Cultural Heritage 11/30

Comment / Questions:

New Business:

- *Next meeting is November 16, 2023*

Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 4:13pm