

**Logan Elementary  
School Improvement Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

Staff in Attendance: Principal David Copeland, Jr., Assistant Principal Dr. Latisha Lowery, and Mary Polen

Parent Representatives in Attendance: Chairperson Stephanie Casana and Co- Chairperson Sloane Birnie

Community Members in Attendance: Nick Washington

Absent: Allison Kingsley, Sherrie Belton, Lauren Williams Noesner, Caitlin Cothran, and John Black.

- I. Welcome – Mrs. Casana
  - a. Chairperson Stephanie Casana opened the meeting at 3:17 p.m.
  
- II. Review of January Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Casana
  - a. No changes
  
- III. Informational Items
  - a. Principal’s report – Principal Copeland
    - i. Principal Copeland discussed the ARTS NOW grant. This grant allows Logan Elementary to have dance and theater programs. A representative from ARTS NOW is coming to Logan next week to host two professional development sessions for teachers (February 29 and March 1).
    - ii. Principal Copeland mentioned recent events that took place such as the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School, the State of the School Address, and Souper Bowl of Caring.
    - iii. State of the School Address - Stakeholders were invited to the State of the School Address to get a closer look at academics, culture and climate, and community engagement. Next year, ensembles (such as steel band) may participate in this annual event.
    - iv. Souper Bowl of Caring – Students had the opportunity to donate to the two teams. Ms. Mason’s class had the most donations, so they won a pizza party. 180 canned goods were collected.
    - v. Principal Copeland mentioned that the school is currently progress monitoring students. He also stated that February 22 is National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Additionally, the Superintendent’s Book Club has started. This is an annual district-wide reading challenge that helps increase literacy. This year, students can complete their reading logs online. More information can be found in the weekly newsletter.
    - vi. Principal Copeland stated that the Black History Showcase is tomorrow. There are two shows (8:15 and 9:15). Parents can attend.

- b. PTO Updates –
  - i. Chairperson Casana stated that the Family Dance was a wonderful event/PTO fundraiser. Families had a lot of fun.
  - ii. The Read-A-Thon will be starting up again soon. More information will be shared in the Upcoming Events section at the end of today's meeting.
- c. Faculty/Community Updates –
  - i. AFLAC Grant – Mrs. Casana
    - 1. No new updates. The school is still funding the science lab instructor.
  - ii. Arts Update – Ms. Polen
    - 1. The 2024 ABC (Arts in Basic Curriculum) Elementary Schools Spring Meeting will be held at H.E. Bonner Elementary School in March 2024.
  - iii. ATP Update – Mrs. Casana
    - 1. No new updates.

#### IV. SIC Goals Review and Discussion

- a. Annual Report to Parents
  - i. Chairperson Casana shared an update provided by Ms. Belton: The Annual Report to Parents will no longer be a trifold. Instead, it will be a PDF document (8.5x11") since it is mostly accessed digitally. This year's report will also focus more on arts integration.
- b. Logan SIC Bylaws
  - i. The bylaws are on the website and can be revised as needed by future School Improvement Councils.
- c. School Renewal (Improvement) Plan
  - i. Mr. Copeland stated that the Faculty Advisory Committee recently met to draft goals for the School Renewal Plan. Goals are based on academic data, climate and culture, and teacher quality.
  - ii. Tentative Goal #1 – By 2029, 64.6% of Logan students in grades 3-5 will score met or exemplary on the SC Ready ELA assessments.
  - iii. Tentative Goal #2 – By 2029, 56% of students in grades 3-5 will score meet or exemplary on the SC Math assessments.
  - iv. Tentative Goal #3 – By 2029, as evident by sign in sheets, 100 percent of teachers will receive staff development and be provided resources and opportunities to support Arts Integration within the core curriculum.
  - v. Tentative Goal #4 – By 2029, the students' perception of Social-Physical Environment will increase from 4.73 to 9.00.
  - vi. Goal #5 will be aligned to the district's goals.
  - vii. Mr. Copeland stated that Logan is dedicated to increasing staff morale. Several initiatives have been implemented this year to support this endeavor including teacher/staff of the month, extra planning sessions for teachers, extended PLCs, staff outings, and the PTO teacher coffee cart. The new building coordinator is also working hard to keep the school clean and presentable. Next year, the school hopes to utilize student or teacher ambassadors to create videos about things going on at Logan. All of this will contribute to the culture & climate goal.

- V. Upcoming Events – Mrs. Casana
  - a. February 22 – Black History Month Celebration (8:15 and 9:15)
  - b. February 22 – Birthday Celebration (February Birthdays)
    - i. Mrs. Birnie asked for more information about the birthday celebrations. Mr. Copeland explained that this is a monthly birthday celebration for students, and everyone receives a cupcake.
  - c. February 26 – PTO Read-A-Thon Starts
    - i. This is the second round of the Read-A-Thon for the 2023-2024 school year. The first round took place during the fall.
  - d. February 26-March 1 – Read Across America Week
    - i. Mr. Copeland stated that more information about Read Across America will be provided in the weekly newsletter. Gregory Christie, children’s book illustrator, will be meeting with 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students to promote reading. There will also be a book character dress up day.
  - e. March 4-8 – National School Breakfast Week
  - f. March 7 – Third Grade Family Night
    - i. This event is for parents of third grade students to learn more information about reading requirements for this grade level.
  - g. March 8 – SEL Day
  - h. March 9 – PTO Family Obstacle Course
  - i. March 14 – End of Third Nine Weeks, PTO Coffee Cart
  - j. March 15 – Teacher Workday
  - k. March 18-22 – Spring Book Fair (Open Late on March 21)
  - l. March 20 – Third Quarter Awards Ceremony (Traditional)
  - m. March 21 – PTO Read-A-Thon Ends, Literacy Night (5:30-7:00)
  - n. March 22 – Birthday Celebration (March Birthdays)
  - o. March 28 – Advocacy Day, Early Release (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
  - p. March 29-April 5 – Spring Break
- VI. Public Comments
  - a. There were no comments.
- VII. Adjourn – Chairperson Casana adjourned at 3:50 p.m.
  - a. The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2024, at 3:15pm. Ms. Casana will not be present for this meeting but will still help create the agenda.