

Logan Elementary School Improvement Council Meeting Agenda



Date & Time: April 17, 2024 at 3:15 p.m.
Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

I. Welcome – Mrs. Casana

II. Review of March Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Cothran

III. Informational Items

- Principal's Report – Mr. Copeland
- PTO Updates

IV. Faculty/Community Updates

- AFLAC Grant – Ms. Kingsley
- Arts Update – Ms. Polen
- ATP – Ms. Belton
- Other

V. SIC Goals Review & Discussion

- Annual Report to Parents
- School Renewal Plan
- Other

VI. Upcoming Events:

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| April 19: | College and Career Day |
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| May 9: | Last Day of CRP |
| May 14: | SC Ready Math |
| May 15: | SIC Meeting (3:15 – 4:15 pm) |
| May 16: | SC Ready Science |
| May 17: | Field Day |

VII. Public Comments



Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 15 at 3:15 p.m. (Microsoft Teams)

**Logan Elementary
School Improvement Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

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

Parent Representatives in Attendance: Vice Chairperson Sloane Birnie, Stephanie Casana, Lauren Williams Noesner, and Secretary Caitlin Cothran

Community Members in Attendance: Nick Washington

Absent: Ms. Kingsley

- I. Welcome – Mrs. Casana
 - a. Chairperson Stephanie Casana opened the meeting at 3:15 PM.

- II. Review of March Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Casana
 - a. Mrs. Casana reviewed the minutes and there were no changes.

- III. Informational Items
 - a. Principal's Report – Mr. Copeland
 - i. Mr. Copeland stated Literacy Night went well.
 - ii. He stated the staff is currently reviewing benchmark data to prepare for end of year assessments to help students be successful.
 - iii. Mr. Copeland stated Logan Elementary would be getting a new mural in the school and they are working with an artist.
 - iv. The surveys are completed and this information will be reflected on the school report card.
 - v. STAR Reading, STAR Math, and the Spring Showcase are all next week.
 - b. PTO Update – Ms. Belton
 - i. Mrs. Casana asked Ms. Belton to speak about the PTO. Ms. Belton stated PTO is still looking for officers for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - ii. PTO is also soliciting donations for teacher appreciation week which is the first full week in May.

- IV. Faculty/Community Updates
 - a. AFLAC Grant – Mrs. Casana (Ms. Kingsley was absent)
 - i. Mrs. Casana mentioned this grant is still funding science labs, the field trip, and the outdoor space.
 - ii. It is also funding a chicken embryo project for Primary Montessori.
 - iii. Mrs. Cothran spoke about how her child is enjoying the chicken embryo project in his Primary Montessori classroom.

- b. Arts Update – Ms. Polen
 - i. Ms. Polen mentioned more about the mural project and stated it would happen May 10. The kids and the staff are looking forward to the new mural.
- c. ATP – Ms. Belton
 - i. Ms. Belton asked to speak about the report to the parents.

V. SIC Goals Review & Discussion

- a. Annual Report to Parents
 - i. Ms. Belton explained how the ATP worked on the new SIC Report to the Parents. ATP decided to move away from the tri-fold to single page front and back. She showed some examples of other schools documents and then the draft of Logan’s Report to the Parents.
 - ii. Ms. Belton briefly explained what is included in the Report to Parents.
 - iii. Ms. Belton provided a link to the draft of the SIC Report to Parents and asked the SIC members to review the document.
 - iv. Mrs. Casana had a question about the timeline on the School Renewal Plan. Mr. Copeland confirmed it is the 2025-2029 plan.
- b. School Renewal (Improvement) Plan
 - i. Assistant Principal Lowery shared some statistics from prior years and the future goals Logan is working toward for each of the goals: ELA, Math, and Science.
 - 1. For the ELA Goal, Logan Elementary is working to ensure the teachers have the support and training they need.
 - 2. For the Math Goal, based on assessment scores, it appears that the processes in place are working to improve student scores.
 - 3. For the Science Goal, Logan will continue to bring in additional resources and instructors to help teachers continue to grow in this area.
 - ii. Mr. Copeland shared additional goals.
 - 1. By 2029, teachers will receive staff development and be provided resources to increase Arts Integration.
 - 2. School Climate Goal
 - a. Continue to create new clubs.
 - b. Continue the Logan Advocacy Program.
 - c. Provide student surveys bi-annually to address needs and concerns of students.
 - d. 82.6% is the current teacher retention percentage. The district is encouraging all schools to come up with teacher retention plans. Logan wants to have 89.6% retention by 2029.
 - i. Provide more support and professional development.
 - ii. Quarterly checks with new teachers.
 - iii. Monthly teacher spotlights.
 - 3. Absentee Goal
 - a. Logan will continue to come up with creative ways to encourage students to attend school and get them excited about being at school.

4. Mrs. Williams-Noesner asked if there would be an automated way for parents to be reminded about unexcused absences and how to submit excuses. Ms. Belton stated the ways in which Logan is currently working on contacting parents about unexcused absences.
5. There was a discussion about the QR code you can scan to submit excuses and how Logan can increase the communication on the various ways you can submit excuses for students.

VI. Upcoming Events – Chairperson Casana

- a. April 19 – College and Career Day
 - i. Ms. Schuler, the school counselor, is coordinating this event. There will be ways for kids to rotate through stations and learn about many careers.
- b. April 23 – STAR Reading
- c. April 24 – STAR Math
- d. April 25 – Spring Art Showcase, “SOAR: Learning Throughout the World”
 - i. This will be held at C.A. Johnson at 6pm. The students are taking a field trip that morning to practice and parents are welcome to attend the 6pm show at night.
 - ii. Permission slips are going home this week for students to be taken to C.A. Johnson for the morning practice/performance.
 - iii. There will be performances from Logan dancers, singers, steel drums, and theater.

- e. April 26 – Advocacy Day, Birthday Celebration (April Birthdays), Early Release for Students (Professional Development Day for Staff)
- f. May 6 to 10 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- g. May 6 – Test Prep Pep Rally
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VII. Public Comments

- a. Mrs. Williams-Noesner mentioned that on testing days, the kids seem to come home exhausted and stressed. She asked what is the communication with teachers? Do they still need to complete a full day of teaching in addition to testing?
 - i. Principal Copeland stated they try to spread out the testing so it's not so stressful for the kids.
- b. Mrs. Williams-Noesner asked if there was a way to get more notice before dress up days and spirit week.
 - i. Principal Copeland mentioned he will work to make sure the information goes out a lot earlier.

VIII. Adjourn – Chairperson Casana adjourned at 4:03 pm.

- a. The next meeting will be held on May 15 at 3:15pm (Virtual – Microsoft Teams).



Logan Elementary School Improvement Council





welcome

**Logan Elementary
School Improvement Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

**Review of
March
Meeting
Minutes**

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

Parent Representatives in Attendance: Vice Chairperson Sloane Birnie, Stephanie Casana, Lauren Williams Noesner, and Secretary Caitlin Cothran

Community Members in Attendance: Nick Washington and Ben Redden

Absent: Ms. Sherrie Belton, and Ms. Kingsley

- I. Welcome – Mrs. Casana
 - a. Chairperson Stephanie Casana opened the meeting at 3:15 PM.

- II. Review of February Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Casana
 - a. Mrs. Casana reviewed the minutes and there were no changes.

III. Informational Items

a. Principal's Report – Mr. Copeland

- i. Mr. Copeland stated they are excited to see where they are for end-of-year assessments and plan the last few months of school.
- ii. ARTS NOW dance came in today. There was a lot of great feedback. Logan is excited about the partnership and looking forward to teacher partnership. Logan received the same grant to continue the professional development for next year.
- iii. The third nine weeks ceremony for the traditional program is on Friday.
- iv. There was an ABC School visit last Thursday and they are looking forward to next year.
- v. Parent Climate Surveys are ongoing. Principal Copeland encouraged everyone to take the survey and provide feedback about the school.

b. PTO Update – Mrs. Casana and Mr. Redden (PTO President)

- i. PTO emailed today that they are looking for nominations for the PTO officers for next year.
- ii. Read-A-Thon has raised \$250 so far. Only 11 children have signed up. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the fundraiser.
- iii. Mr. Redden mentioned this is the second run of the Read-A-Thon.
- iv. Mrs. Cothran asked what positions are open for the PTO nominations. Mr. Redden mentioned all positions are open to be filled.

IV. Faculty/Community Updates

a. AFLAC Grant – Mrs. Casana (Ms. Kingsley was absent)

- i. The Logan Foundation has submitted their application for the 10K grant for next year for the Science Lab Manager. They also requested funds for field trips, the lab, and money to keep the outdoor space in shape.

b. Arts Update – Ms. Polen

- i. Ms. Polen shared a PowerPoint presentation on the DAP (Distinguished Arts Program) Grant.
 1. It is a three-year cycle. We are starting a new cycle for the 2024-2025 school year to be completed in 2027.
 2. Each cycle requires a new Opportunity to Learn Standards Survey. Staff has completed the survey. There is also a Community Stakeholders survey they would like for SIC members to participate. This information will be helpful in re-applying for the grant.
 3. The grant provides \$18,000 which has been used for dance, theatre, professional development, and summer institutes.
 4. Mrs. Williams-Noesner asked if this survey would be only for the SIC members or all Logan parents. Ms. Polen stated for now it is just for SIC members but would like to discuss sending it to all parents in the future.

c. ATP – Mrs. Casana (Ms. Belton was not able to attend)

i. Literacy Night is Thursday, March 21.

ii. Drop-in for third grade families immediately following early dismissal next Thursday, March 28. This is focused specifically on SC Ready.

V. SIC Goals Review & Discussion

a. Annual Report to Parents

i. Mrs. Casana asked about the Annual Report to Parents. ATP is working on it before it comes to the full SIC.

c. School Renewal (Improvement) Plan

i. Principal Copeland stated on March 8, they received the district plan but have not done any additional goal setting related to the district goals. Principals are meeting tomorrow, then they will meet with their individual staff.

VI. Upcoming Events – Chairperson Casana

- a. March 21 – PTO Read-a-thon Ends, Literacy Night (5:30pm to 7pm)
- b. March 22 – Birthday Celebration (March Birthdays), Third Quarter Awards Ceremony (Traditional -8:30am)
- c. March 28 – Advocacy Day, Early Release for Students (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- d. March 29 to April 5 – Spring Break
- e. April 8 to 12 – Week of the Young Child
 - i. Celebrate literacy in the early childhood classrooms.
- f. April 10 – Literacy on the Lawn (Early Childhood Classes & Families)
- g. April 16 – Riverside Family Night (4:30pm to 6pm)
- h. April 17 – SIC Meeting (Virtual, 3:15pm)
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a. No additional comments.

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SIC Goals Review & Discussion:

Create and finalize the Annual Report to
Parents



SIC Goals Review & Discussion:

Provide input and feedback during the development of Logan's School Renewal (Improvement) Plan.

| Performance Goal Area ⇅ | Performance Goal ⇅ |
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| Student Achievement* | By 2029, 56% of students in grades 3-5 will score meet or exemplary on the SC Math assessments. |
| Student Achievement* | By 2029, 64.6% of Logan students in grades 3-5 will score met or exemplary on the SC Ready ELA |
| Teacher/Administrator Quality* | By 2029, teachers will receive staff development and be provided resources and opportunities to support Arts Integration within the core curriculum to increase student achievement in the Arts over the next five years. |
| School Climate* | By 2024, the percent of unexcused absences will be reduced from 48% to 24%. |
| District Priority | By the year 2024, the percentage of Logan Elementary students qualifying as State Identified Gifted and Talented will increase from 3% to 18%. |
| Other | By 2024, Logan Elementary teachers will plan and implement at least 1 arts-integrated classroom engagement per quarter producing authentic student-generated work reflecting a minimum of 2 of the fine art forms (dance, drama, music, visual art, and media art & design). |



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