



## *African-American/Black Parent Advisory Committee*



*General Meeting  
December 9, 2020  
5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Zoom Meeting*

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### *Minutes*

**1.0 Meeting called to order at 5:36p.m.** Selena Johnson (President) welcomed all members and guests present. Selena Johnson made the motion to start the meeting and Karesha Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2.0 Roll Call by Maggie Canela-** The following schools were represented:

1. **Bush-** Selena Johnson
2. **Chavez-** Selena Johnson
3. **Edison-** Albert Cato
4. **Hong Kingston-** Karesha Boyd
5. **Hoover-** Bennett Afari
6. **Khol-** Layetta Finister
7. **SECA-** Layetta Finister
8. **Skills-** Earlisha Gaines
9. **Weber-** Tannesha Green

A total of 7 members were present. Additionally, staff from Family Engagement & Education Office: Dara Dalmau, Administrator, Aracely Vargas, Charles Watkins and Maggie Canela; Sharon Barnes, Director of Equity and Family Engagement & Education Office; Dr. Connor Sloan, LCAP Director; Richard Barries, Interim Chief of Police; Mayra Franco, Lieutenant and 3 guests for a total of 17 in attendance.

**3.0 Changes to Agenda-** NA

**4.0 Read and Approve Minutes-** Selena Johnson reminded all members that the minutes were emailed to be pre-read and revised. Aracely Vargas (Parent Liaison) shared the minutes on the screen to show the rest of attendees. Correction to 6.2 was made from “Benett” to “Bennett.” Selena Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting. Bennett Afari seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**5.0 Old Business-**

**5.1 Black History Month Event-** Selena Johnson (President) reminded parents that she would like to have some type of celebration for the month of February to celebrate Black History Month. February 17 from 5:30-7 pm has been set aside to hold the event. She asked the members to volunteer in the planning of the event by adding their names on the chat box.

**6.0 New Business-**

**6.1 SUSD Police Department-** Richard Barries (Interim Chief of Police) and Mayra Franco(Lieutenant) presented the new vision for the SUSD Police Department. The following excerpt was provided by the department. It outlines the new mission and vision under the direction of the chief.

***THE CORNERSTONES OF REDESIGNING SCHOOL SAFETY***

“The cornerstones will consist of four main components that combined will allow us to bring to life a different outlook and approach to public safety and mentoring our youth here at Stockton Unified. It is our mission here at the SUSD Department of Public Safety to advocate for equality and inclusivity by embracing a guardian mentality to reduce disproportionality and promote a positive educational environment; to create and maintain a vital, healthy, safe and just community and to improve the quality of life for all. We are proposing to change our name from SUSD Police Department to SUSD Department of Public Safety to better fit our vision in the direction we would like to move in.” The four cornerstones are 1. Restorative Justice, 2. Youth Engagement, 3. Community Involvement and 4. Holistic Approach. Parents were given time to ask questions. The SUSD Police Department will continue to host meetings to inform, ask questions of all stakeholders and continue to work in partnership. The parents were invited to attend the next day to an event with the police department hosted by the F.E.E.O to continue discussing their concerns about policing in our district.

**6.2 Willie B Adkins Scholar Program-** Joe Jones (Program Director) presented the Willie B Adkins Scholar program. It is available to all SUSD students in grades 8-12, and free of cost to the students. The program helps under-served students with a strong focus on college, career and community readiness. The program focusses on providing academic support, tutoring and planning. Support with positive behavior skills, networking, public speaking, SAT/ ACT preparation, mentorship, cultural awareness, character development, community involvement and services. The parents received the flyer with the link to submit an application.

**6.3 BSU-** Omar Stewart (Social Services Case Manager) informed parents that BSU advisors are available at the high schools to support the African American/ Black students to break barriers and supports them with social and emotional matters. He also explained that BEASUSD is an organization of SUSD employees that support with scholarship for African American/ Black seniors. They work on finding donors and selecting the students that receive the scholarships. He welcomed any support that parents can bring to the organization.

Selena Johnson made a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes and Albert Cato second the motion. Motion carried 7-0

**6.4 Nomination forms** – Selena Johnson (President) informed the members that the position of vice-president and secretary are vacant and open for nominations. All nomination forms are due back to F.E.E.O by January 5, 2021.

## **7.0 Reports**

**7.1 LCAP-** the LCAP survey began on 10/26/2020 and will be available until 02/05/2021 online. There are credit recovery programs in place at all the high schools. Tutoring and workshops are being offered at the school sites. There will be a meeting with all stakeholders on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**7.2 Counseling Department-** N/A

**7.3 PAC-** Next meeting January 7,2021 at 5:30 pm ZOOM link available online

**7.4 LatinX -** Next meeting January 21,2021 at 9:30 am ZOOM link available online

**8.0 Announcements-** Next AABPAC meeting January 13,2021 at 5:30-7:00 pm Virtually  
COVID screening is available at some school site.

**9.0 Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Selena Johnson made the first motion and Karesha Boyd second the motion. Motion carried.

**Family Engagement & Education Office**

Maggie Canela • Dara Dalmau • Aracely Vargas • Charles Watkins • Stephanie Zulueta

