

## African-American/Black Parent Advisory Committee

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General Meeting February 9, 2022 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Virtual Zoom Meeting

## **Minutes**

- 1.0 **Welcome** Meeting called to order at 5:33pm. Selena Johnson (President) welcomed all members and guests present. Selena Johnson made the motion to start the meeting and Thaddeus Smith III seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **2.0** *Roll Call by Earlisha Gaines* The following schools were represented:
  - 1. Bush /Chavez- Selena Johnson
  - 2. **Commodore-** Thaddeus Smith III, Earlisha Gaines
  - 3. Hong Kingston- Karesha Boyd, Turri Barnes
  - 4. Pulliam-
  - 5. Peyton/Chavez-
  - 6. Bush-
  - 7. Hoover-
  - 8 Weber Institute- Tannesha Green

A total of #7 members were present. Additionally, staff from Family Resource Centers: Motecuzoma Sanchez, Bobby, Marcus, Maggie Canela, and Stephanie Zulueta; Dr. Gonzalez Director of LCAP, Jose Cardenas, School Counselor Program Specialist, LaShonta Netherly Child Nutrition and John Ramirez, Jr. Superintendent 2 guests, Monique Guerrero and Christina Peoples for a total of #15 in attendance.

- 3.0 Changes to Agenda- None
- 4.0 Read and Approve Minutes- None
- 5.0 Old Business- None
- 6.0 New Business-
  - 6.1 Superintendent Update- Selena Johnson, President. Introduced the superintendent and welcomed him to the meeting. Superintendent Ramirez gave an update on how Covid impacted the district a lot around financials. Goals had to be revisited. In September there was a lot of layoffs. Enrollment is down and it throws the budget off. Additional funding will be given for student support. We will have final budget numbers in May.

- Awareness of issues with attendance.
- Additional counselors were hired at High Schools to support graduates.
- Mr. Superintended invited members to the next Board Meeting.

AABPAC Members gathered some questions for Mr. Superintendent:

1. Is there a plan for students who do not want to get the Covid vaccination with the possibility it may be mandatory.

**Answer:** Mr. Superintended could not answer this question. Waiting to get a directive from the state before taking anything to the board.

- 2. With the drop in enrollment do you foresee there being an issue with the budget?

  Answer: The enrollment numbers are flattening out. The problem is not with enrollment, it is with student attendance. There is planning around putting forth effort in increasing attendance.
- 3. With high suspension rate specifically in the African American/Black community. What funds are being allocated? Is there any data?

Answer: There is data. District reports this specific data. Mr. Superintendent will put together a team to make it easier accessible for parents of SUSD to attain. Mr. Superintendent will also have a member of that team to report back with updates at our next meeting.

- 6.2 School Lunches Ms. Lashonta Netherly gave a presentation on school lunches. She mentioned that there is a shortage of food which makes it harder to provide quality food to students. She plans accordingly to ensure that students get something everyday for lunch even with the struggle. She explained that school lunch menus are available to parents on the district website. Ms. Lashonta also stated that she is planning on providing supper to low income students on weekends. She gave time to answer questions.
- **6.3 LCAP Update** Dr. Gonzalez gave an update on the LCAP. Members voiced to Dr. Gonzalez that they would like to see data specific towards the African American/Black group. Dr. Gonzalez explained that the LCAP is made to support all students and not geared to subgroups.

Thaddeus Smith made a motion to extend the meeting for another 30 mins. Karesha Boyd second that motion. Motion carried and the meeting was extended for another 30 mins.

- **6.4 Black History Month Subcommittee** Selena gave an update on the Black History Month Health and Wellness event. Flier was sent to parents and dropped in the chat for reference. Stephanie also showed where the flier was on the district website.
- 6.5 **Black Student Data-** Mr. Marcus gave a presentation on the schools that had the most African American/Black student enrollment and attendance for those schools. Mr.

Thaddeus Smith asked if it was possible to get data for all schools that African American/Black students attend. Mr. Marcus said that he can absolutely do that. He recommended having someone come in from the Child Welfare Attendance department to do a presentation.

6.6 **Available Parent Involvement Training-** Stephanie Zulueta gave an update on a parent event that was coming up. Parent Project is a 10-week training for parents to get involved with their students' education. Stephanie ensured that she would send out flier to members.

## 7.0 *Reports*

- 7.1 *Counseling Department* Dr. Jose G., School Counseling Program Specialist presented on behalf of the counseling department. Due to time he could not finish the presentation. He will finish presentation at the next meeting.
- 7.2 PAC- Next meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 9:30 am ZOOM link available online
- 7.3 LatinX- Next meeting March 24th, 2022 at 9:30 am ZOOM link available online
- 7.4 CACA- Next meeting Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:30 pm ZOOM link available online
- 7.5 AABPAC- Next meeting April 13th, 2022 at 5:30 pm ZOOM link available online
- 8.0 Announcements- No announcements.
- 9.0 *Adjournment* Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Selena Johnson made the motion to end the meeting. Motion carried.

## Family Resource Centers

Maggie Canela • Nasya Castanon • Robert Olivarez Jr • Motecuzoma Sanchez • Mark Scrivens • Stephanie Zulueta