



**African American/Black
Parent Advisory
Committee
General Meeting
November 9, 2023
5:30pm-7:00pm
District Administration Office
56 S Lincoln St.
Stockton, CA 95203**



Minutes

1.0 Welcome- Chairperson (Chair) Thaddeus Smith III, Meeting called to order at (5:35pm). Chair welcomed all members and guests present. Vice-Chairperson (Vice-Chair) Karesha Boyd made the motion to start the meeting and Patricia Trawick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chair read the purpose of AABPAC

2.0 Roll Call - by Vice-Chair Karesha Boyd.

The following schools were represented:

1. **Commodore-** Thaddeus Smith III, Patricia Trawick, Monique Lomax
2. **Hong Kingston-** Karesha Boyd
3. **Harrison -** Monique Guerrero
4. **Edison -** Sharee Wilburn Grimes

A total of (4) members were present. Additionally, Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Dr. Susana Ramirez, Tiffany Ashworth, Dr. Lonita Cordova, Dr. Ed Aguilar, Avelin Vega, Monique Guerrero, Stephanie Zulueta, Maggie Canela, Bruce Roberson, Treasa Williams, Nathan Williams, Williams from Coleman District, Monique Lomax and Adonis, were present, for a total of (18) in attendance.

3.0 Changes to Agenda- No changes were made

4.0 Read and Approve Minutes- Vice-Chair Karesha Boyd asked everyone to take a moment to read over the minutes. No corrections were made. The Vice-Chair made a motion to approve the minutes. Patricia Trawick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5.0 Old Business-

5.1 State of the District Recap, Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rodriguez discussed Local Control Accountability (LCAP) Goals which include Student Achievement, Equitable Learning Environments, Meaningful Partnerships, Providing differentiated systems of support with key actions and investments, and Intensive Intervention. (Handed out a pamphlet "SUSD State of the District 2023"). Superintendent highlighted major accomplishments and discussed four priorities which include Quality Assurance, High Expectations, Continuous Improvement and Community Trust. Superintendent will be doing an update on December 18, 2023.

Question: Will there be a reclassification of students, African American students have been inaccurately classified as Special Education? How will behavioral issues be addressed and restructured as African American students have the highest suspensions?

Answer: Behavioral supports are a priority recommendation. Agrees that overidentification is true for African American students and English learners, the question is how to get good Tier 1 support.

Question: Acknowledged that there are a lot of priorities but is concerned that Black Students Thrive is in the document but really wants to see a person in place to address the priorities.

Answer: Second interviews for Director of LCAP/State and Federal programs and Director of Equity Inclusion and Engagement.

Question: Specifically with Black Student Achievement Plan, we need more funding; what is the district and superintendent doing to elevate that process and expand

Answer: Getting budget under wraps so they have money to spend, putting systems in place like Escape and Allovue to identify where funds are being used, district is going through a 3 year revision of LCAP this year. There are 14 sessions set up to look at it from the ground up.

6.0 New Business-

6.1 Bylaws Updates – Chair Thaddeus Smith III introduced the updated Bylaws, highlighted the updates and asked everyone to look over them briefly. The Vice-Chair Karesha Boyd made a motion to pass the updated Bylaws. Patricia Trawick seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Chair called for a voice vote to implement the updated Bylaws. Motion carried.

6.2 Officer Elections – Chair Thaddeus Smith III requested to have the nominees identified. The nominees were listed in the chat. Chair noted that there was only one nominee for each position.

6.2.1 Vice-Chair Nominee, Incumbent, Karesha Boyd

Chair called for a voice vote, all voted in favor.

6.2.2 Secretary Nominee Patricia Trawick

Chair called for a voice vote, all voted in favor.

6.2.3 Parliamentarian Nominee Sharee Wilburn Grimes. Stephanie Zulueta read an introduction prepared by nominee. Chair called for a voice vote, all voted in favor.

6.3 Delta College - Dr. Lonita Cordova Vice President of Student Services Access and Equity Program and Ed Aguilar Dean of Student Services presented information about “Community College 101”. Highlighted that Community Colleges are free and discussed the many benefits of attending Community College which include affordability, higher employment rates, better understanding of society and stepping stone to career or University. Introduced the “You Belong” website for African American/Black students. Discussed College to Career Pathways which include Certificate programs (72 Career Technical Education (CTE) programs), Associate of Arts (AA), Transfer, AA Transfer and Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG). TAG guarantees enrollment into 3

participating CSU's and 1 UC. Opportunities for High School students include College Early start and Dual Enrollment. For African American/Black students they have the Black Student Union (BSU), Black Excellence and Enrichment Academy and other programs that cater to Black Students. The Delta Connect Center is open daily and every Wednesday until 7pm. Recommended that students visit The Delta Connect Center for more information.

Question: Nathan, a high school student with a 3.75 GPA asked can high school students take college courses while in high school?

Answer: Yes and advised of options for College Early Start and Dual Enrollment.

Question: What resources are available for students that want to go into Marine Biology for example?

Answer: Counselors will work with the students and help them figure out the next steps, will go over GE courses, and transferable courses while the student is still in high school such as Early start and Dual Enrollment.

Question: Asked for information about Skills USA.

Answer: Skills USA utilizes programming, robotics, electronics, building robots, competing nationally; Makers Space utilizes 3-D equipment to make 3-D designs, all hands on.

Question: Caterpillar program - African American Students have not been able to get into those programs.

Answer: They are working on equity within that program and other programs which are male dominated and don't have a lot of people of color.

Question: Can students take CTE courses at the same time as GE college courses to transfer? What kind of time demands are placed on the students?

Answer: There are Fast track programs. Depending on the schedule for the CTE course, students may only be able to take 1-2 GE courses in addition to CTE at the same time.

Chair requested a motion to extend the meeting time by 30 minutes. Patricia Trawick made a motion to extend the meeting. Vice-Chair Karesha Boyd seconded the motion. Chair called for a voice vote. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6.4 Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT) - Avelin Vega, Family Engagement Specialist for the Central Valley Division presented an overview of this non-profit which began in 2013 to assist African American Males. The founders are Michael Lynch and Mike Casper. They serve 60+ school and are going nationwide. On average the participants enter into the program below a 2.0 gpa and not on track to graduate. Upon completion of the program, 99% graduate high school. The program is a 12 year commitment starting in 7th grade through college plus 2 years fellowship. They take the participants on 2 college tours per academic year. They serve 8 schools in Stockton including Edison, Stagg, Franklin and Chavez.

Comment: Vice-Chair noted that some participants are in the program for mentorship, they don't have to have behavioral issues to participate.

Answer: Having a male presence makes the participants comfortable

Question: Is there data that drills down on the success rates?

Answer: There is no data, it's more word of mouth. Schools solicit IYT

Comment: Bruce has been associated with IYT for 3 years and encourages visiting the sites and speaking with the program manager to get a better idea

Answer: Agreed and noted that they are more of a support program, not a tutoring program, will help with homework

Question: Why do they use the terminology “Brothers”?

Answer: The reasoning is to make it more like a homey feeling, a community, they predominantly serve African American men but also serve other men of color. They do not serve females.

7.0 Reports-

7.1 PAC- PAC President, Karesha Boyd, next meeting November 16th from 530-7pm at ; Members elected a new President and Parliamentarian at the last meeting. PAC will support AABPAC for the Martin Luther King (MLK) Day event. PAC working on fundraiser events for homeless and foster youth.

7.2 Latino PAC- No representative in attendance. Family Resource Center (FRC) Stephanie Zulueta, next meeting is November 16th from 930am to 11am at the FRC and available via Zoom.

7.3 CAC Report- Family Resource Center (FRC) Stephanie Zulueta read the purpose of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), next meeting is November 29th from 12:30pm to 2pm at FRC and available via Zoom.

7.4 Black Student Thrive- Bruce Roberson, at the last meeting they talked about goals. Next meeting January 2024 (Date TBD). Chair added that Black Students Thrive is for students and by students.

8.0 Announcements-

8.1 Food/Toy Giveaway- Vice-Chair Karesha Boyd, PAC’s are invited to support Stockton PD toy Drive Giveaway. Outreach on behalf of homeless and foster youth. Updates will be going out.

8.2 New Membership Application & Consent- Chair Thaddeus Smith III presented information about the new membership application and consent to use member email and phone numbers to communicate AABPAC information. Pushing for the online application to be the primary source for member applications.

8.3 General Questions & Comments- Chair Thaddeus Smith III asked if anyone had questions.

Question: Said hello, commented on the meeting being informative, wanted us as a committee to get schools to do more black activities and not limiting Black History to Black History Month. Highlighted Ruby Bridges.

Answer: Thanked her for the comment and commented that we would be participating and are looking to expand activities such as Ruby Bridges.

9.0 Adjournment- Vice-Chair Karesha Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Patricia Trawick seconded the motion. Motion carried.