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EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
African American Student Advocates Meeting
December 1, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Evergreen Valley High School – Room D104
3300 Quimby Road, San Jose

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approve Minutes of AASA Meetings
 - October 13, 2011, AASA Meeting
 - November 15, 2011, AASA Meeting
3. A-G Requirements – Californians for Justice
4. African American Student Community at EVHS – Chantal Chatman, EVHS APED
5. Outreach Efforts and Strategies to Engage African American Students
 - ~~Early Intervention - JoAnne Savage, EVHS Lead Counselor
 - ~~Strategies for Success – JoAnne Savage & Antoinette Battiste, EVHS AAPC Co-Chair
6. Black Student Union Activities – Victoria Duran, BSU Advisor & Antoinette Battiste
7. EVHS African American Parent Coalition – Antoinette Battiste, AAPC Co-Chair
8. How can AASA Help Parents and School Administration in their Efforts to Engage African American Parents and Students? – Evergreen Valley High School Staff and Parents
9. How can AASA Help Parents at EVHS to Navigate the Educational System and Provide Resources to their Children? – Evergreen Valley High School Parents
10. What kind of Role can the District Play to Improve Home/School Communication? – EVHS Staff and Parents
11. Next Meeting Date:
 - January 12, 2012
Andrew Hill High School - Cafeteria
3200 Senter Road, San Jose
12. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF MEETING AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ADVOCATES (AASA) OCTOBER 13, 2011 6:00 P.M. SILVER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY

Present:

Mulugeta Habtegabriel
Sharon Jackson
Barbara Applewhite
Monique Carter
Diane Donald
Wm. Derek Grasty
Joy Heckard

Wilbur Jackson
Joyce Johnson-Smith
Socorro McCord
Genia Sabathia
Sierra Sabathia
Sheila Sapp
James A. Staten

Beverly Tolbert
Denise Vanderhorst
Laura Whitley
Dan Moser
Mary Guillen
Adolfo Laguna
Noemi C. Ramirez

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. Co-Chair Mulugeta Habtegabriel extended a welcome to all in attendance at the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting

- **June 23, 2011**

Motion by Socorro McCord, second by Sharon Jackson, to approve the AASA meeting minutes of June 23, 2011; minutes approved.

- **September 8, 2011**

Motion by Socorro McCord, second by Sharon Jackson, to approve the AASA meeting minutes of September 8, 2011; minutes approved.

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3. Early Alert System Status Report – Silver Creek High School Administration

Three sites have volunteered to pilot the early alert system: Silver Creek, Oak Grove and Andrew Hill. The pilot system has been in operation for approximately nine weeks.

Principal Adolfo Laguna indicated that Silver Creek High School uses School Loop as the tool for the early alert system. Ninety percent of the teachers at Silver Creek use School Loop. Students and parents are able to check grades and homework assignments.

Those teachers not using School Loop are sending letters to homes or making phone calls to parents. Another option available to parents is a “grade check form.” It is recommended that grade check forms be submitted by Wednesday or Thursday for a response by Friday. Teleparent is also used by staff to send messages to student, example is a test on Friday.

Co-Chair Habtegabriel asked what type of outreach is being made to recruit parents to use School Loop.

Principal Laguna indicated that information was provided to parents about School Loop at Back-to-School Night and Freshmen Orientation.

Associate Principal Noemi Ramirez shared stated that parents can come to the administration office to request/receive a progress report on their child’s grades. She also extended an invitation to parent to stop by and see the Counselor, Principal or her to discuss any concerns.

4. Outreach Efforts and Strategies to Engage African American Parents and Students – Silver Creek High School Administration

Principal Laguna indicated that Silver Creek High School’s BSU Advisor is coordinating activities with the students. Currently, Silver Creek is raising funds in order to attend the upcoming NAACP event.

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5. DeAnza College Invitation to Host African American Students – Silver Creek High School Administration

- **Update on Recruitment Efforts of African American Students to Attend Event**

This is a yearly conference that is held in the month of February. James Staten is currently working on the Silver Creek student attendees for this event.

6. How Can AASA Help Parents and School Administration in their Efforts to Engage African American Parents and Students? – Silver Creek High School Administration and Parents

Principal Laguna indicated that by having AASA at Silver Creek High School is a great start in helping parents and administration in their efforts to engage African American parents and students. Suggestions made:

- *Being available as a resource*
- *Will look to AASA as a guidance/support as the Silver Creek recruits parents to the Silver Creek High School African American Parents Committee*
- *Offer scholarships*

7. How can AASA Help Parents to Navigate the Educational System and Provide Resources to their Children? – Silver Creek High School Parents

Co-Chair Mulugeta Habtegabriel shared information as to how parents can access the African American Students Advocates (AASA) web page. Posted on AASA's web page are meeting agendas and supporting documents, meeting minutes, Vision, Mission, Goals, and the 2011-2012 meeting calendar.

<http://www.esuhd.org/Student-Services/African-American-Student-Advocates/index.html>

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8. Update on San Jose 2020 (SJ2020) – Patricia Martinez-Roach, Board Member, and Dan Moser, Superintendent

- **Where does this issue stand and what kind of contribution is ESUHSD contributing?**

Superintendent Dan Moser indicated that East Side Union High School is a partner in SJ2020 with the City of San Jose. Mayor Chuck Reed and Santa Clara County Superintendents got into a collaborative regarding closing the achievement gap by the year 2020. It was also mentioned that it is the responsibility of the districts and school sites to provide student the necessary resources to meet A-G requirements. Every district is committed to bringing resources, but that they all do it in their own way; it is bringing resources to parents to help them make decisions.

Superintendent Moser is part of a citywide steering committee. This committee has benchmarks, API is one benchmark, which will be a yearly accountability assessment – but it needs to start at pre-school.

An SJ2020 Annual Report can be found on the Santa Clara County Office of Education's website at: <http://www.sccoe.org/sj2020/>

9. Next Meeting Date

The next AASA meeting will be held in November at Oak Grove High School, 285 Blossom Hill Road.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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MINUTES OF MEETING AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ADVOCATES (AASA) NOVEMBER 15, 2011 6:00 P.M. OAK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY

Present:

Mulugeta Habtegabriel
Sharon Jackson
Barbara Applewhite
Victoria Awuzie
Antoinette Battiste
April Carr
Helen Curtis
April Davis

Timothy Davis
Mimi Franks
Wm. Derek Grasty
Socorro McCord
Jean Nolley
Lana Olivas
William Rogers
Debra Watkins

Vince Proby
Patricia Martinez-Roach
Dan Moser
Mary Guillen
Martha Brazil
Ron Smith

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. AASA President Helen Curtis extended a welcome to all in attendance at the meeting.

2. Approval of October 13, 2011, AASA Minutes of Meeting

Item carried to November meeting.

3. Early Alert System Status Report - Oak Grove High School Administration

There are three schools currently piloting an early alert system. All three are doing the pilot program differently.

Principal Martha Brazil provided the Committee a status report of the early alert system being piloted at Oak Grove High School. Per the WASC recommendation, Oak Grove is using School Loop as a tool for the early alert system. School Loop training is provided to staff during staff collaboration time. Also shared with the Committee was the 2011-2012 Oak Grove High School Calendar, which provides many important resources to parents.

4. Outreach Efforts and Strategies to Engage African American Parents and Students – Oak Grove High School Administration

Principal Brazil shared with the Committee the following efforts being made to engage African American parents and students:

- *Opened computer lab at Back-to-School Night to show parents how to access School Loop*
- *Provide printed copies of “reach out reports” to parents that are unable to access School Loop*
- *Invited parents to attend AASA meeting; Notification made through School Loop, postcards, flyers, Teleparent, school events, word of mouth*
- *Students invited to attend BSU meetings*

5. DeAnza College Invitation to Host African American Students – Oak Grove High School Administration & BSU Liaison

- **Update on Recruitment Efforts of African American Students to Attend Event**

Vince Proby will be sending out invitations and permission slips.

6. How Can AASA Help Parents and School Administration in their Efforts to Engage African American Parents and Students? – Silver Creek High School Administration and Parents

Suggestions were made as follows:

- *For mail sent to homes, help with the cost of postage*
- *Provide more staff support*

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7. How can AASA Help Parents at Oak Grove to Navigate the Educational System and Provide Resources to their Children? – Oak Grove High School Parents

A parent indicated that there has been an improvement in School Loop. Another parent stated that School Loop is a great tool.

8. What Kind of Role can the District Play to Improve Home/School Communication – Oak Grove High School Administration and Parents

The following suggestions were made:

- *District help with the cost of postage for the mailing of postcards*
- *Provide additional funding*
- *Provide incentives to students*

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9. Next Meeting Date

The next AASA meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2011, at 6:00 PM at Evergreen Valley High School, 3300 Quimby Road, San Jose.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.