

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ADVOCATES (AASA)

MARCH 22, 2012

6:00 P.M.

**MT. PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY**

Present:

<i>Mulugeta Habtegabriel</i>	<i>Vernette Drake</i>	<i>Teresa Marquez</i>
<i>Sharon Jackson</i>	<i>Wilbur Jackson</i>	<i>Martha Guerrero</i>
<i>Barbara Applewhite</i>	<i>Nikki Johnson</i>	<i>Patricia Martinez-Roach</i>
<i>Berhann Beyene</i>	<i>Yolette Merritt</i>	<i>Dan Moser</i>
<i>Kathy Carbin</i>	<i>Ann Juletta Otis</i>	<i>Mary Guillen</i>

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. AASA Co-Chairperson Mulugeta Habtegabriel and Principal Teresa Marquez extended a welcome to all in attendance at the meeting.

2. Approve Minutes of AASA Meetings

- **January 12, 2012, Minutes**
- **February 9, 2012, Minutes**

Motion by Sharon Jackson, second by Wilbur Jackson, to approve the AASA meeting minutes of January 12 and February 9, 2012.

3. African American Student Community

- **Mt. Pleasant High School – Teresa Marquez, MPHS Principal**

Mt. Pleasant High School has 45 African American Students enrolled, which is 3% of the overall Mt. Pleasant High School student population.

- *Grade 9: 11 students*
- *Grade 10: 9 students*
- *Grade 11: 14 students*
- *Grade 12: 11 students*

- *Female: 24*
- *Male 21*

4. Outreach Efforts and Strategies to Engage African American Students

• Mt. Pleasant High School Administrative Team

Mt. Pleasant High School has increased their CAHSEE proficiency rate. Most of Mt. Pleasant's students are involved in extra-curricular activities.

Courtney, AASU Vice President, indicated that students attend a leadership conference at DeAnza College. They also work collaboratively with AASU's at Independence and Andrew Hill High Schools.

Principal Marquez indicated that a tutorial program is offered to students between the hours of 8 AM and 8:30 AM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. During tutorial, students can make up tests and receive one-to-one help. The program is underutilized by the student population.

Mt. Pleasant provides monthly workshops to parents, which are open to all parents. They have been providing workshops to parents for the last three years. The topics on the agenda vary. A couple of topics presented have been a-g and navigating finals. Funding for the workshops has been provided by Goodwill Industries.

Students are offered SAT prep courses, tutorial time, summer school, and after school credit recovery (English, Social Science, Math & Science).

Mt. Pleasant's has an attendance rate of 96%-97%. Saturday School is offered for ADA recovery.

School Loop is Mt. Pleasant's early alert system. Every year staff are provided a refresher on School Loop. Some teachers make contact via Teleparent and some via School Loop.

5. How can AASA Help Parents and School Administration in their Efforts to Engage African American Parents and Students?

• Mt. Pleasant High School Staff and Parents

This evening's meeting is a great forum for engaging parents and students. Mt. Pleasant is working with their teachers to better engage students. The number one goal is to increase communication between parents and students and to look at how to improve student learning. Mt. Pleasant will continue to do parent outreach and promote the three components of School Loop usage: teachers, parents and students.

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AASA can help by creating communities within the parents of the district to help each other for their student to be successful. Another suggestion was to help each school develop a sustainable program to where there is a student, parent and teacher component that meshes together.

6. How can AASA Help Parents to Navigate the Educational System and Provide Resources to their Children?

- **Mt. Pleasant 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.esuhdsd.org/Student-Services/African-American-Student-Advocates/index.html>

7. Next Meeting Date

The next AASA meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2012, at 6:00 PM at Piedmont Hills High School – Library, 1377 Piedmont Road, San Jose.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.