

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ADVOCATES (AASA)

APRIL 5, 2012

6:00 P.M.

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1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. AASA Co-Chairpersons Mulugeta Habtegabriel, Co-Chairperson Sharon Jackson and Principal Traci Williams extended a welcome to all in attendance at the meeting.

2. Approve Minutes of AASA Meetings

- **March 22, 2012, Minutes**

The AASA meeting minutes of March 22, 2012, was approved by consensus.

3. African American Student Community

- **Piedmont Hills High School Administration – Principal Traci Williams**

Piedmont Hills High School is a school of tradition with a population of 2,000 students, 96 certificated teachers and 27 classified employees. African American students represent 5% of the student population. Enrollment numbers by grade level are as follows:

- *Grade 9 = 28 students*
- *Grade 10 = 25 students*
- *Grade 11 = 30 students*
- *Grade 12 = 33 students*

4. Outreach Efforts and Strategies to Engage African American Students

- **Piedmont Hills High School Administration**

From 2008 to 2010, Edwin Javius of EdEquity helped to shift the mindset and school practices in the area of education, such as open access to AP classes and the enrollment of students in math and science for a total of four years.

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Support and/or intervention provided to students are as follows:

- *Tutoring, including peer-to-peer tutoring*
- *Pirate Success Center – support provided by Multiple Service Team (MST)*
- *Support/invention also provided by advisors, counselors and teaching staff*
- *Teachers keep their classrooms open and available to students during break, during lunch and after school*

Social events:

- *Monthly collaborations with Oak Grove and Evergreen Valley BSUs*
- *Poetry Slam*
- *Piedmont Hills High School Mixer*
- *“Your Black History Moment”*
- *BSU State Conference*

Teachers use School Loop as a tool for parents to view their child’s current grades. Parents can also request a progress report on their child’s grades.

Teleparent is also used as a tool to notify a parent that their child did not do well on a test or if their child’s grade is in jeopardy.

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

- **Piedmont Hills High School Staff and Parents**

AASA offered their assistance to set-up a Piedmont Hills High School core parent group.

6. Next Meeting Date

The next AASA meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2012, at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the East Side Union High School District, 830 N. Capitol Avenue, San Jose.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.