

African American Parent Council



Monthly Meeting: September 4, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Education Center, Board Room (Room 236)
351 South Hudson Avenue
Pasadena, California 91109

AAPC VISION

AAPC is a model coalition of collaborative parents, students, and communities. The AAPC respects and embraces the diverse cultures of our communities, facilitates educational equity and improvements in academic outcomes, values varied forms of parent involvement to foster the healthy development of all students, and provides the tools and skills necessary for families to access information to purposefully participate in a rapidly changing world

AAPC MISSION

To honor and embrace the identity and experiences of Pasadena Unified School District's African-American families, advocate for the cultural acceptance of all, and mobilize and engage all stakeholders to transform the system to ensure a high quality education for every student.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
 - a. Your Name
 - b. Your School Site (s)
 - c. Your children's information
 - d. Other organizations you work with (school and community)
2. Review of notes from last meeting.
3. Report on Juneteenth Celebration on June 16, 2018.
4. Update on Sister City Request – Raquel London
5. Planning for Focus Areas
 - a. Science Fair - Kim Jones
 - b. History for all – PJ Johnson
 - c. Outreach to Principals/Support Sites – Derek Walker
6. School site announcements/concerns
7. AAPC Representative to Title I Conference
8. Closing – Next Meeting Date: October 2, 2018 @ 6 p.m.



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June 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Introductions

All were welcomed. Members were encouraged to share celebrations, comments and concerns with one another from their respective school sites. The group celebrated the graduating class of 2018 and applauded the early college programming (CAP, VIP, EAOP) available on PUSD campuses. The members shared the following comments and concerns:

A need to...

- Encourage parent engagement
- Equip parents with the tools needed to be an effective advocate for their student
- Collaborate and partner with other parent groups on campus, as appropriate
- Be mindful of the unique needs of foster youth and intentional in support of foster families
- Connect families with opportunities
- Share resources across campuses
- Establish dialogue with people who are able to implement change without people seeing it as a threat.
- Promote and create vocational training opportunities for interested students.

Juneteenth Celebration

Kim Jones

Kim Jones encouraged attendees to invite friends, families and neighbors to the first AAPC Juneteenth celebration. The celebration is done in recognition of the African American tradition and is an opportunity for AAPC to engage with the community. The celebration will be held at Farnsworth Park on June 19th and is a potluck event. An electronic flyer was posted during the meeting and shared with all present.

Review of Notes from African American Parent Café: Let's Get Back To Basics

Notes were reviewed from the *African American Parent Café: Let's Get Back to Basics* meeting. A discussion followed. The group reached consensus to focus on a few projects during the upcoming school year.

Focus Areas for 2018-2019 (Brainstorm, Group, Prioritize)

- Assist each other at the school sites – outreach to principals, develop a calendar so we are aware of program/activities
- African American Science Fair and/or Living History

Meeting dates and times (2018-2019)

Team decided to continue meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. January's meeting will be held on the second Tuesday. Meeting locations may rotate to different AAPC sites/community locations.

Members were provided the opportunity to sign up for the Yahoo group to keep abreast of AAPC happenings and vital information.

Future meetings will be held on the dates as follows:

- September 4
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4
- January 8
- February 5
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4

Meeting closed at 7:30 pm