

Pasadena Unified School District
African American Parent Council - AAPC

AGENDA

Monday, April 10, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

PUSD Education Center, 351 S. Hudson Avenue, Pasadena

Board Room

- Welcome – Beverly Sims, Chairwoman, District AAPC
- Introductions
- Review/Approve Minutes
- Executive Board Election Process

~ **Mr. Delano Yarbrough, President, *Pasadena Branch of the NAACP***

~**Jeanette Mann, *Foster Youth Council***

~**Dr. Yvette Latunde, *Assoc. Professor, APU***

Agenda Items:

- College NOW, Academic Enrichment Program
- Announcements
- Public Comments
- Adjourn

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Childcare is available.

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A regular meeting of the Pasadena Unified School District African-American Parent Council was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:19 p.m. at the Board of Education.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Beverly Sims, Chairperson. All those in attendance introduced themselves and signed the sign-in sheet.

Presentations

Tendaji Jamal (TJ)

PUSD Chief Technology Officer

Jonathan Durfee

Instructional Technology Coach

GoPUSD.com/Technology

Digital tools and resources in the classroom today

K-5 Digital Citizenship Video Library

Age-appropriate behavior online

PUSD District Tech Tools

LMS - Learning Management System (Digital Classroom)

Haiku formerly known as Powerschool

Hapara

Nearpod (Presentation tool for K-5 Educators)

Clever (dashboard)

Standardized Reportcards

Elementary cannot see Aeries gradebook, not visible to parents

Corestandards.org

Footer on report cards is supposed to show standards

Survey for parents on report cards

Discussion followed about the difficulty of understanding the meaning of report cards

February 18th or 19th – 2nd Semester Trimester Grading Window

Need for clear communication about grading policies

Cde.ca.gov

Allison Vai, Family & Community Engagement

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Presentation

Nadirah Nayo, PUSD Secondary Math Coach

Next meeting Monday, March 13, 2017

Adjourn 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Allisonne Crawford

Allisonne Crawford, AAPC Secretary

For more information: <http://pasadena.schoolwires.net/Page/3665>

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Welcome by Beverly Sims at 6:17 PM

Thank you for coming. Very happy to serve.

A lot going on in our community and a lot going on in the country

Need some movement with respect to our children and what our children need.

Announcements

April 1, 2017 Delta Sigma Theta Young African American Women's Conference

Promote the event in this community

Introductions

View Sign in Sheet for who was here

Raquel London serves onboard at Odessey Charter School

Kim Kenne 6:24pm

03-04 Son started in the district

Student in special ed when in PUSD

Daughter is senior in high school at Flintridge

Mother was middle school librarian

Gifted in math

Got involved in PTA, School Site Council

"Trial by fire"

Attended 6 years of board meetings before she decided to run for the school board

If you want to do things for kids, be an involved parent. If you want to stop bad things from happening, be on the school board."

Serving on board for 6 years

Schools using parents as partners is important

Likes data and numbers, very logical person

Not a terribly data-driven school board

Beverly Sims Seems staff creates data they way they want it to look

Needs a Data Task Force standardized, defined this is what data looks like as a process of decision-making

Joined the board because people (staff) would make presentations

Takes 4 votes to get something approved

No control over personnel decisions. Has one employee, the Superintendent

Superintendent has control

Some things the board cant do, some things individual board members cannot do

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Important things may not be talked about
She prepares Board Agenda since last May.

Limited numbers of times we meet
Board is reliant on staff to give them information
Stop waiting for stuff, assert yourself
Candidate for
Gap between low-income and non low-income students
37 ELA
39 Math
19% met or above in Math
Get the data from Blood pressure Kenne
2015 to 2016 data did not change in a positive way
Seen presentations about closing the achievement gap
CST 27%, 40% points is not moving
BS – It's a broken record

Suspensions data is not online
African-Americans rate of suspensions
85.9% 14-15 School Year
Graduation rate for 3 years is stagnate for 3 years
Standard is actually a little bit higher

Comment by parent “3rd grade Black son is not going to do any better because he is black”
Comment by parent are foster kids in that percentage.
CA got rid of API.

New accountability system

How do I tell if this school is good or not? Process of continuous improvement

Beverly Sims - Which meeting would you like to add us to the Agenda?

Healthy discussions...

Parent comment - Funds allocated based on who could have the most success? Is money going towards those kids?

KKenne – a lot of things we already know is happening at schools. In the needs assessment phase in continuous improvement you need to look at data. This makes me want to go find three more pieces of information.

Looking at the data, look at the root cause, find a solution

How does this speak to continuous improvement?

Needs assessment comes in the Fall

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What can we afford? What's not working?

A lot of things are not happening.

Ask for Subgroup of data if Balanced Literacy works.

Serious issues on math illiteracy

Beverly Sims provided recommendations to the Board via AAPC presentation

Parent money does school district money get allocated based on titles/groups?

\$50 million going to Special Education

\$220 million General Fund, does not include food services or Pre-K

\$57 for classroom teachers.

Supplemental and concentration funds

When GATE was funded

Why are providing the check, but we are not included in the conversation

Parent offended if she received a letter identifying her race.

Money is the issue.

Kenne- "System does not let you in when your knocking at the door"

BS- "knows if I don't speak up for our kids, there would be no voice."

Simpson parent son plays for Pasadena Ponies. Says this is an income thing.

Beverly Sims. "Comfortable in my own skin!"

Organize us and we'll show up at the board meetings.

Nicole – African-American boys were going to look at the data. (Mac Hines)

Where is the data? Miss I like data.

District-wide initiative, no data

BS – have a list AAPC is done with the fluff and the nonsense.

Take a problem and look at where we are in the budget, execute, and evaluate. Did it have the effect we wanted?

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Dual immersion program has Annual Fund to pay for some aspects of the program.
Parent disagrees and mentioned San Rafael

Started dual language to beef up enrollment - Kenne

16 straight years of low enrollment

New charter school opening next year which will hurt PUSD

Budget decisions are not made based on what we need to do to get better

Rose Bud Academy 80-90% African-American students

Rhythms of the Village closed

New Charter School opening will have an effect Altadena and Franklin

DLIP programs are not targeting a certain groups

BSims – an imbalance, not treated well, we need to do differently by way of our families and our kids

We need to be able to anticipate some sort of change, action, no more words, we need to move forward, we need to try a program, we don't need more outsiders to give their input on how we are what we are, the money sent for our kids is being used to pay them

Parent heard that French language is irrelevant

Discussion about DLIP French program at Altadena Elementary

BS attended Board Meeting to read a resolution. Resolution says they have to have something specifically in place at every school.

Next board meeting date

Asked for \$300,000 for the DLIP to try it out and \$50,000 for CollegeNOW

Point by a parent, something that I could take away or implement. Thanks for coming tonight.

What is your objective for coming tonight? Directed to Kim Kenne

BS asked If all your kids, could leave the district would we leave the district? One parent abstained.

What are we supposed to do?

Responses from Kim Kenne

Beverly invited me to address you. Didn't know that we had a very specific problem. Heard about CollegeNow. Lack of movement by the board. Presidency rotates. Not elected was next in line to serve. Has no more power than any other board member. Baghdarsian currently serving as Vice-President will be next in line for President.

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College Now program
Pull 10 Public Comment cards at a Board Meeting

Has Legal Action been taken against PUSD, this is a civil rights issue. We deserve to be responded to.

File individual lawsuits

School Board elections held in March 2017. Upcoming Board for 2 years.

Have students speak about their high school experience in March 2017.

Plan was already written by the time the board received AAPC recommendations. Need to be on a timeline.

Keene has requested Alison get on this recommendations and present to Board

Invited Beverly to retreat on Saturday at 9am

Based on the information provided tonight tell your team we have to do something

What are you going to walk into their to say? Will walk in their and say what is the support that we are giving to African-American families. Will accept an answer of Balanced Literacy if they can show data that shows it supports African-American children.

Can promise responses to these recommendations.

New leadership for AAPC

Chair of AAPC

Member-at-Large positions

Send Secretary your name and your interest. We need consistent leadership. Will be in this community and be accessible.

Come on board to get some things done!

Don't need to read a resolution every year to respect our families.

Parent and Student Conference at UCLA, February 25th – Brittany Porchia

Free to students. Provide busing, meals for events.

Application and Admissions reader for UCLA.

ACTION ITEMS:

Know which Board Member represents your school

Write letters to your Board Member

Become a Fingerprinted Volunteer

If you have a Bachelor degree, take the CBEST and become a Substitute Teacher

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Adjourn 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Allisonne Crawford
AAPC Secretary

PASADENA AAPC Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 13, 2017

TIME: 6:00pm

LOCATION: PUSD Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS / ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Sims

Monika McMillan

Felicia Lee

Honey Milloy

Absent:

Allisonne Crawford

Derek Walker

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:20pm by President Beverly Sims.

Welcome / Introductions

President Beverly Sims welcomed all in attendance and opened with roll call by having everyone introduce themselves and the school sites they represent.

Review minutes

Secretary Allisonne Crawford is absent. The board will review February minutes at April 2017 meeting.

Leadership announcements

Beverly announced the slate is open for nominations of the 2017-2018, AAPC Executive Board.

Presentations

Ideal Youth – Presenter Kardia Pinkney, Co-Founder

By trade Kardia is a Trade Financial Advisor, she is not compensated for her participation of her organization. Her dedication is 100% volunteerism.

Ideal Youth was started in 2008, out of a need to provide job support to youth. According the US Labor of Statistics, African American youth have the highest unemployment rate overall from the ages from 16-24, which are critical during the summer months.

In July 2016, the statistics reflect AA youth unemployment rates were doubled @ 20.6%, compared to their counterparts of Asians @ 10%, Latinos @ 11% and Caucasians @ 9%.

Sadly, youth advised they would apply for jobs but were told they didn't have experience, but to obtain experience, you need a job. The dropout rate in PUSD is @ 32%. A contributor to this problem is that youth feel a great disconnect between the real world and what they are learning in school. This matter is of great concern to Ideal Youth and clearly discovered pizza parties accompanied with gift certificates were not the solution. Life experience is the key to unlocking the minds of their participants.

Ideal Youth originally started with nine youth where they partnered with the LA Sparks and interned with their Marketing, Public Relations, the Sparks General Manager and President. The youth were inspired and benefited greatly by the experience.

The following year they had 100 applications. To date they currently receive 200+ applications yearly. Only 80 applicants are accepted.

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Currently Ideal youth has:

- \$40K Stipend to pay to students
- 15% of their students start their own companies
- Ideal Youth Contracts with numerous non-profits
- 35% of students received part-time jobs because they acquired skills and experience

Ideal Youth is seeking assistance to help boost parental/student interest at both Eliot and John Muir.

M.Woods and F. Lee volunteered to help assist @ John Muir.

For additional information check their website @ idealyouth.org.

SteamCoders- Presenter Raymond Ealy, Founder

STEAMCODERS represents Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). Their mission is to unlock the potential of each participant through an innovative and enjoyable curriculum focused on critical thinking, access to opportunities, and attainable pathways towards academic and career success. STEAM Competition is not local it is global. Few African American and Latino students take AP classes. One goal is to start students at a young age to spark interest and be prepared before high school in the areas of STEAM. Currently SteamCoders holds classes in Altadena, Claremont, Inglewood, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pasadena and Pomona. La Mirada will be added to this roster in fall 2017.

Below is a roster of activities Raymond Ealy is working hard on expanding for students:

- In November 2016, **Warner Brothers** hosted SteamCoders on a back lot tour for girls in the 6-8th grades with the theme of Women in Technology. The young ladies had the opportunity to interact with executive women at the company with extensive backgrounds in technology. Warner Bros. gifted the participants with their own computers. Currently the Supply Frame Store also hosts "all girl coders" in elementary and middle school. Next month **Xerox** will be working with the SteamCoders!
- **Harvey Mudd** College in Laverne now has 40 students meeting Saturday mornings.
- Partnering with **University of Laverne**
- SteamCoders is on site with **Learns** @ Jackson, Cleveland, Blair Middle, John Muir High
- Pending a **Caltech Robotics program** that will focus on a math curriculum, with the message of fun, not the mental block students get when they hear the word, math. (Middle school students)
- Saturday collaborations with **PCC, LaSalle and Caltech**.
- To launch in April a partnership through the **USC electrical engineer program**
- **Lamp Mentor Program** works with Black males through various avenues to provide exposure to community leaders, **Dress for Success**, colleges such as Harvard, USC and Morehouse. Lamp has also given out 200k in scholarships. Mentees have had the met Judge Ito and many more successful professional leaders.

To date SteamCoders has served over 2,400 students, and are proud that Pasadena was a part of this organization from the very beginning. If you see any program or site mentioned above you would be interested in, please check their website for further details @ steamcoders.org.

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Inclusion-Warren Skidmore

Warren Skidmore is a parent advocate who is in pursuit of specific research and diligently seeks the implementation of solutions for INCLUSION programs at Webster and Altadena Elementary Schools. Mr. Skidmore presented the AAPC with a handout entitled, "**A Resourcing Formula for the Inclusion Programs at Webster and Altadena Elementary Schools.**" Everyone followed the handout as he explained his in depth statistics, proposals, fiscal impacts and areas of interest affecting Special Needs students. (statistical handout, available upon request).

D. Griffin asked are there resources they can pursue if a parent had a child with an IEP. Such as IEP parent trainings within the district to insure the parent is actually aware of all their rights and accountability of all involved as they pursue an overall positive outcome for their child.

G. Warren advised the Regional Centers offer IEP training.

Recommendations and Solutions

Beverly Sims strongly suggested that parents along with students focus on keeping academic resumes and planting the "COLLEGE SEEDS" early.

Double check if the Regional Centers still provide assistance to parents with children of special needs.

Meeting Policies

n/a

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Beverly Sims, seconded by Felicia Lee. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm