



Nichols School
African American Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2021



1.0 Welcome and Introduction:

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. via Zoom by Mr. Tapia. He welcomed those present and asked them to introduce themselves.

Parents/Staff present:

Jamila Ott, AA Parent

Kayla Comeaux, AA Parent

Daysia Robertson, AA Parent

Lisa Barraza, AA Parent

Mr. Tapia, Principal

Mr. Hedgemon, BIS

Mrs. Gallardo, FACE

Guests:

None

2.0 AAPAC Membership

2.1 Fill Vacancies – (Chair, Vice, Secretary)

Ms. Jamila Ott volunteered to be the Chairperson. There being no further nominations. The council voted. Motion carried.

Ms. Kayla Comeaux volunteered to be the Vice Chairperson. There being no further nominations. The council voted. Motion carried.

Mr. Tapia nominated Mrs. Gallardo to be the Secretary. There being no further nominations. Mrs. Gallardo accepted the nomination. The council voted. Motion carried.

3.0 AAPAC Training

3.1 Parliamentary Procedures and Officer Responsibilities

A copy of the Parliamentary Procedures and Officer Responsibilities was distributed 72 hours prior to the meeting for initial review. During the meeting the screen was shared and the council reviewed and discussed the Parliamentary Procedures and Officer Responsibilities.

3.2 Establish Norms & Expectations

The Ground Rules located at the top of the agenda were reviewed and discussed.

4.0 Reports

4.1 DAAPAC Report

Ms. Robertson, DAAPAC Representative, was not able to attend the 9/8/21 meeting. The council reviewed and discussed the meeting synopsis.

4.2 SSC Report

Mr. Tapia reported that our school has had two SSC meeting so far this school year. The first meeting was similar to this meeting, the focus was on electing officers, training members, learning about the purpose and responsibilities of the SSC. During the second meeting the SSC had reviewed, discussed and approved an Addendum to reallocate and revise funding due to current Covid restriction, student needs, cancellation of field trips and ELT for the fall, and fiscal revisions.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Bylaws-review and approve

A copy of the 21-22 AAPAC bylaws was distributed 72 hours prior to the meeting for initial review. The screen was shared and the council review and discussed the bylaws. Ms. Comeaux moved to approve the bylaws. Mr. Tapia seconded the motion. Council voted. Motion carried.

5.2 Attendance & Truancy

The screen was shared and the members viewed and discussed the STAR Data ELA- SPSA Goal by Spring, Early Literacy Proficiency Rate, Reading Proficiency Rate, Achieve 3000 Data, STAR Data for Math- SPSA Goal by Spring, Math Proficiency Rate, Attendance Rate, and Chronic Absenteeism. Mr. Tapia added that he was really excited to announce that Nichols School was identified as the school site of the month for Bakersfield City based on our data for Achieve 3000.

Ms. Ott suggested a conversation with the parents of the White and Hispanic student population to obtain input and ideas as to what they are doing to encourage their students in order to maintain the regular Attendance Rate high and the Chronic Absenteeism Rate low.

Mr. Tapia added that Nichols is also trying to make coming to school fun so that students want to attend school regularly. Thus the reason for the October Reading Challenge which not only encourages our students to read in order to grow their love for reading but also gives them the opportunity to dress up on Friday's during the month of October.

5.2 Plan for Attendance Monitoring

Mr. Hedgemon, Behavior Intervention Specialist, report that we have in place a Data Spreadsheet that is shared with teachers. This spreadsheet is utilized for teachers to provide feedback in regards to each African American student and how well they are engaging in class. They provide a rating from one to six, to assist us identify which students need extra support either academically, behavioral, or both. At this point six students have been identified. The next step is to come up with strategies to provide the extra support and intervention they need. One of those six student is already receiving behavioral support and showing improvement. School wide 82% of our school population is scoring at five or higher which is great. In regards to attendance as in the past we do have some families with whom we are trying to work closely to provide the extra support needed. Either by home visits or phone calls. However, due to the current Covid restrictions and the school's limited staffing it has been a little more challenging this school year so far. However, we are working on getting external support with this need.

Mr. Tapia added that we are currently waiting for an additional Behavior Intervention Specialist also funded by the District.

Ms. Ott asked if it would be possible to have additional support out in the parking lot to direct traffic since it has become very chaotic and dangerous.

Mr. Tapia mentioned that this concern is on the top of his list since every parent committee had voiced this concern. Unfortunately, due to the staff shortage at this time we can't spare any personnel out side the gate. The main focus is to make sure our students are safe once they enter our gate. However, he will definitely look into this to see what can be done in the mean time until we are fully staffed. Mr. Tapia added that our school welcomes any parents who would like to volunteer to support with traffic control.

6.0 Open Forum

Mr. Tapia reported that the Picture Day originally scheduled for October 14th has been moved to October 27th for grades Kinder to 2nd grade and October 28th for grades 3rd-6th grade. Also, we will be having a Family Literacy Night during the month of October in order to bring fun and exciting activities to our students and parents with the hope to impact our attendance and chronic absenteeism.

7.0 Announcements

7.1 Next AAPAC Meeting 12/2 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

7.2 First DAAPAC Meeting 10/19 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom.

7.3 Next SSC Meeting 11/2 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

8.0 Adjournment

Ms. Comeaux moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ott seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

AAPAC Secretary

AAPAC Chairperson or Vice Chair