Minutes of Meeting
African American Student Advocates (AASA)
November 1, 2012
6:00 p.m.
Independence High School – Villa C Commons
1776 Educational Park Drive, San Jose

Present:

Mulugeta Habtegabriel  Linh Lau  Patricia Martinez-Roach
Barbara Applewhite  Socorro McCord  Mary Guillen
Haile Bahlbi  Clarissa Moore  Grettel Castro-Stanley
Stacy Edmonds  Ayanna Vanderbilt

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. AASA Co-Chairpersons Mulugeta Habtegabriel extended a welcome to all in attendance at the meeting.

2. Early Alert Intervention – Presentation by Independence High School Administration

Principal Grettel Castro-Stanley made a presentation regarding Independence High School’s early alert intervention notification process to students and parents. Currently, Independence has a total of 93 African American students.

- 9th grade: 25 students
- 10th grade: 20 students
- 11th grade: 26 students
- 12th grade: 22 students

Small Learning Programs offered at Independence High School are:

- Teaching Academy
- Finance Academy
- Engineering Academy
- AVID Academy
Some outreach effort and strategies to engage students are:

- 100% of parents of African American students are registered for School Loop
- Special Villa oversight, managed by Villa Dean, shared student data profile/action plan (sample letter to parents shared with attendees)
- Greater communication between villa and teacher regarding student program
- Mentors/liaisons to students
- Involve attendance and oversight to address absences, truancies and tardies
- Identify students for enrollment in Cyber-High Credit Recovery
- Algebra 1 recovery
- Tutoring / Homework Center
- Magnet/Academy Programs
- Implementation of an intervention plan for students with D’s and F’s

3. Next Meeting Date

The next AASA meeting will be held on December 5, 2012, at 6 PM at Wm. C. Overfelt High School in Room G101, 1835 Cunningham Avenue, San Jose.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.