

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ADVOCATES (AASA)

JANUARY 12, 2012

6:00 P.M.

ANDREW HILL HIGH SCHOOL – CAFETERIA

Present:

<i>Mulugeta Habtegabriel</i>	<i>Socorro McCord</i>	<i>Patricia Martinez-Roach</i>
<i>Sharon Jackson</i>	<i>Laurene Mosley</i>	<i>Dan Moser</i>
<i>Barbara Applewhite</i>	<i>Vickie Roberts</i>	<i>Mary Guillen</i>
<i>Wm. Derek Grasty</i>	<i>Tamekia Simpson</i>	<i>Bettina Lopez</i>
<i>Regina Harrison</i>	<i>Shawna Thompson</i>	<i>Jesus Rios</i>
<i>Damaris Kimani</i>	<i>Debra Watkins</i>	

1. Welcome & Introductions

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

2. Approve December 1, 2011, Minutes of AASA Meeting

Motion by Sharon Jackson, second by Socorro McCord, to approve the December 1, 2011, AASA meeting minutes; approved by consensus.

3. African American Student Community / Outreach Efforts and Strategies to Engage African American Students

- **Andrew Hill High School – Bettina Lopez, AHHS Principal**
- **Yerba Buena High School – Jesus Rios, YBHS Associate Principal**

A presentation was provided by Principal Bettina Lopez for Andrew Hill High School and Associate Principal Jesus Rios for Yerba Buena High School.

Andrew Hill High School Presentation:

- *Their charge is to hear the needs of students: motivate & encourage*
- *To experiment and explore -- to find their purpose*
- *Set up a series of speakers during lunch and/or after school*
- *The issues between African male and female students are different*
- *Parents are asked to be more visible*
- *Andrew Hill has 27-30 African American students enrolled*
- *Project Inspire: homework and recovery offered to at-risk juniors and seniors*

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Yerba Buena High School Presentation:

- *Goal is to make sure that every student is successful.*
- *Academic programs brought in to offer to students, including after school tutoring*
- *Yerba Buena has 21 African American students enrolled. The majority of students are involved in leadership, ROTC and athletics.*
- *Student focus center on campus*
- *Offer peer tutoring*
- *Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their counselor to see where they stand academically*
- *Credit recovery – Saturdays*
- *Have a staff person dedicated to working with parents*
- *Currently rebuilding web page to make more “user friendly.” Scheduled to launch in next few weeks with many parent resources links.*

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

- **Andrew Hill High School Staff and Parents**
 - **Yerba Buena High School Staff and Parents**
- Involved in collaborative consortium to determine what can be done to help*
➤ Support from outside organizations

5. How can AASA Help Parents to Navigate the Educational System and Provide Resources to their Children?

- **Andrew Hill High School Parents**
- **Yerba Buena High School Parents**

Co-Chair Mulugeta Habtegabriel shared information as to how parents can access the African American Students Advocates (AASA) web page. Posted on AASA’s web page are meeting agendas and supporting documents, meeting minutes, Vision, Mission, Goals, and the 2011-2012 meeting calendar.

<http://www.esuhd.org/Student-Services/African-American-Student-Advocates/index.html>

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6. What Kind of Role can the District Play to Improve Home/School Communication?

- **Andrew Hill High School Staff and Parents**
- **Yerba Buena High School Staff and Parents**

The District has been aggressive in offering options in multiple ways for schools to communicate with parents. Parent meetings are scheduled. There are opportunities to participate in pilot programs.

7. Recruitment from Outside Agencies for Educational Support – Dan Moser, Superintendent

- *Pre-college incentive program
Class of 2014 – sophomores part of Gear Up Program
Started in 7th grade at Sylvandale Middle School and goes all the way to graduation; want students to be college-ready.*
- *Yerba Buena High School has an early college program; attend school grades 7 to 10 and then transfer at grade 11 to Evergreen Valley College.*

8. Next Meeting Date

The next AASA meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2012, at 6:00 PM at Santa Teresa High School – Multi-Purpose Room, 6150 Snell Avenue, San Jose.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.