

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ADVOCATES (AASA)

DECEMBER 1, 2011

6:00 P.M.

EVERGREEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – ROOM D104

Present:

Mulugeta Habtegabriel

Wilbur Jackson

Patricia Martinez-Roach

Sharon Jackson

AnnJuletta Otis

Mary Guillen

Barbara Applewhite

Le' Shawn Payton

Ana Lomas

Annette Grasty

Rufus White

Chantal Chatman

Wm. Derek Grasty

JoAnne Savage

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. AASA President Antoinette Battiste extended a welcome to all in attendance at the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of AASA Meetings

• **October 13, 2011, AASA Meeting**

Motion by Sharon Jackson, second by Wilbur Jackson, to approve the October, 13, 2011, meetings minutes. Minutes approved by consensus.

• **November 15, 2011, AASA Meeting**

Motion by Sharon Jackson, second by Mulugeta Habtegabriel, to approve the November 15, 2011, meetings minutes. Minutes approved by consensus.

3. A-G Requirements – Californians for Justice

Rosa De Leon, Lead Organizer for Californians for Justice, shared with the Committee that the mission of A-G is to improve public education and for students to be provided educational resources. The goal is to implement the A-G Resolution, develop peer-to-peer counseling, and create a four-year academic plan.

4. Outreach Efforts and Strategies to Engage African American Students – Chantal Chatman, EVHS APED

A presentation on early intervention and strategies for success was made by Chantal Chatman and JoAnne Savage.

- **Early Intervention – JoAnne Savage, EVHS Lead Counselor**
- **Strategies for Success – JoAnne Savage & Antoinette Battiste, EVHS AAPC Co-Chair**

Intervention strategies begin early – the ninth grade level. The interventions utilized are school-wide.

Students are met with twice a year in large groups. Information is posted on School Loop and parents are encouraged to use School Loop. There are also individual parent and students conferences offered.

Seniors who are down credit, there is a heavy intervention schedule. The seniors are given a graduation inventory at the beginning of the school year.

Juniors are given a graduation inventory as part of the scheduling process in the Spring.

Counselors work in tandem with Advisors to identify high-risk students, students with 2 or more D's or F's at the first marking period.

Another intervention strategy is phone calls to parents and tutoring being offered to students.

Ninth grade approach:

The approach focuses on the role of the student and what classes are needed to graduate. The student sets goals and commits to progress.

5. Black Student Union Activities – Victoria Duran, BSU Advisor, and Antoinette Battiste

The BSU activities for 2011/2012 focus are to create safe spaces for dialoguing. Students bond and build a sense of community to promote academic success. There is a mentoring, collaborating with others and leadership development.

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6. EVHS African American Parent Coalition – Antoinette Battiste, AAPC Co-Chair

The purpose of AAPC is to serve and support students. Some methods for communication for strategies for success are through mail, School Loop and Teleparent.

7. How Can AASA Help Parents and School Administration in their Efforts to Engage African American Parents and Students? – Evergreen Valley High School Administration and Parents

Suggestions were made as follows:

- *For mail sent to homes, help with the cost of postage*
- *Provide more staff support*

8. What Kind of Role can the District Play to Improve Home/School Communication – Evergreen Valley High School Administration and 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>

9. Next Meeting Date

The next AASA meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2012, at 6:00 PM at Andrew Hill High School - Cafeteria, 3200 Senter Road, San Jose.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.