

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ADVOCATES (AASA)

MAY 3, 2012

6:00 P.M.

**INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL
C COMMONS**

Present:

Mulugeta Habtegabriel *Yolette Merritt*

Leslie Aykh

Anh Lam

Socorro Reyes - McCord

Catherine Sweat

Mary Guillen

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. AASA Co-Chairpersons Mulugeta Habtegabriel extended a welcome to all in attendance at the meeting.

2. Approve Minutes of AASA Meetings

- **April 5, 2012, Minutes**

Carried to June 14, 2012 Meeting.

3. African American Student Community

- **Independence High School Administration**
- **James Lick High School Administration**
- **Overfelt High School Administration**

Co-presenters Marcela Miranda (WCO), Glenn VanderZee (JL) and Grettel Castro-Stanley (IH) provided information on the make-up of their student community.

Wm. C. Overfelt High School:

Student population: 1,500; African American student enrollment: 30

Independence High School:

Student population: 3,500; African American student enrollment: 31

James Lick High School:

Student population: 1,400; African American student enrollment: 97

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4. Outreach Efforts and Strategies to Engage African American Students

- Independence High School Administration
- James Lick High School Administration
- Overfelt High School Administration

Each co-presenter shared their efforts and strategies being made at their site to engage African American students to be successful in school. Reach out efforts include:

- *Use of School Loop (parents and students)*
- *Back to School Night (parents and students)*
- *College Night*
- *Tutoring*
- *Support/intervention*
- *Teachers available during break, lunch and/or after school*
- *Teleparent (parents and students)*

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

- Independence High School Administration
- James Lick High School Administration
- Overfelt High School Administration

AASA offered their assistance to the administration of Independence, James Lick and Overfelt High Schools to help engage African American parents and students for student success in school. One example is the assistance to set up a core parent group at each site.

6. Next Meeting Date

The next AASA meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2012, at 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the East Side Union High School District, 830 N. Capitol Avenue, San Jose.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.