

African American Student Subcommittee Report

Meeting Notes

Thursday March 11, 2021

Agenda Items:

Welcome and Introduction

Chairperson/Proposed Vision

Mr. Plascencia/Update

Ms. Woods/Update

Next Steps/Closing

PAC Members Present: Kelly Hurst, Charline Nunez, Yolanda Ford Swinton, Cinthia Brookins Washington, Mary Lee, Carlos Lemus.

Parent Guests: Kelly Bedford, and Gigi Casey

District Staff: Mr. Plascencia, Dr. Woods, Claire Lubrin and Risa Ryti

Notes:

Chairperson Mr. Green proposed a vision and direction for the standing subcommittee.

- African American District Advisory Committee, Local Districts and every school site
- All schools having mentorship programs targeting our African American scholars and families
- Conversational Spanish K-5
- Positive affirmations: LABEL ME GREAT!!!!!! (All children have greatness within them, our job is to nurture that greatness!)

Mr. Plascencia from the Office of Parent and Community Services, shared he would invite Dr. Webb from the Office of School Operations and Roberto Martinez, Associate Superintendent of School Culture and Climate to speak on the 25 million to be invested to help close the achievement gap for African American families. Mr. Plascencia also stated that Mr. Webb and Mr. Martinez would be able to speak to the possibility of forming a Centralized African American Advisory Committee.

Another guest speaker was Mr. Wes Hall, Educational Consultant. He shared strategies on how to close the achievement gaps for African American students. Mr. Hall also talked about the Board Resolution 104-16/17 *Volunteering on the Clock* passed on October 10, 2017. The Board resolution stipulates District employees are encouraged to volunteer in schools during the work day for two hours per month through the Village Movement Mentoring Program.

Member Mr. Lemus shared the importance and benefits of teacher student mentorship.

After the meeting ended various members contacted the chair and asked about future meetings to be more than an hour. The next subcommittee meeting will be on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Submitted by Reggie Green, Subcommittee Chairperson