

Chippewa Valley Schools African American Parent Network Meeting

December 16, 2021

Vision Statement: Our vision is to engage African American students in the learning process and to motivate them to become lifelong learners by providing opportunities to develop their academic, physical, social, and emotional growth that will enable and prepare them to become productive, responsible citizens.

Mission Statement: The mission of the African American Parent Network is to collaborate with teachers, staff and administration in Chippewa Valley Schools to create a safe and inclusive learning environment where African American students are valued and respected. We will work together to address implicit bias, eliminate racial inequalities, and promote diversity in the curriculum. We will educate, energize, and empower our community to meet the needs of all CVS students.

Committee Chairs Present: La'Trise Smith, S. Shackelford

Committee Members Present: S. Ward, J. Belcher, T. Addison, L. Battles, J. Bailey, E. Smith, K. Elms

Committee Chairs/Members Absent: A. Taylor, L. Smith, S. Mannan,

Administration Present: Harry Weaver and Nicole Faehner

Guests: 18+ participants

A. Call to Order at 7:04 P.M.

1. Welcome – La'Trise Smith
2. Review of Agenda – La'Trise Smith
3. S. Ward reviewed minutes from November meeting

B. School Ambassador Update

- The school ambassadors are currently working on getting black art in the schools
- School Ambassador Chair – Edrena Smith

We would like to have more than one ambassador at each school, so if you are interested in becoming an ambassador please reach out to Edrena.

C. Committee Chair Updates

- a. Kim Elms - Special Education Chair; Kim will be sending updates of resources available to parents.
 - Kim is planning an event for January 10th
 - Kim has also planned a webinar for January 26th – more details to come
 - Thoughts of Poetry is planned for April 14th for National Poetry Month
- b. Interns – Olivia will be running the AAPN twitter account
 - Selena will be assisting with Thoughts of Poetry
 - There is also an opportunity to have the students' poems published
 - Interns are working on a fundraiser event for 2022 and a AAPN community event

- c. Tammera Addison – Treasurer; no updates
- d. Johnessa Belcher – Educational Programming Chair
 - Due to administration issues Dakota will not be able to host the HBCU panel this year.
 - Johnessa is working on additional education events and will report out at our next meeting
- e. We will be having a Virtual Vision Board workshop on January 20th - more information to come
- f. February – Black History Month
 - We would like to plan a tour to the African American museum and underground railroad exhibit. Nicole is going to help us coordinate this event with help from Tammera.
- g. May 2022 – we should start planning for the next school year

D. Town Hall - Harry Weaver, Diversity, Equity, School Culture

Harry recognized the school ambassadors and the work they are doing – please reach out to Harry for assistance if needed

E. Update from Nicole Faehner

- January 10th is the first School Board meeting for 2022
- School safety procedures are currently being reviewed and will be discussed at the January meeting
- Looking for junior students for the NHS intern program
- Survey – 2,175 parents and teachers participated in the survey
 - As a result of the survey, behavior and mental health support will be presented to parents in the district
 - The District will be administering another survey focused on school enrichment programs.

F. What can you do?

- Check the AAPN Facebook page, Instagram and other social media and send AAPN feedback
- Support AAPN fundraisers
- Make donations via the website

G. Please vote for La'Trise for the community award – there is a link on the AAPN Facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Shameeka Ward