

African American Parent Advisory Council

(AAPAC)

General Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2019

6:00-6:30p Dinner/6:30-7:30pm Meeting

Murrieta Valley USD – District Support Center

Board Room

(41870 McAlby Court Murrieta, CA 92562)



Presiding- Raquel Anthony/Marguerite Rucker/Erika Bennet

Called to order-6:32pm

Notes Taken By-Alysia Cole and Mary Walters

Introductions

- Marguerite Rucker and Raquel Anthony (co-facilitators) introduced themselves.
- Erika Bennett, Coordinator Student Support, introduced district staff in attendance:
 - ❖ Pat Kelley, MVUSD Superintendent
 - ❖ Mary Walters, Asst Supt., Ed Svcs
 - ❖ Howard Dimler, Exec Dir., Student Support
 - ❖ Jennifer Shriver, Exec Dir Secondary Ed
 - ❖ Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Exec Dir., Elementary Education
 - ❖ Jay Brown, Coord., EL/Equity
 - ❖ Erika Bennett, Coord., Stu. Support
 - ❖ Raquel Anthony, AAPAC Coordinator, Instructional Aide at WSMS
 - ❖ Marguerite Rucker, AAPAC Coordinator , 3rd Grade Teacher Rail Ranch

School Site Representatives:

- ❖ Kerry Cody, Asst. Principal, Thompson MS
- ❖ Celeste Scallion, Asst. Principal, Vista Murrieta HS
- ❖ Shonda Burrus, Counselor, Vista Murrieta HS
- ❖ Amy Cohen, Counselor, Tovashal ES

Review Purpose of AAPAC-Raquel:

- Involve all stakeholders in promoting intentional efforts.
- To support student learning and college/career readiness.

Communication Tools-Marguerite:

- **Murrieta Valley USD Webpage**-Parents/Advisory Groups/AAPAC:
<https://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/Page/33840>
- **Remind 101:** remind.com/join/e767e9
- **Email Communications:**
 - Raquel Anthony- ranthony@murrieta.k12.ca.us
 - Marguerite Rucker-mrucker@murrieta.k12.ca.us
 - Erika Bennett-ebennett@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Overview of the MVUSD Professional Development Day on Equitable Practices:

- DJ Batitste and Donna Porter presented to ALL District Employees on January 14, 2019 on the importance of developing rapport with students, treating them as individuals and finding ways to bring out the best in students even when they may not be doing, saying or acting in a manner that is appropriate.
- **Video clip:** <https://youtu.be/BO1o Hw6JEc>
- This connected to previous years on equitable practices presentation by Christopher Emdin, Author, Motivation speaker, and professor at Columbia University's Teachers College.

Accomplishments Since Starting AAPAC:

- Step Up to Success-AAPAC and LPAC annual informational workshops (event held 2 times)
- Common Core Support-addressed at Step Up to Success workshops
- Parent representation on various committees-Site Council, Council PTA, LPAC
- Counseling services
- A-G requirements
- Social Emotional Needs of Adolescents

1st Leadership Meeting Held Dec. 12, 2018

Leadership Roles Established for AAPAC

- ❖ Secretary – Alysia Cole/Shenitra
- ❖ Fundraising – Joyce Jones
- ❖ Publicity – April Mitchell
- ❖ Hospitality- Tamara Weng
- ❖ Parent Liason – Andre Williams

MVUSD Visual and Performing Arts Program- Horizons Unlimited – Carol Hernandez

- 2 student presenters discussed what the arts has done for them as a person and within academics
 - **Elijah Richardson** -5th grader from Buchanan Elementary School
 - **Joey Serrano** -8th grader from Dorothy McElhinney Middle School.
- Carol Hernandez discussed the VAPA classes that are offered TK-12 in our district
- Parents may contact the site principal or Carol Hernandez for more information on how to bring various art programs to your site
- Mr. Pat Kelly commented on students' exposure to the arts and opportunities to find their niche keeps them in school and engaged in school!

HBCU Opportunities: Black College Expo@LA Convention Center:

Erika Bennett shared about the Black College Expo@LA Convention Center

- 76 students attended from all HS's
- ALL HBCU's were represented
- 20 CSU's
- 10 UC's
- 2yr colleges throughout CA
- Technical/vocational schools throughout CA
- Military Branches and Service Academies

- Starbucks employees may complete a degree online with ASU tuition free
- Amazon employees may complete a degree online with ASU tuition free
- Seniors were provided the opportunity for “on the site admission” w/various colleges/universities
- Free prom dresses were given out

Ed. Svcs Update- District at a Glance- Mary Walters:

- ***Socio-Emotional Fair* next Wednesday Feb. 13th at Vista Murrieta HS MPR 6-8**
- **MVUSD is starting a *Fire Science Pathway* at MVHS for all MVUSD 9-12th graders Fall 2019**
 - A list is being generated by each site to determine interest and when the course/s will be offered. This will be the only program in So CA.
 - **MSJC Annex at MVHS Fall 2019- All GE courses will be sequentially offered:**
 - English
 - Computer Science
 - Criminal Law
 - World History
 - District will supply books
 - Cost to the family will be the \$6.00 transportation fee
 - Students must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA, complete the online MSJC application, assessment and multiple measure evaluation
- **MVUSD District Dashboard Data:**
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 - Chronic Absenteeism- Orange
 - Suspension Rate- Yellow
 - Graduation Rate- Blue
 - College/Career-Green
 - ELA-Orange
 - Math-Orange
 - MVUSD is in “Differentiated Assistance Program” due to our red status in 2 student priority groups:
 - Foster Youth – As a result of group homes in the Murrieta area where we have students with a very high need and we are working to transition them to the public school setting.
 - Students w Disability @ Mesa
 - As a district and site we are working to establish systems for greater student support and success.
- **Federal Program Monitoring Feb. 4-8, 2019**
Review of:
 - Title I Programs
 - CTE
 - PE
 - Equity
 - EL
 - Adult Education
 - Universal Complaint Procedures

We have preliminary report with “Zero Findings” – This is a very big accomplishment for MVUSD.

- **MVUSD will be receiving 1.7MM Low Performing Student Block Grant Students who received 1 or 2 on CAASP**
 - data to identify students and implementation of strategies forthcoming
- **LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan)** – Supplemental dollars for specific student groups (EL, Foster, Homeless, SED) to provide targeted intervention for these underperforming groups to decrease achievement gap
 - **Programs fall under the following categories:** Achievement, Prevention/Intervention/Acceleration, Professional Development and Engagement-School Culture/Climate.

Upcoming Events:

Listed on AAPAC Website

Next Steps for AAPAC/Upcoming Events/Activities

- Rites of Passage event-as students promote 5th/8th/12th
- Planning for College and Career
- STEM/STEAM Activities – Looking at organizations to do demonstrations
- AAPAC and ATP Training
- Step Up to Success Planning
- AAPAC/ATP at all of the school sites. We need to expand to the school sites.
 - High schools
 - MVHS- Alysia Cole
 - VMHS- Shanitra Ridley

Open Discussion: Concerns and Goals:

- Parents fill out post it notes with goals and concerns so we can address them in the future.
 - **Concerns addressed by a parent:** Why is the inter district transfer policy an annual application? **Answer:** This is a county wide requirement and process – there is an appeal process and if you reach the appeals process at the county level, the board decides in favor of the family. You just have to go through the process.
- Ruffled off CD from an artist from the Black College Expo and Target Gift Cards

Next AAPAC Leadership February 26th 5:30pm

Next AAPAC General Meeting: May 8th 6:00-7:30pm

Please send any questions, comments or concerns:

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