



# African American Parent Advisory Council

## Meeting Agenda

Thursday October 5th, 2023

6:30pm-7:30pm

### 1. Welcome!

- a. 44 new members have signed up to join the committee since the start of the school year. We are communicating with members primarily by email and Facebook. Our email is [aapac.bhsd38@gmail.com](mailto:aapac.bhsd38@gmail.com)

### 2. September Meeting Agenda Item Follow up

- a. In response to the racial incident in 7th grade on 9/8 at the Middle School that we discussed during the September meeting, we are pleased to share that the school administration put out a statement denouncing the actions of the students involved.
- b. Members of AAPAC leadership attended a meeting with the Middle School principals on 9/18 to discuss ways in which we can support the school efforts to improve diversity and make BHSD38 more welcoming and inclusive for all students.

### 3. Ice Cream Social, Saturday 9/23

- a. Thank you to all that were able to join us at our first AAPAC sponsored event of the school year. We had 12 families in attendance that enjoyed a variety of treats and games.
- b. Thank you to those in attendance that made suggestions on future events. We are researching opportunities to get more “meet up” dates scheduled.

### 4. AAPAC at the Trunk or Treat

- a. Please look for AAPAC and our CandyLand themed trunk at the district sponsored event on Friday, October 20th from 6p-8p.
- b. We will have a food bank collection bin at our trunk during the event. We invite you to bring a non-perishable item to donate to the Grant Township Food Pantry. You will be entered into a raffle to win a mystery prize. (suggested items: peanut butter & jelly, canned goods, box and bag pasta, cereal, oatmeal, rice and toilet paper)



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### 5. Black History Month Celebration February 2024

- a. Review template for Primary/Elementary School Buildings
- b. AAPAC virtual Book Fair planned with Brown Babies Books to run 2 weeks during Black History Month. Also plan to have Brown Babies Books curate a recommended reading list for each building. [Brown Babies Books: Representation Matters](#)
- c. We are working on scheduling a Black History Month themed Bingo night.

### 6. Parent University Series

- a. Looking to begin mini parent training/discussions featuring topics centered on diversity, equity and inclusion after the new year.
- b. Looking to partner with Synergy Education Consulting to offer parent training in addition to having them curate DEI development initiatives for BHSD staff. [Home \(synergyeducationconsulting.com\)](http://synergyeducationconsulting.com)
- c. Partner with Brown Babies Books to have featured authors come out to the district to discuss their books and host book readings.
- d. Please submit suggestions for topics of interest.

### 7. BHSD38 Administration Items

- a. Superintendent update on recruiting efforts: Northern Illinois University Job Fair (February 26, 2024)
- b. Principals for all school buildings are looking for volunteers in various ways: Ex. lunch/recess monitors, chaperones for school dances, Drop off/Pick up, classroom assistance.

### 8. Social Media Update (Kristie/SallyMar)

- a. We invite you to join our Facebook group Page (AAPAC Council Members). Based on previous feedback it is now private.
- b. We regularly update the Facebook page with pictures of AAPAC events and information on upcoming community events that members may find helpful.
- c. We invite you to sign up on the GroupMe app to receive important updates through text.



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### 9. Community Event Coordinator (Kasandra)

- a. We have created a document of family friendly events, special exhibits, and educational training for the next 90 days from our local area to share on AAPAC committee information channels that will provide opportunities for members to build community, volunteer and further their knowledge.

### 10. Board of Education Meetings

- a. We would like at least 2 participants to volunteer to attend each BOE meeting this year.
- b. Open session begins @ 6:30p on the following remaining dates: 10/10/2023, 11/13/2023, 12/11/2023, 1/16/2024, 2/12/2024, 3/11/2024, 4/8/2024, 5/13/2024, 6/10/2024, 7/8/2024
- c. We would like to make another statement to the Board in the coming months.

### 11. AAPAC Meetings

- a. We will continue to hold meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month during the school year from 6:30p-7:30p. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING, NOW ON WEDNESDAY, 11/1/23.**
- b. Meetings will be hosted in the Middle School Library as well as through zoom. The meeting agenda as well as the zoom link will be emailed district wide on the Monday prior to the meeting. A reminder email will be sent through the AAPAC google account on the day before the meeting to the AAPAC distribution list.
- c. Childcare has been added for those that would find it beneficial in order to attend in person. Please email [aapac.bhsd38@gmail.com](mailto:aapac.bhsd38@gmail.com) 2 days in advance of each monthly meeting to ensure we can communicate the need to the school administration.
- d. These are the remaining 2023/2024 meeting dates: 11/1/2023, **12/7/2023 (AAPAC leadership election and Holiday Social)**, 1/4/2024, 2/1/2024, 3/7/2024, 4/4/2024, 5/2/2024.
- e. We will plan social gatherings to build community in June and July of 2024.

### 12. Open Discussion

- a. Any questions, comments, suggestions?



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Join Zoom Meeting

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