



# African American Parent Advisory Council

## Meeting Agenda

Tuesday September 12th, 2023

6:30pm-7:30pm

### 1. Welcome!

- a. 44 new members have signed up to join the committee since our last meeting in August during the Supply Drop off evenings and Back to School Bash.
- b. Denise Fields Romero has joined our leadership team as the Middle School liaison.

### 2. Back to School Bash Raffle

- a. **Youthage Culinary** joined us as a special guest. Chef Robert provided (2) certificates for culinary classes as well as (5) cultural recipe cards as a raffle items. [Youthage Culinary Program - HOME](#)
- b. Partnered with on-line bookstore **Brown Babies Book** to provide books of representation for our raffle. There were (4) books available to win, (1) for Primary, (1) for Elementary and (2) for Middle School. [Brown Babies Books: Representation Matters](#)
- c. Please provide any feedback on what went well and what can be improved.
- d. Announce raffle winners. Items will be delivered to the appropriate school building where parents can pick them up in the front office.

### 3. First Day of the 2023/2024 School year

- a. The Donuts with AAPAC Dads event featured parent volunteers greeting students as they arrived for drop off on the first day in all (3) buildings, interacting with students during recess at the elementary and primary buildings as well as handing out Donut keychains to the middle schoolers with a message “Donut worry, it’s going to be a great year!”. THANK YOU to all of our volunteers!
- b. Please provide any feedback on what went well and what can be improved.

### 4. Follow up from August Meeting Agenda Items

- a. Review new AAPAC logo
- b. Review Mission statement, Vision and Goals



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### 5. Upcoming AAPAC events

- a. We invite you to join us for an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, 9/23 from 2p-3p at the Grant Township building.

### 6. 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 are looking to update the Facebook page with pictures of community events and fellowship opportunities.
- c. We invite you to sign up on the GroupMe app to receive important updates through text.

### 7. Community Event Coordinator (Kasandra)

- a. We are working on creating a live 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.

### 8. Black History Month Celebration February 2024

- a. AAPAC virtual Book Fair planned with Brown Babies Books to run 2 weeks during Black History Month.
- b. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Black History Month Sub Committee. The sub committee will work on ideas that they would like to see implemented for 2024 Black History month celebrations and school instruction that can be presented to the administration after AAPAC leadership review. The October and November meetings will be focused on finalizing our recommendations to the school administration.
- c. We are working on scheduling a Black History Month themed Bingo night.

### 9. Parent University Series

- a. Mini parent training/discussions featuring topics centered on diversity, equity and inclusion.
- b. Partner with Brown Babies Books to have featured authors come out to the district to discuss their books and host book readings.



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### 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: 9/11/2023, 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. Qiana and Byron to attend on 9/11/2023

### 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.
- 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. We are working with school administrators to add childcare for those that would find it beneficial in order to attend in person by the October meeting..
- d. These are the remaining 2023/2024 meeting dates: 10/5/2023, 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. BHSD38 Administration Items

- a. Superintendent update on recruiting efforts: Northern Illinois University Job Fair (October 4th)
- b. Upcoming volunteer opportunities-follow up from school Principals

### 13. Open Discussion

- a. What should be our focus this school year?