AAPAC Minutes

February 13, 2018

Present: Yolanda VA, Aman R., Francina D, Nicole F.

Guests: Lee Gorton, Lauren Pitcher

Absent: Christina Fox (Check on meeting times to make adjustment to Christina's work schedule.

4:40 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

4:43 AGENDA REVIEW

Walk thru scheduled for completion May 2nd? Aman to confirm date.

4:44 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY MINUTES

Add positions to last months minutes.

Yolanda: chair

Nicole: co-chair

Christina: Secretary

Francina: treasurer

4:46 January Minutes approved

4:46 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Glass case in MPR decorated beautifully by Yolanda and Nicole

Lee Gorton visiting SCOW/Olnda mom enlarged Yolanda's flyer turning it into a beautiful poster. Lee will spruce up "who am I" chart.

Flyers went home last Wednesday asking African American parents to come into classrooms and read. Let's Encourage our parents to communicate with teachers to come read to the classrooms.

Deyda has confirmed book order is coming in. Parents encouraged to bring in books or check with teachers to read to classroom. African American Literature & Arts is our theme for Black History Month. Websites, movies, books and art projects are being presented to teachers. Yolanda found plans for making Kente cloth and African masks - check in with teachers.

Nana-Dictta Graves - contract is still being negotiated. West African artist from Ghana. Long negotiations, contract approvals but moving forward. Nana doing 3 sessions on visual arts with students. Aman moving funds to get contract in place. Yolanda to create publicity packet to go out. Waiting for thumbprinting, tb testing. Yolanda talked to PTA ASEP Program chair about including Nana’s classes. Nana has to have her own million-dollar insurance policy. Maybe Nana Can Check with Dublin Children Museum; maybe they can carry the insurance for her. What are the steps to even check on that? Aman & Yolanda to discuss it.

5:02 Yolanda asked Olinda mom (first time attending AAPAC meeting)Lauren, what she expected to see Leila (daughter/Olinda TK) learn? Lauren plans to speak with Ms. Barrios about the Kente cloth project.

5:05 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Black History Month school and classroom activities are underway: Ms. Barrios presenting African American Winter Olympians, influences in the African American culture.

Biographies of famous African Americans, daily “Who Am I,” Henrys Freedom Box, Jazz focused studies, Musical Influences, Langston Hughes, Class Presentation.

Lee Gorton, Olinda’s Site Community Outreach Worker (SCOW) was introduced. She will help us with outreach, communications robocalls, etc.

Engagement of African American families has increased from “some effort” to “noticeable.” Want to better track frequencies, keep data on how often the parents engage.

Goal 50% increase by May. Two classes don’t have African American parent, Mr. Royce and Ms Burch.

Family Literacy Night March 23, PTA supported event. AAPAC will have an area to share titles by African American authors.

Star Reading Goal: lower grades increase by ½ level. Higher grades increase by 1.

2-6th Grade moved up 1 prof level or more. Four students dropped, four remained the same. Majority of students moving up. Charlotte Whitemon is tutoring students. We will review data after 6 To 8 weeks.

African American students of honor: 5 Students From Olinda have qualified. Ceremony will be held in May. Qualifications: Students must maintain a 3.5 or Higher GPA for the first two trimesters.

*Accelerated Reader Home Connect* coming out so parents can review child reading level.

Culturally relevant books: Book mobile has some; we can request more.

5:18 Lee recommends hosting game for Literacy Night. All supplies are provided; it lasts about three hours. It is a festival type event. Bring a book, leave a book, take a book. Setup 3:30/4. AAPAC has Smiths classroom. Instruction sheets provided.

5:26 Yolanda, Nicole raised concerns about Dr Suess’ racism. Lee confirmed Dr Suess Day /Read Across American is a separate event from Literacy Night.

Next Meeting March 13 @5:30pm. (Meeting + potluck, bring children )

Meeting adjourned