

Chippewa Valley Schools African American Parent Network Meeting

January 20, 2022

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: L. Smith, S. Shackelford

Committee Members Present: J. Bailey, S. Mannan, K. Elms, J. Belcher, S. Ward, T. Addison

Committee Chairs/Members Absent: A. Taylor, L. Smith, L. Battles, J. Belcher, E. Smith

Administration Present: Nicole Faehner, Harry Weaver

Guests: 12 participants

A. Call to Order at 7:05 P.M. by La'Trise Smith

B. S.Ward reviewed the minutes from the December meeting

C. Updates:

- Open positions - Education, Fundraiser and Alumni Chair

D. Upcoming District Events

The next Board meetings are 2/7/22 and 2/14/22. The meetings start at 6:30 pm.

E. Upcoming AAPN Events

- On 2/24 we will be visiting the Charles Wright Museum of African American History - King Tut Exhibit at 1 pm.
 - Registration information will be sent this week. There are only 75 spots available so register as soon as possible.
- AAPN Book Drive - please donate new or gently used African American literature and authors to stock our school libraries. Donations will be accepted from 2/14-2/18/22.
- Read in with AAPN in honor of National Reading Day on March 2nd

F. Administration Updates

Harry Weaver – Consultant Diversity, Equity and School Culture

- Harry is looking forward to the museum visit
- Congratulations to Harry for receiving the “Rise Beyond the Horizon” award

Nicole Faehner, Director of State and Federal Programs and Outreach

- Nicole congratulated Harry on the “Rise Beyond the Horizon” award as well as all the other achievements he assisted the group with in 2021.

G. What can you do?

- a. Offer assistance to AAPN
- b. Mentor our interns
- c. Go to the AAPN Facebook page and promote our events; check out all of our social media platforms
- d. Summer opportunities for our interns
- e. Donate to AAPN

The meeting ended with closing remarks from La'Trise Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. La'Trise conducted the Vision Board Workshop from 7:30-8:30.

Respectfully Submitted by Shameeka Ward