

Chippewa Valley Schools African American Parent Network Meeting

April 15, 2021

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:

Committee Members Present: S. Ward, J. Bailey, S. Mannan

Committee Chairs/Members Absent: A. Taylor, L. Smith, T. Addison, T. Snead, L. Battles, D. Belcher, S. Shackelford, J. Belcher, E. Smith, K. Elms, LaTrise Smith

Administration Present: Nicole Faehner, Harry Weaver

Guests: 9 participants

A. Call to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Nicole Faehner

B. Updates:

- Nicole Faehner summarized the successful poetry event (From Thoughts to Poetry) coordinated by Kimberly Elms and Ms. Sobota. The NHS interns were also extremely helpful with the event. Nicole is looking forward to more art and poetry events. The winners from the event will be featured in the next AAPN Newsletter.
- Harry Weaver mentioned he was contacted by Ms. Wright from Clinton Valley regarding an AAPN presentation to their PTO. This would help spread the word about AAPN and recruit AAPN ambassadors.
- Jade Bailey reminded the group that she will be putting together a video for our 2021 graduates.
- Sarah Mannan mentioned she would like to set up a link for AAPN donations and she is looking into future fundraising ideas (AAPN t-shirts, masks, etc.)
- Shameeka Ward inquired about the results of the Accreditation Review conducted prior to spring break and if the results would be posted on the district's website. Nicole indicated the review identified three areas for continuous improvement that will be shared at the next board meeting.
- Nicole mentioned CVS will offer a K-12 virtual academy. Admission to the virtual academy requires a year-long commitment and completed registration. The registration window opens next week and ends May 9, 2021. Parents must register their students through the Parent Portal.

C. Adjournment

- The meeting ended with closing remarks from Nicole Faehner and Harry Weaver.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Shameeka Ward