Melanin Families Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 2025

Location: Zoom

Facilitators: Ms. Tamea & Ms. Martine Blake & Mrs Lego

Purpose of Meeting

To come together as a community to share vision boards and build connections among families.

Meeting Norms

• Be Present and Engaged: Focus on the discussion and minimize distractions.

• One Voice at a Time: Allow each person to speak without interruption.

• Respectful Communication: Listen actively and value diverse perspectives.

• Time Management: Stick to the agenda and be mindful of time.

• Confidentiality: Respect the privacy of the discussion and keep shared information within the group.

• Stay Solution-Oriented: Focus on finding solutions rather than dwelling on problems.

Agenda

• Welcome & Opening Remarks

• Vision Boards - Sharing by families

• Black History Month Open House - Planning and discussion

• Closing Remarks, Upcoming Events, Vision Board Sharing (6:45-7:00 PM)

Discussion Highlights

• Families shared their vision boards and discussed their hopes and dreams for their children.

• Engaged in dialogue around the importance of celebrating Black History Month and planned for the upcoming Open House event.

Black History Month Open House

• Date: Tuesday, February 25th

• 2:00-3:00 PM - TK-1st Grade Performances

• 4:30-5:30 PM - 2nd-8th Grade Classroom Exhibits

• Purpose: To recognize that Black history is American history and ensure all students learn about the contributions of Black individuals.

• Melanin Families will organize a cultural food exhibit to showcase the community's heritage.

• Discussion included food ideas and volunteers for preparation and set-up.

Closing Remarks & Next Steps

• Thank you to all attendees for their participation.

• Homework assigned by Ms. Blake is due at the next meeting.

• Continue planning for the Black History Month event.

• Coordinate logistics for the cultural food exhibit (who, what, when, where).

• Reach out to teachers or directors for specific questions or concerns.