

AADAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 15, 2024

I. OPENING PROVISIONS

A. Call to Order: The meeting began at 5:30 PM on 2/15/2024.

1. In attendance: Christian Dulan, Dr. Shanna Egans, Marlena Wallace, Jabari Jones, Tanya Quinn, Connie Marie Gutierrez, Karen Buss, Sean Thomas, and Tanika Parker.

B. Mindfulness Moment (Marvin Gaye's "The Star-Spangled Banner")

C. Approval of Agenda: approved by motion and second.

D. Comments – Public:

1. Chris Dulan made a public comment thanking the AADAC Site Reps for their participation and advocacy for the educational experience of African-American children in CVUSD.

II. REPORTS

A. None

III. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. None

IV. ACTION – CONSENT

A. Approval of minutes - approved (8 yeah, 0 nay)

V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION - Celebrating Black Excellence Event Student Award.

Discussed how the awards will be implemented regarding the Black Excellence Event. Further discussions will be held at the Culture Subcommittee meeting regarding possible categories of these awards, i.e., GPA, academics, sports achievements, talents in the arts, etc.

B. INFORMATION - Culture Subcommittee meeting will begin planning the Black Graduation Celebration. Subcommittee the possibility of the middle schoolers joining to witness the Graduation Celebration.

C. DISCUSSION - Marlena Wallace shared the updates regarding the AADAC Subcommittee. The subcommittee informed us about their conversation about setting up the "Unity and Community" at Thousand Oaks High School. This will be on February 29th. Further discussions will be held with the BSU to discuss what AADAC can do to get our community involved. The subcommittee would

like to plan this event quarterly and would like to speak with the BSU to see how both groups can collaborate.

1. Some examples were to use a Melanie Mixer and allow local gatherings, i.e., Dave & Buster in T.O., an Escape Room in Westlake, Laser Tag in Simi Valley, and K1 Racing in Newbury Park. All these event ideas are a conversation starting point to see if the BSU would be interested.
2. Marlena also shared that we would have to research possible ways to receive funding or donations for these events.

D. INFORMATION - Christian Dulan reviewed the date and times of the 1 Shine Performance for the CVUSD Black History Month celebration on Feb 23rd.

1. Los Cerritos Middle School, 9am-10am
2. Westlake High School, 12 pm-1 pm
3. Newbury Park High, 4 pm-5 pm. All families are welcome to attend all of the events, but the event at Newbury Park is specifically meant to be offered for district-wide participation.

VI. COMMENTS

- A. Dr. Shanna Egans shared exciting information regarding the outcome of the Black College Expo Event that she attended. The event was extremely impactful and a wonderful experience for all the participating young black college students. 18 CVUSD students attended, more than double the previous year's attendance.
- B. A few members of the AADAC Committee discussed the possibility of having school assemblies in our Conejo Valley to share more inspirational and enlightening black history to our students and community, but not limited to only the month of February.
 1. Discussed the impact it would have on our children's confidence and self-esteem.
 2. It will be extremely beneficial to loosen certain biases regarding black culture and people.
 3. Kenny Loo shared that for AADAC to place these assemblies in motion, the committee should request and discuss it through the School Site Council.
- C. Dr. Shanna Egans and Kenny Loo shared information regarding the "Epic Training" that had taken place among the school board members and staff. All three high schools were involved. The main point of the training was to train a group of leaders on how to become great site leaders and discuss how they can have a large systemic impact on our school district. Tough conversations were held regarding preventing and addressing issues not normally discussed. Dr. Egans shared that a safe space was given to build these capacities and create awareness.

- D. Chris Dulan shared the importance of creating the Executive Board Selection Committee for the upcoming 24-24 school year AADAC Committee election nominations.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next AADAC meeting is March 13, 2024
- B. Adjournment of General Meeting

VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- A. Call to order.

IX. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL

- A. Subcommittee meetings for Cultural Connection and Black Graduation/ Black Excellence Award will be organized by Marlena Wallace and Christian Dulan respectively.

X. ACTION CONSENT

- A. None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjournment of Executive Committee Meeting (Ended 7:00 pm)