

AADAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 13, 2024

I. OPENING PROVISIONS

- A. Call to Order: The meeting began at 5:30 PM on 3/13/2024.
 - 1. In attendance: Christian Dulan, Dr. Shanna Egans, Arisha Ali, Darius Wynn, Tie Gutierrez, Tie Gutierrez, Kymm Thornton, Nicole Updegraff, Tanika Parker
- B. Mindfulness Moment (Mos Def “Umi Says”)
- C. Approval of Agenda: approved by motion and second.
- D. Comments – Public:
 - 1. Nicole Updegraff shared that at the DAC meeting on March 12th, she shared with the DAC how painful it was to listen to many stories and situations that African American children and parents are going through at all educational levels. Nicole stated that her perception is that none of our children feel protected or safe in our schools. She observed that the concerns moved many in attendance. A few cried, and there were many emotions across the room. Nicole stated that immediately after the meeting, Kenny Loo had taken action to speak with school administrators and articulate the concern to school administrative leaders across the district. Nicole stated how impactful it was for her to attend the DAC and be supported by the responses of the DAC community composed of parents and school administrators.

II. REPORTS

- A. None

III. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

- A. None

IV. ACTION – CONSENT

- A. Approval of minutes – (no quorum)

V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. INFORMATION - Celebrating Black Excellence Event, One Shine, Performance Outcome, and Reflect
 - 1. Chris Dulan shared that the turnout was great at Westlake High School as “One Shine” brought so much energy. He explained how their performance was such a positive one, and so many were able to watch.
 - 2. Dr. Shanna Egans also shared that she witnessed the awesome performances from One Shine at the Los Cerritos Middle School, Westlake High School, and Newbury Park High School.
 - 3. Tanika Parker, who also attended their Los Cerritos Middle School performance, agreed that One Shine’s energy was great. She shared that her son could dance amongst the group during the performance as they encouraged many students to join in and dance. Tanika shared that it delighted her heart to see her son show off some of his dance moves in front

of the entire school. Especially since he has gone through so much in dealing with racism at his place of learning, it was a beautiful moment filled with great energy and joy. She, too, was pulled up to dance as well. Tanika also mentioned, however, that though it was amazing, she couldn't help but feel skeptical that there would be certain kids who may mock One Shine's performance since she is aware of the children there and how they have been harmful with their actions and words.

4. Arisha Ali suggested a later time frame should be scheduled for parents to attend, and she also mentioned that the performance was filled with good hype energy.
5. Darius Wynn also shared how he enjoyed One Shine's performance.
6. Tie Gutierrez stated that she and her son enjoyed the drum line performance and how fun it was. One Shine should receive more support to assist them with their sound systems and technical support concerning their music and setup. Technical support would help them to have things run much smoother. Tie recalled a performance where the sound and technical support could have been better.

B. DISCUSSION - Black Excellence Awards

1. Chris Dulan informed the committee that the Black Excellence Awards Ceremony is on the 22nd of May. We need help locating and identifying more candidates across the district high schools, as the current candidates are identified for Westlake High School and Thousand Oaks High School only. Chris asked everyone to please help as it will be approaching soon, on the 22nd of May. We will ask the district to verify the children's accomplishments, and Dr Egans will come up with a certificate. But beyond that, we are looking to give a private awards ceremony. We only have two students per high school, so continuation high school should also be included.
2. Dr. McLaughlin mentioned that Century High School is also a part of our school district.
3. Arisha Ali asked about the private donations. Chris stated that the donations would be private and 100% directed to the cause.
4. Tie Gutierrez mentioned that she would look into having artists contribute art to be sold online as a potential fundraiser for the future.
5. Kymm Thorton suggested that fewer scholarships with larger donation amounts should be offered to seniors, which may encourage more students to desire the award.
6. Nicole Updegraff and Chris Dulan stated that this year mainly focuses on students' feelings, as they feel the importance of recognition. It would be great for these students to feel seen rather than the meaning of the economic impact of the award.

C. DISCUSSION - Black Graduate Celebration

1. Chris Dulan discussed the subcommittee discussion regarding the Black Graduate Celebration.
2. The proposed Black Grad Celebration will happen immediately after the next and final AADAC meeting of the 2023-2024 school year on May 22nd.
3. All are invited to attend
4. AADAC will meet in subcommittee to discuss arrangements for the event

- D. DISCUSSION - AADAC Executive Board Selection Committee
 - 1. Lastly, we discussed the Executive Board Selection Committee for the 2024-2025 school year and who would like to join and participate.
 - 2. Tanika Parker shared that she is interested in joining the board next year.
 - 3. Chris Dulan committed to holding the Board Selection Committee in the upcoming weeks to give an opportunity to discuss the roles and responsibilities.
- VI. COMMENTS - BSU
 - A. Kymm Thorton suggested having a teacher or staff that will be on campus to support the BSU clubs. (Ended 6:43 PM)
- VII. ADJOURNMENT
 - A. The next AADAC meeting is May 22, 2024
 - B. Adjournment of General Meeting
- VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 - A. Call to order.
- IX. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL
 - A. None
- X. ACTION CONSENT
 - A. None
- XI. ADJOURNMENT
 - A. Adjournment of Executive Committee Meeting (Ended 7:00 pm)