African American Parent Advisory Council, SF

Welcome Back to the 2018-2019 School Year!

Greetings African American/Black Families, AAPAC Members and Valued Partners,

The African American Parent Advisory Council of SF welcomes you to the 2018-2019 academic school year.

As we enter into another year, we remain committed to being a parent led organization, open to all families of African American children in SFUSD. Together we are working to interrupt inequitable outcomes for African American/Black students in SFUSD by providing a forum to LISTEN to the voices and experiences of the African American community. We aim to EDUCATE one another on resources and programs available to us and to ADVOCATE with and for our students to shift policies and mindsets.

Over the past 6 years, the District-wide AAPAC has:

- Held 25+ monthly family education opportunities
- Inspired the development of 20 or more site based AAPACs
- Distributed over 1000 African American books to students and families
- Offered annual recommendations to the Board of Education
- Created toolkits for sites to celebrate Black History Month
- Advocated for changes to the Students Assignment Policy, Ethnic Studies K-8, against racially biased tracking in math courses, for implementation of Restorative Practices district wide and much more.

We are proud of what we have done in partnership with many of you, but there is so much more we as families can do to improve the outcomes for our students. We invite you to become an active member of AAPAC. See side the column for details.

AAPAC Meeting Schedule:

When: The AAPAC meets as a collective on the 3rd Thursday of the month,

What Time: Meeting times are 5:30pm-8:00pm

Where: This year, AAPAC meetings will be held throughout SFUSD schools sites in an effort to reach all African American communities and families. Please check sfusd.edu/aapac for meeting locations.

Interested in joining AAPAC?

- Email aapac@sfusd.edu and let us know the best way to reach you.
- Attend AAPAC meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Become an AAPAC Leader by attending weekly planning meetings. Email for more information.
Important Contacts and Resources:

The African American Parent Advisory Council SF (AAPAC)
Laticia Erving, Program Coordinator
Phone: (415) 241-6121 Email: aapac@sfusd.edu
Website: sfusd.edu/aapac

African American Achievement and Leadership Initiative (AAALI)
AAALI’s purpose is to promote the success of African American students and families by supporting academic and social-emotional learning, elevate effective practices and strategies, and cultivate leaders in the work of deconstructing systemic barriers to African American achievement
Phone: (415) 241-6121 Email: dickey@sfusd.edu

Office of Family Voice (OFV)
Supports families with concerns or complaints against school sites or district departments. OFV will address your concerns and follow
Contact: Ramon Martinez
Email: martinezr@sfusd.edu Phone: (415) 793-3298

Ombudsman for Special Education
If you have a concern related specifically to Special Education services, please contact: Laura Savage
Email: savagel@sfusd.edu Phone: (415) 241-6185 x3236

Student, Family & Community Support
Programs under this department are: School Health Programs, Office of Pupil Services, Community Schools and Family Partnerships, ExCel Afterschool Programs, Post-Secondary Success and Athletics.
Phone: (415) 242-2615 Website: healthiersf.org

SF Alliance of Black School Educators (SFBASE)
SFBASE is an organization that aims to improve the quality of educational experience and accomplishments of African American students, parents/guardians and education professionals.
Website: http://www.sfallianceofblackschooleducators.com/

TIPS FROM AAPAC:
✓ Meet your child’s teacher
✓ Identify school contacts and resources
✓ Learn about the School Site Council (SSC) and other leadership activities
✓ Stay present and involved
✓ ATTEND AAPAC MTGs

Upcoming Events:
Monday, August 20, 2018
First Day of School in SFUSD

Thursday, September 20, 2018
1st AAPAC Meeting
John Muir Elementary School
380 Webster Street SF, CA
5:30pm-8:00pm

Saturday, September 22, 2018
2018 Black Family Day
Location: TBD
8:00am – 3:00pm

“Attending the AAPAC meetings has given me priceless information about how to navigate the SFUSD system. I have learned that it is not impossible to do — it’s just overwhelming if you don’t know what your rights are as a parent, and how to properly advocate for your child.”

-AAPAC Parent, Tandia O’Neal
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