

East Aurora School District 131

African American Parent Association Meeting

Thursday November 4, 2021

Agenda:

- I. Welcome
- II. Announcements
- III. Introductions
- IV. Guest Speaker
- V. Concluding Remarks
- VI. Updates and Events
- VII. Questions



Group Norms

Respect:

Be respectful of the opinions of others

Open communication:

We must create a safe meeting environment where everyone feels comfortable enough to share their opinions.

(Ex. Table / parking for future discussions)

Open mind:

We must keep an open mind, maintaining a safe and supportive environment that encourages growth and development.

Responsibility:

Be ready to start on time, be prepared and be responsible

(Ex. Keep the mic on mute when not speaking, maintain a healthy mood, celebrate, and laugh together.)



Strategic Plan:

MISSION

Our purpose is to educate and empower all students to reach their full potential.

VISION

Our future graduates will be confident and productive global citizens committed to improving their community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

Meet the diverse needs of all students by ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment.



OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Utilize systems and resources that promote operational excellence, efficiency, and fiscal accountability.



COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Engage in continuous improvements through collaborative, student-focused, and data-driven leadership.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Ensure the academic success of all students by closing the opportunity gap.



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Introductions:

Break Out rooms (5 minutes):

- Share your name
- Child/children's school, and grade(s)
- What is one of your favorite things/activities to do as a family?



Attention Parents!

We need parents to help support our group!

Volunteer positions available:

- Agenda / Minute Keeper
 - Co-Facilitator in meetings
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- ✓ One-year commitment
 - ✓ Renew role each school year (optional)

If you are interested in getting more involved in AAPA, please contact Iliana Núñez at inunez@d131.org





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College Admissions:

If you have a senior, they should have accomplished the following:

- One-on-one conference with their counselor
- FAFSA Completion (or Alternative Application)
- Submitted three college applications
- Research and apply for two private scholarships

If additional assistance is needed, the high school has a staff member available in the Tomcat College and Career Center during lunch periods.

Tomcat College and Career Center (CCC)

Here you will find information regarding college and career events, college admissions, financial aid, career exploration tools, Naviance Student, and more! The Counseling Department will continually update it with new information, so we encourage you to check back often!

Financial Aid Thursdays

Every Thursday, the CCC is open during the lunch periods for students who need help filling out FAFSA/ALT APP and for students seeking scholarship help.



First-Generation College Student Presentation: NIU

On the day of the presentation, registrants will receive a personalized link and directions on how to join the virtual presentation in their email. Complete the form below to register.

Monday, November 15 at 6:00 PM

· [Virtual First Generation College Student Presentation](#)

NACAC Virtual College Fairs

Students can start college planning early by signing up to attend free NACAC Virtual College Fairs. The fairs happening this fall offer students the chance to interact with hundreds of institutions as they pursue their college dreams. The last fair is on **November 14**. [Sign up!](#)

Guest Speaker:

Topic: *Parental Involvement
and Goal Setting*



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Parental Involvement

- ▶ **Definition: The amount of participation a parent has when it comes to their child's education and the development of life skills.**

Parental Involvement

- ▶ (A) **Staying up to date on what is happening in the classroom and knowing the correct safety procedures for the school.**

Parent Involvement / Social

- ▶ **(B) a positive social experience / knowing what activities their children are involved in.**
- ▶ **(C) inviting friends to play at your home. Evaluate their peer's.....**
- ▶ **(D) You've got to jump in with both feet.**



Educational

- ▶ **(E) The earlier a parent can intercede with his or her child's education, the more successful the child will ultimately be.**

Disciplinary

- ▶ **(F) By understanding why your child is being disciplined at school, will keep you involved in the disciplinary process with the school.**

Safety

- ▶ **(G) Parents should not only know the safety risks from other students, but should also know the warning signs of violence within their own children. .**

Setting Parenting Goals

- ▶ A parenting goal is a goal focused on what you as a parent can do to help your child succeed more.
- ▶ (1) What specific actions will YOU take to support your child's strengths and weaknesses?
- ▶ (2) How will you facilitate their development?
- ▶ (3) What will the outcome look like?

4 Steps to Setting a Parent Goal

- ▶ **Step 1: What is the outcome?**
- ▶ **Once you can see what the end will look like for you and your child/family, then you can move onto setting a goal for YOURSELF.**



4 Steps to Setting a Parent Goal

- ▶ Step 2: What is my parent goal?
- ▶ **What part of that outcome involves changing your own behavior? What can you personally do to support your child?**

4 Steps to Setting a Parent Goal

- ▶ **Step 3: What do I know about my child's strengths and weaknesses?**
- ▶ **You should consider educating yourself about what it is that you're dealing with.**
- ▶ **Understand your child's strengths and weaknesses in order to understand what the best approach to helping them is.**

4 Steps to Setting a Parent Goal

- ▶ Step 4: What specific actions do I need to take?
- ▶ **Detail the SPECIFIC things you will do to achieve those goals.**
- ▶ **Break the goal down into super small, super actionable steps.**
- ▶ **Start small and focus on things you can do each day.**



Let's Win Together

- ▶ **“Wishing, Hoping, Faith, and Believing are all good things to strive toward but if you don't put the work into it becomes nothing but a dream.”**

► **Wake Up! & Stay Woke**

Concluding Remarks:

Next meeting date:
Thursday December 2, 2021
6:30 pm- 7:30 pm
(Virtual)

For more information and future updates please click [HERE!](#)



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Updates and Events:

- Download the EA Parent App to receive news and district updates.
- Resources on Social Emotional Learning

Upcoming events:

Looking to get involved in your child's school?

- Attend "Parent Workshops", offered each month at each school!
- All Workshops will be virtual this year!
- Flyers will be provided by your school's Parent Liaison.

For more information, please contact Iliana Núñez at inunez@d131.org or 630-299-7207.



Questions?

