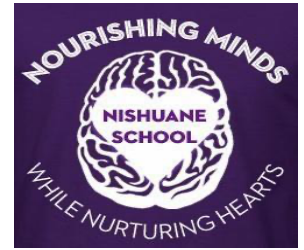


## Nishuane School

October 7, 2021

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

### School Action Team Meeting



#### Goals:

- *Nourishing Minds with High Expectations and Achievement for All*
- *Nurturing Hearts with Effective Communication, Engagement and Involvement of Students and Families*

### Nishuane School... Nurturing Minds while Nourishing Hearts

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- I. Welcome to the School Action Team: *Ms. Tara Wentzell and Dr. Mendi Obadike*
  
- II. Our School Improvement Plan & Goals: *Mr. Frank Sedita and Ms. Jazmyn Allen*
  - A.) Report of accomplishment of last year's goals
    - Focus still on our motto of nourishing minds while nurturing hearts
    - Data from last year: goal #1 - at / or above grade level on Renaissance Learning assessment (district benchmarks) K: 74% meet goal; 1st: 80% meet goal; 2nd: 75% meet goal
    - Data from last year: goal #2 - training on cultural competence - there was one training on implicit bias, one training on a cultural competence checklist, one training on supplementing our existing classroom libraries with culturally relevant books
    - Goal of effective communication during the 2020-2021 school year - there was a weekly Nish News letter, monthly teacher newsletters, etc.
    - Goal of having two "Growing Groups" - meetings of teachers, families, etc. to learn more about culturally relevant education
    - Goal of writing a grant to secure funding for a social justice initiative
  
  - B.) Presentation of this year's School Improvement Plan
    - By June of 2022, 80% of K-2 students will score 35 SGP (student growth percentile) on Renaissance Learning. Last year, the goal was proficiency. This year the goal is seeing student growth. To achieve this goal, all students in need of targeted intervention support will receive it.
    - By June of 2022, Nishuane staff will participate in 3 data meetings regarding equity in RTI targeted support and two trainings with regards to cultural relevancy.
    - By June of 2022, two or more "Growing Group" opportunities, group meetings to promote culturally relevant instruction.

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- By June of 2022, goal of a revamped social emotional learning committee and 8 family projects aligned with big theme of the month.

### III. Introductions of our Sub-Committees:

#### A.) Cultural Infusion Committee: **Needs new Chair/ Lead**

- Focuses on ensuring culturally responsive teaching
- They ensure there is multicultural literature being used in classrooms
- They provide multicultural lessons for teachers to use
- They coordinate multicultural broadcasts/announcements
- In the past, there was a cultural book loan (i.e. a lending library)
- Right now there are 4 events planned -
- Red Hawk Nation event in November - on Zoom
- Kwanza event in December - on Zoom
- Juneteenth celebration - will be outdoors
- Caribbean-American Heritage event - will be outdoors

#### B.) Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds: *Ms. Alison Tribus, Ms. Marie Chestnut, Mr. Eric Eder*

- This committee just planned the Bike / Walk to school day
- They also run the health and wellness fair - typically in March - many different activities for children and families to participate in together

#### C.) Information Station: *Ms. Alliah Livingstone*; **Needs new Chair/ Lead**

- So much communication during the 2020-2021 school year
- Goal of this committee is to optimize communication
- A past survey was used to improve school communications

#### D.) Parent Palooza: **Needs new Chair/ Lead**

- This committee hosts workshops for parents on how to support learning at home.
- For the October Parent Palooza, two teachers have agreed to present on ELA topics so far (format - what children are learning, how it is taught, how families can support the learning at home).

#### E.) Pennies for Pages: *Ms. Denise Kolenovic, Ms. Marissa May*

- This is a literacy fundraiser for the Montclair Public Library
- Kids earn pennies for each book / chapter they read
- The initiative starts with a week of “reading across the world”
- There are author visits - these used to be school assemblies - now they will be through Zoom - the author will read a story and facilitate an activity
- There is also a literacy night for students and families
- There is also a donation celebration to the Montclair Public Library at the end

#### F.) Social Justice Committee: **Needs new Chair/ Lead**

- A lot of this committee’s work was addressed in the school goals presentation above
- The social justice grant referenced above was written as part of this committee’s work
- Growing Groups

#### G.) Understanding Different Abilities: *Ms. Tara Wentzell, Ms. Denise Kolenovic*

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- Teaching about how to be a good friend to all, giving the children the information they need to promote awareness, inclusion, and understanding

IV. Important Notes

- A.) Next SATp Meeting: Thurs., Dec. 16th at 7:30-8:30pm
- B.) First Parent Palooza: Thurs., Oct. 26th at 6:30-8:00pm

V. Sub-Committees:

A.) Add name, email, child's name/ grade level, and the committee(s) that you would like to join  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zAU6pP6dp9VBiLO28u7bP6y2PMJ94oxiKioe2xHPAcg/edit?usp=sharing>

Topics of Discussion

Directions: Please write a topic that you would like to discuss in the table below.  
 Please place your topic in the appropriate column.

Topics that are necessary to discuss tonight	Topics that I'd like to discuss tonight if time allows	Topics that I'd like to discuss at our next School Action Team meeting
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.

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