

Nishuane School

May 23rd

5:30 PM - 6:30 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

- I. Welcome to the School Action Team: *Ms. Tara Wentzell and Dr. Mendi Obadike*

- II. Updates of our Sub-Committees:
 - A.) Cultural Infusion Committee: **Needs new Chair/ Lead**
 - Children's Caribbean Celebration on June 3 after school outside
 - Focus on reading as liberation
 - Juneteenth Celebration on June 16 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
 - Montclair Public Library will be represented at this event to register kids for library cards, etc
 - There will be a story walk installation up on school grounds for a couple weeks
 - B.) Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds: *Ms. Alison Tribus, Ms. Marie Chestnut, Mr. Eric Eder*
 - April 30 was the health fair; drop-off in attendance this year compared to previous years, perhaps pandemic-related
 - Ms. Chestnut is going to be taking over this committee next year
 - There will likely be one more event hosted by this committee in June (in collaboration with Mr. Eder)
 - C.) Information Station: *Ms. Kendra Johnson*
 - There will be a meeting of this committee in June (prior to the end of the school year)
 - D.) Parent Palooza: *Obie Miranda-Woodley*
 - First in-person Palooza since 2019
 - Mr. O'Connor hosted a workshop on reading, writing, and math and the summer slide
 - Presentation being shared through class parents
 - Ms. Allen and Ms. Williamson made a pre-recorded video
 - Attendance was low compared to previous years
 - E.) Pennies for Pages: *Ms. Denise Kolenovic, Ms. Marissa May, Mr. Frank Sedita*
 - Pennies for Pages ended last week; school-wide celebration coming up

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- The Montclair Public Library will be sending a pre-recorded video for the big announcement of how many books the kids have read as part of the initiative.
- F.) Social Justice Committee: *Elizabeth Mendez Berry, Tsibai Hanson*
 - Goal: bringing families in as we go from virtual to in-person
 - Supporting Juneteenth event
 - Focusing on family engagement
 - Growth group experience - in February - focused on the film Our Town Our Schools - focused on how the magnet system came to be in Montclair
- G.) Understanding Different Abilities: *Ms. Tara Wentzell, Ms. Denise Kolenovic*
 - A lot of events for this happen in April
 - A week of dressing in different shirts / colors
 - Students decorated infinity signs
 - Teachers read books and showed videos to teach about different disabilities

III. SATp Experiences from Previous committee members

- A.) Tawaina Turner-Dones
 - Staff engagement; staff members on committees fixed
 - SATp felt very tied to school performance
- B.) Gina Chung Fortt
 - What works and should be preserved
 - involvement from the staff; there was a staff member on each committee
 - staff chair and parent chair
 - use the school improvement plan as a guide (so the first meeting of the year would be a presentation of data from the past year)
 - SATp is not an extension of the PTA, should have a clear definition versus PTA
 - having measurable goals for each committee
 - connecting to community partners
- C.) James Harris
- D.) Tinu Joseph
 - Loving atmosphere; large post-its put on the wall to sign up for committees
- E.) Linda Kow
 - Work of SATp completely tied to school improvement plan
- F.) Dan O'Connor
 - Get new teachers and parents involved early and often
- G.) Diane Terhanian
 - Review of actual school data at start of the year; review which committees we want at the start of the year

III. SATp Survey

- A.) For planning purposes for next year's goals and structuring
 - What are key priorities; how would you like to be engaged
- B.) Will review results at next SATp meeting

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V. Upcoming Dates

- A.) Pennies for Pages Donation Celebration (for students)- May 26th
- B.) Caribbean Event- June 3rd, 3:30pm
- C.) Last SATp Meeting- June 9th, Time TBD
- D.) Juneteenth Celebration- June 16th, 5:30pm- 7:30pm

VI. 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.
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5.	5.	5.

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