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
      - 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
- 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, Tsihai 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.  
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