



BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Culture, Climate and Safety Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Compton Jr. High School

3211 Pico Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93306

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The District Culture, Climate, and Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Dr. Tim Fulenwider at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present, and the meeting proceeded.

Members Present	Members Absent
Dr. Tim Fulenwider, Committee Chair	Latonia Banks, Sierra Parent
Dr. Chris Cruz Boone, Board Member	Maria Carrera, Sequoia Parent
Lillian Tafoya, Board Member	Allyson Hollis, CSEA
Maria Alcantar De Lawhorn, CSEA	Officer Fabian, BPD
Robert Arreola, Campus Supervisor	John Peterson, BETA
Dr. Dylan Capilla, Principal arrived at 12:21 p.m.	Tomas Prieto, Principal, Chipman
Bob Boyd, LIUNA	
Alyssa Brooks, BETA	
Ofelia Canales, Williams Parent left at 12:53 p.m.	
Janel Kabat, Fletcher Parent	
Mika Whitfield, Noble Parent	
Yessica Puga, Voorhies Parent arrived at 12:17 p.m.	
Leonard Zasoski, Assistant Director, MOF	
David Manriquez, Coordinator	

Also Present: Cindy Elmore – Administrative Assistant, Superintendent’s Office; Nik Crapo, Assistant Director, IT; Dee Dee Harrison, FACE Coordinator; Liz Toruno, Coordinator Instructional ISS; Dulce Mejia, School Social Worker; Jennifer Hines, Academic Coach, and Lisa Beckman, Social Worker.

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approval of Minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On a motion by Mika Whitfield, seconded by Janel Kabat, it was ordered by a vote of the members present that the minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting be approved. All members present were in favor, motion carried.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public Comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vaping and Substance Abuse Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Fulenwider shared with the committee the District’s current data on substance abuse and vaping. The committee shared its concerns over social media and how it adds to the obstacles school staff and parents face each day. One question from the committee was if the data numbers indicate higher numbers at particular school sites; Dr. Fulenwider shared that the data seems to be spread throughout the District.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sub-Committee Debrief 	<p><i>Vaping Detection Debrief</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nik Crapo, Assistant Director of IT, gave an overview of the Vape Detection sub-committee. Mr. Crapo passed around several types of sensors and shared details on which devices he and the committee felt would be a good fit for testing within the District. The committee asked great questions and was excited to hear which devices will go forward for recommendation after the testing phase is over. Committee member Whitfield asked if Washington could be considered as a testing site. She has witnessed first-hand substance abuse near the campus and is concerned for her student’s safety at Washington. Dr. Fulenwider liked the idea; he will reach out to Mrs. McCormick and will report back to the committee.

Parent Component Debrief

- Dee Dee Harrison, FACE Coordinator gave an overview of the parent Component sub-committee of the Vaping Sensor Deployment. She shared that the committee had conversations and concerns with substance abuse as a whole in the community. Some of the main concerns are the amount of vape and weed shops near our school sites and that the students will be exposed at some point while in school. Mrs. Harrison shared that another topic of conversation was the reality of current times and understanding it's time to talk with children even in the younger grades. The committee suggested several ways to push out information for parents to be involved in this effort to make parents and students aware of the vaping issues we face. Dr. Fulenwider and the rest of the committee agreed that the parent component will play a big part in addressing this issue.

Instruction, Prevention, and Intervention Debrief

- Mrs. Toruno, Mrs. Mejia, Mrs. Beckman, and their teams gave an update on the Instruction, Prevention, and Intervention components. The team shared with the committee the District's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support the District offers. They presented on the School-Wide Universal Prevention Supports. Tier I: Classroom Supports Substance Prevention Lessons. The committee's focus after the presentation was how lessons would be implemented for testing. They shared that not only are the student lessons important but ensuring that parents have access to these lessons is just as equally important. The team suggested that a video may bring the "why" and champion the lessons so the teacher will have the enthusiasm and will buy into the lessons. The committee will continue this conversation and will bring their ideas back to the Board for recommendations.

- **Committee Comments**

- Dr. Chris Cruz Boone shared with the committee that she would like to see staff bring back to the committee what other Districts are using for their substance prevention lessons.
- Mr. Zasoski shared that he likes the early intervention piece and would like to know how we hand off the training to the KHSD.
- Mr. Manriquez agrees that educating the parents and the community is key.
- Mrs. Tafoya liked hearing from the different subcommittees and agreed that parents need to be truly engaged.
- Mr. Boyd agrees that as a community we all make this issue better.
- Ms. Puga shared that parents' awareness and knowledge are key.
- Ms. Kabat is excited about the lessons being tested, and the parent components so parents and students can be on the same page.
- Ms. Whitefield shared that she has five children and will take all the information she can get. She prides herself in being a researcher so she can put her kids on the right track.
- Dr. Fulenwider closed by thanking the work of the subcommittees and looks forward to bringing their findings forward to the Board.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 10:30 p.m. at Frank West Elementary.

Adjournment: On a motion by Bob Boyd, seconded by Lillian Tafoya, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 p.m. All members present were in favor; motion carried.

Reported by: Cindy Elmore, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office