



# BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## District Culture, Climate and Safety Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Owens Elementary School

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The District Culture, Climate, and Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Dr. Tim Fulenwider at 10:31 a.m. A quorum was determined to be present, and the meeting proceeded.

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

Also Present: Cindy Elmore - Administrative Assistant; Loren Anthony - Principal, Owens Elementary; Rennata Bergeron - Acting Vice Principal

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Approval of Minutes</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On a motion by LaTonia Banks, seconded by Mika Whitfield, it was ordered by a vote of the members present that the minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting be approved. All members present were in favor, motion carried.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Public Comments</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Earthquake Drill Demonstration and Debrief</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Fulenwider shared on the modernization the campus has recently gone through and the re-establishment of Lincoln Jr. High School. He introduced Owens Elementary Principal Loren Anthony to the committee. Mr. Anthony introduced his Acting VP, Rennata Bergeron. Mr. Anthony welcomed the committee and thanked them for being a part of today's Earthquake Drill and Debrief. Dr. Fulendwider dismissed the committee to start with a small tour of the campus with the Owens staff.</li> <li>● During the Earthquake Debrief, the committee made the following suggestions to staff on what they observed during the drill and the conditions of the campus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Some students were not in a tight line formation while walking out to the grass area</li> <li>○ Not all classes had their emergency kits with them</li> <li>○ One teacher was observed counting her students prior to leaving the classroom</li> <li>○ The intercom system needs to be audible throughout the campus</li> <li>○ A few classes appeared to be too close to the structures and trees</li> <li>○ Staff was sharing keys to do a sweep of all classrooms</li> <li>○ The field appeared to be uneven</li> <li>○ Woodchips appeared to be dissolved and were strewn well outside of planter boxes and play areas.</li> <li>○ Dr. Capilla applauded Mr. Anthony for calling the drill when he did. Although it was not a prime time, he reminded the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>committee that emergencies are never planned so no time is the perfect time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The committee agreed that it was clear that the students respected their campus and that everything looked clean and clutter-free.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Needs Assessment</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Fulenwider asked the committee to participate in a needs assessment to help lead the committee in next year's planning. He asked each committee member to think of four concerns they have related to culture, climate, and safety. After collaborating, the committee reported back with the following concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Homeless/Transient concerns near schools, particularly the need for privacy screening on fences that face vacant lots or busy streets (ex. College Heights back fence facing vacant lot, Williams back fence facing Niles)</li> <li>○ Trees/Shade Areas - Need to add shade structures or trees to provide shade for students during hotter months</li> <li>○ Social Media - Many safety/bullying concerns seem to arise from student and parent social media use.</li> <li>○ Cafeteria/Access to time to eat and play. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recess prior to lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Unsafe Fields/Blacktop</li> <li>○ Welcoming front office culture at all schools</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Committee Comments</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Chris Cruz Boone shared that Dr. Fulenwider will be bringing forward this year's DCCSC recommendations regarding Vape Sensors at our March board meeting and all are welcome to attend.</li> <li>● Mrs. Tafoya thanked Dr. Fulenwider for his leadership this year and thinks we have a great group.</li> <li>● Dr. Fulenwider thanked the committee for all the comments and feedback today and thanked them for taking the time out of their busy schedules to make our District a better place.</li> </ul>

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting: TBD

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Robert Arreola seconded by Yessica Puga, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m. All members present were in favor; motion carried.

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