



Bakersfield City School District

Minutes of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee Meeting
February 8, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Closing the Achievement Gap Committee meeting was called to order by Superintendent Mark Luque at 11:30 a.m. A quorum was determined to be present and the meeting proceeded.

Members Present:

Ms. Shannon Zimmerman
Superintendent Mark Luque
Mrs. Laura Orozco
Dr. Tim Fulenwider
Mr. Lewis Neal
Ms. Lafleasha Owens
Mr. Manuel Carrizalez
Rev. Wesley Crawford
Mrs. Laura Cruz
Mrs. Gwen Johnson
Mrs. Essie Davis
Rev. Dr. Oscar Anthony
Ms. Marisa Marquez
Dr. Markel Quarles
Mr. EJ Callahan

Members Absent:

Ms. Kotanya Kimbrough
Ms. Alysha Douglas
Mr. Steve Watkin
Mr. Leo Holland
Mrs. Brandi Ball, Ed.D.

Also Present:

Mrs. Brooke Smothers-Strizic, Guest Presenter
Mrs. Jennifer Santillan, Guest Presenter
Ms. Cheyenne Bell on behalf of Mrs. Brandi Ball
Mrs. Andrea Selvey, Executive Assistant
Ms. Natalie Rosales, Reporter
Ms. Maria Arevalo, Translator

II. ACTION ITEMS	STATUS
A. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Mark Luque asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2022, meeting of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On a motion by Ms. Lafleasha Owens, seconded by Rev. Dr. Oscar Anthony, it was ordered by a vote of the members present that the November 9, 2022, minutes be approved. All members present were in favor, motion carried.
III. DISCUSSION ITEMS	
A. Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no public comments at this meeting.
B. California School Dashboard & Mid-Year Data Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brooke Smothers-Strizic, Executive Director, Data & Assessment, reviewed the new parameters of measurement regarding the Dashboard, how data is calculated, and reviewed our current data standings with discussion on how to improve going forward. The committee discussed various factors such as staff attendance, fostering connections between students and staff, and the role of site administration in aiding in these issues.
C. Portrait of a Graduate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Mark Luque provided the committee with an update on the Portrait of a Graduate design and its goal. The committee discussed various barriers our students face and how to better prepare them for their futures. The committee discussed the need for more African American staff as well as the hiring process and possible changes such as community input.
D. Report of Upcoming Summer Learning Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Santillan, Director, Extended Learning, and Mr. Lewis Neal, Youth Services Specialist, provided the committee with details on our upcoming summer learning programs including program content, locations and dates.
D. Committee Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Manuel Carrizalez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared with the committee that they would be hosting an event for Black History Month on February 18 at Belle Terrace Park, invited everyone to attend • Mrs. Essie Davis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared with the committee that The Links would be holding an academy at Emerson on Saturday, February 11, invited everyone to attend

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lewis Neal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared that PROUD Academy students had an opportunity to tour an HBCU • Ms. Marisa Marquez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared that Mr. Steve Watkin had a speaker event with Mr. Eddie Cole, invited everyone to attend • Rev. Dr. Oscar Anthony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Glad to be back ○ Likes what the district is doing ○ Wants to be a partner with the district ○ Spoke on the need to reach our students homes • Rev. Wesley Crawford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Notified the committee that his organization was recognizing Superintendent Luque with the MLK Drum Major Educational Award ○ Appreciates Superintendent Luque and his work • Superintendent Mark Luque <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appreciates the committee attendance, input and partnership ○ Team is aware of how passionate and intentional he is with this work ○ We have to do better for our kids, we are going to be better
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Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2023, in the Professional Development Center (PDC) at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment: On a motion by Dr. Tim Fulenwider, seconded by Rev. Wesley Crawford, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 p.m. All members present were in favor, motion carried.

Reported By: Natalie Rosales, Administrative Secretary, III, Superintendent’s Office