



Bakersfield City School District

Minutes of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee Meeting
April 12, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Ms. Shannon Zimmerman
Mrs. Laura Orozco
Dr. Tim Fulenwider
Mr. Lewis Neal
Ms. Lafleasha Owens
Ms. Kotanya Kimbrough
Mr. Manuel Carrizalez
Mrs. Essie Davis
Mr. Steve Watkin
Ms. Marisa Marquez
Dr. Markel Quarles
Mr. EJ Callahan

Members Absent:

Superintendent Mark Luque
Ms. Alysha Douglas
Rev. Wesley Crawford
Mrs. Laura Cruz
Mrs. Gwen Johnson
Rev. Dr. Oscar Anthony
Mr. Leo Holland
Mrs. Brandi Ball, Ed.D.

Also Present:

Mrs. Jennifer Santillan, Guest Presenter
Ms. Cheyenne Bell on behalf of Mrs. Brandi Ball
Ms. Natasha Harris, Committee Guest
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"> • Assistant Superintendent Laura Orozco asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2023, meeting of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On a motion by Ms. Lafleasha Owens, seconded by Mrs. Essie Davis, it was ordered by a vote of the members present that the February 8, 2023, 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. Summer Program Updates	<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.
C. PROUD Academy Program Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lewis Neal, Youth Services Coordinator, provided the committee with updates on our PROUD Academy program such as expansion, events and field trips.
D. SWOT Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Superintendent, Laura Orozco, guided the committee in conducting a SWOT Analysis of the district. Once they completed this portion, they reviewed their responses to condense them into recommendations for the Superintendent.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mrs. Essie Davis, seconded by Mr. EJ Callahan, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m. All members present were in favor, motion carried.

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