



Bakersfield City School District

Minutes of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee Meeting
April 17, 2024

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 12:00 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present and the meeting proceeded.

Members Present:

Board Member Anthony Fuentes
Superintendent Mark Luque
Mrs. Laura Orozco
Dr. Tim Fulenwider
Mr. Lewis Neal
Ms. Lafleasha Owens
Ms. Kotanya Kimbrough
Mr. Steven Watkin
Ms. Marisa Marquez
Ms. Cheyenne Bell
Mrs. Essie Davis
Rev. Dr. Oscar Anthony

Members Absent:

Ms. Natasha Harris
Mr. EJ Callahan
Mr. Leo Holland
Mr. Manuel Carrizalez
Rev. Wesley Crawford
Mrs. Gwen Johnson
Mrs. Laura Cruz
Mr. Tyler Jordan

Also Present:

Mrs. Liz Carrizalez on behalf of Manuel Carrizalez
Mr. Tomas Prieto, Principal, Chipman Jr. High School
Mr. Brandon Ware, Vice Principal, Chipman Jr. High School
Mrs. Christina Norris, Principal, Eissler Elementary School
Mrs. Andrea Selvey, Executive Assistant
Ms. Natalie Rosales, Administrative Secretary III, Confidential

II. ACTION ITEMS	STATUS
A. Approval of Minutes	<p>Superintendent Mark Luque asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2023, and February 13, 2024, meetings of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee.</p> <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 November 1, 2023, and February 13, 2024, minutes be approved. All members present were in favor, motion carried.
III. DISCUSSION ITEMS	
A. Public Comments	There were no public comments at this meeting.
B. Introduction and Today's Purpose	<p>Superintendent Luque introduced Mr. Tomas Prieto, Principal, Chipman Jr. High School, and Mrs. Christina Norris, Principal, Eissler Elementary School, to the committee. He shared how proud he is of the progress of these two school sites and the transforming achievement level.</p>
C. Overview of School Visits	<p>Mrs. Christina Norris provided the committee with a brief overview of Eissler touching upon their strong focus on guided reading, student growth in math, and the learning center that provides student support. Mr. Tomas Prieto followed with a brief overview of Chipman touching upon their PLTW and GATE programs, collaborative structures and reading intervention program. Each principal also provided a description of the classes the committee would be visiting.</p>
D. Classroom Visits	<p>Superintendent Luque asked the committee to consider several questions regarding student learning as they went on their classroom visits. Mrs. Christina Norris and Mr. Tomas Prieto, along with Mr. Brandon Ware, led a group of committee members on classroom visits at their respective campuses. Committee members were able to observe classroom instruction, electives, and overall school culture.</p>
E. Debrief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lewis Neal visited the intervention class at Chipman and noted the relationship between the students and their teacher. You could tell that the students trusted them. Essie Davis visited Chipman and observed student collaboration during Project L.I.T. where student groups were rotating through workstations. Ms. Davis noted that there was only one African American student in

	<p>the GATE class and stated the significance of all students to have an opportunity in these programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Watkin visited Chipman and noted the willingness of how students expressed themselves. There was evidence of a good relationship with their teacher based on the dialogue between them. • LaFleasha Owens visited Chipman and saw a lot of student engagement. Teachers were receptive to all answers and expectations were set for the students. • Liz Carrizalez visited Eissler and noted that the teachers were amazing. The students were working in unity. Special Education does a fantastic job. It was good to see. • Rev. Anthony visit Chipman and noted that when students spoke up, corrections were never harsh or rude. He noted the advantage of instructional aides, as he was able to observe one in a classroom.
F. Committee Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee members noted that it was a great day, and they thanked the school sites for their hospitality.

Adjournment: On a motion by Rev. Dr. Oscar Anthony, seconded by Dr. Tim Fulenwider, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 p.m. All members present were in favor, motion carried.

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