



Bakersfield City School District

Minutes of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee Meeting
September 6, 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 12:30 p.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
Ms. Kotanya Kimbrough
Mr. Manuel Carrizalez
Mrs. Essie Davis
Mrs. Gwen Johnson
Ms. Marisa Marquez
Ms. Natasha Harris
Mr. EJ Callahan
Mr. Leo Holland

Members Absent:

Rev. Wesley Crawford
Mrs. Laura Cruz
Rev. Dr. Oscar Anthony
Mr. Steve Watkin
Mrs. Brandi Ball, Ed.D.

Also Present:

Mrs. Jennifer Santillan, Guest Presenter
Ms. Cheyenne Bell on behalf of Mrs. Brandi Ball
Ms. Jennifer Achan on behalf of Mr. Steve Watkin
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 April 12, 2023, meeting of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On a motion by Mrs. Essie Davis, seconded by Dr. Tim Fulenwider, it was ordered by a vote of the members present that the April 12, 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 a report on our summer learning programs including the enrollment numbers, dates, and the various program offerings within our district.
C. Portrait of a Graduate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Mark Luque provided the committee with a summary of the Portrait of a Graduate and touched upon each of the competencies and their significance. Superintendent Luque then led the committee in a discussion on what this particular program means to the student groups we aim to assist in this committee.
D. 2023-2024 Program Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Luque discussed the district's program goals for the 2023-2024 school year based on the SWOT Analysis conducted by the committee at the end of last year.
E. Committee Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marisa Marquez noted that the work this committee is doing is spectacular.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mrs. Gwen Johnson, seconded by Ms. Marisa Marquez, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m. All members present were in favor, motion carried.

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