



Bakersfield City School District

Minutes of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee Meeting November 1, 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:

Superintendent Mark Luque
Dr. Tim Fulenwider
Mr. Lewis Neal
Ms. Lafleasha Owens
Ms. Kotanya Kimbrough
Mr. Manuel Carrizalez
Mrs. Gwen Johnson
Mrs. Essie Davis
Rev. Dr. Oscar Anthony
Ms. Jennifer Achan
Ms. Marisa Marquez
Ms. Natasha Harris
Mr. EJ Callahan

Members Absent:

Mrs. Laura Orozco
Rev. Wesley Crawford
Mrs. Laura Cruz
Mr. Leo Holland
Mrs. Brandi Ball, Ed.D.

Also Present:

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

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 September 6, 2023, meeting of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On a motion by Ms. LaFleasha Owens, seconded by Dr. Tim Fulenwider, it was ordered by a vote of the members present that the September 6, 2023, minutes be approved with the recommended amendment. 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. Achievement Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brooke Smothers-Strizic, Executive Director, Data & Assessment, presented the 2022-2023 achievement results to the committee. She discussed the meaning of each data set as well as the differences between the various student groups represented and the district overall.
C. PROUD Academy: Allensworth Trip Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewis Neal, Youth Services Coordinator, Instructional Support Services, provided the committee with a report on the recent PROUD Academy trip to Allensworth. He discussed the content of the trip and its impact on the participating students.
D. Committee Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Luque noted that there are many events going on our district. He commended the efforts of Ms. Essie Davis and Mr. Lewis Neal with their prospective teams to provide further engagement for our students. How do we engage more of our students in these activities? • Mr. Lewis Neal gave kudos to Mrs. Essie Davis and The Links, Inc. for the Links Academy event on Saturday. The students loved it.

Adjournment: On a motion by Dr. Tim Fulenwider, seconded by Mr. EJ Callahan, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 p.m. All members present were in favor, motion carried.

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