

BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Multilingual Education Committee Meeting
 Monday, November 8, 2021
 4:00-6:00 p.m. - Meeting open to the public
Minutes

The meeting took place via Zoom.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Multilingual Education Committee meeting was called to order by Alfonso Ceja at 4:06 p.m.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Mark Luque	Superintendent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Laura Orozco	Ed Services Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Laura Guerrero - Salgado	Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Shannon Zimmerman	Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Alfonso Ceja	MEP Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Christine Chapman	C&I Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Michelle Santoyo	Human Resources Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Anne Lopez	Harris Administrator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Erick Casallas	Voorhies Administrator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Melinda Koerner	Stiern Administrator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Alejandra Sanchez	Harris Teacher Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Lupe Quinonez	Voorhies Teacher Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Esmeralda Stane	Stiern Teacher Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Armida Madrid	BETA Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Teresa Garcia	BETA Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	TK-3 Parent Voorhies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Norma Perez	K-3 Parent Harris
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Annie Avina	4-6 Parent Voorhies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Ana Karen Garcia	7-8 Parent Stiern
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Diyarina Motta	DELAC Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Maricruz Vielma-Morales	DELAC Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Tashawn Winston	Kern High Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Lisa Vargas	KCSOS Representative

<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Adam Sawyer	CSUB Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Michael Westwood	BC Representative

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Comments

No public comments

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Welcome and Introductions

Alfonso Ceja, Executive Director, Multilingual Education Programs

welcomed everyone present. Guests were introduced as well as members that were not present at the last meeting. Mr. Ceja took roll of the members in attendance.

B. Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved. Laura Orozco gave the 1st motion and Diyarina Motta gave the 2nd motion. Bylaws were reviewed. Mr. Ceja explained in detail. Bylaws were approved. Shannon Zimmerman gave the 1st motion and Tashawn Winston gave the 2nd motion.

Mr. Alfonso Ceja shared a video of students who are currently in the Dual Immersion program. These students were interviewed and recorded to show the students who are English-native speakers, speak Spanish and Spanish-native speakers, speak English. Ms. Lopez shared that one of the students in the video speaks three languages. Diyarina shared that she and her student speak three languages as well. Ms. Orozco acknowledged that the teachers are doing a great job. Ms. Zimmerman agreed that it was great hearing the students speak the languages learned. Ms. Denys Garcia shared that she had a great experience being able to see the students' growth and is excited to show how the older students are doing as well. Ms. Teresa Garcia shared that two of the students have been in her classroom and that one of the students translates in her classroom.

Mr. Alfonso Ceja discussed Transitional Kindergarten at Harris Elementary. Ms. Orozco informed that there will not be a TK class added at Harris. She explained that the school needs to be fully staffed by having teachers at all grades before adding a TK class.

C. MEC Membership and Term of Office

Mr. Ceja shared that there are two primary documents in the membership: Bylaws and Board Resolution. At our next meeting we want to revise the Bylaws to bring them up to date. The membership consists of District staff, 2 Board members, Superintendent, Ed Services rep, ELL rep, C&I rep and a Human Resources rep. Site District Staff, 3 teachers (1 teacher rep from each DI site), 3 admin (1 from each DI site), and 2 BETA reps. Parents, 2 DELAC members, 2 Parent reps (one rep for

K-2nd and one rep for 3rd-6th). Community, 1 rep from CSUB, 1 REP from KHSD and 1 rep from KCSOS. We also invited a rep from BC, which will be a revision that will be added to the Bylaws at our next meeting. Membership is 3 years. Some of the duties of the committee are attend all scheduled meetings, provide notice to the Office of the Superintendent in the event a member cannot attend a scheduled meeting, conduct themselves in a collaborative and respectful manner during meetings and contribute in an advisory capacity, from their experience and areas of expertise, input, advice, and feedback related to the charge of the Committee outlined in Article I of these bylaws.

D. Board Resolution

Mr. Ceja informed the members about the Revised Board Resolution that will be sent to the Board for approval. This is to match the new changes that will be made to the MEC bylaws. As Mr. Luque recommended previously, these should be reviewed annually by the board.

E. Dual Immersion Goals and Principles

Mr. Ceja discussed the Dual Immersion Goals & Principles to be able to obtain feedback from teachers to say where the program stands. Discussed the three pillars of **Dual Language Education. Bilingualism and Biliteracy, Grade Level Academic Achievement and Sociocultural Competence**. Summarized Bilingual & Biliteracy, High Academic Achievement and Social Cultural Competence. Mr. Ceja reviewed the Language Allocation by explaining the program model. He discussed the seven strands that the principles are organized into. Ms. Teresa Garcia asked to be provided with more instructional material/books and shared other concerns about needed items. Ms. Esmeralda Stane gave kudos to the Voorhies teachers for sending high level students to the upper grades.

F. Dual Immersion Site Updates

Ms. Lopez, Principal Harris Elementary School shared that they are using LAS Links to determine students' Spanish levels. Ms. Lopez also shared that they have completed three Estrellitas training sessions.

Mr. Casallas, Principal, Voorhies Elementary School shared that they are implementing the LAS Links assessment. Also that he likes the level of consistency that Estrellitas has. Mr. Casallas shared that they are focusing on social and cultural competency.

Ms. Koerner, Principal, Stiern Middle School shared that they are excited to receive students from Voorhies. She shared that the DI team meets every other week to make sure they are able to support their students. Ms. Koerner shared they are working on the final touches on the pathway for the eighth graders so that they get their Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma. Ms. Stane added that they feel very supported this year. She thanked Ms. Koerner because they are adding a culture of celebration of both languages.

G. Superintendent Recommendations

Mr. Ceja brought up the recommendations to the superintendent as a task that Mr. Luque left from the previous meeting to be able to take to the board. Mr. Ceja suggested that a focus should be to have enough teachers to help grow the program. He remembers a recommendation of previous years to be able to support the BILA program. By supporting BILA will be key to being able to have enough teachers to teach the program. Ms. Zimmerman asked if there is a way to have the teachers who are in the BILA program to do some student teaching or to recruit students from the university to expose them to the schools and do student teaching. Ms. Orozco clarified that there is a program in place. She also explained that Mr. Casallas is a professor at the university and recruits teachers for the program as well. Ms. Lopez shared that a majority of her teachers are recruits and or had a bilingual credential. Ms. Zimmerman asked if there is a strategy being implemented for the DI students and if there is a difference between the DI students and the English only students to close the gap. Ms. Lopez shared that they have provided the phonics that by second grade the students would need. They have made sure to go a step back to catch them up. She also followed up with Ms. Teresa Garcia, agreed that more books and materials are needed and the issue is already being addressed. She added that this issue is part of building the program. Mr. Ceja asked if there were any other ideas or recommendations to bring up during the next meeting. Ms. Diyarina Motta volunteered to teach her language.

IV.

NEXT MEETING DATE

JANUARY 24, 2022 Via Zoom

V.

ADJOURNMENT

- A.** First motion by Mr. Casallas, seconded by Ms. Laura Orozco, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.