



Bakersfield City School District

Minutes of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee Meeting
November 9, 2022

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 11:30 a.m. A quorum was determined to be present and the meeting proceeded.

Members Present:

Mrs. Pam Baugher
Ms. Shannon Zimmerman
Superintendent Mark Luque
Dr. Tim Fulenwider
Mr. Lewis Neal
Ms. Lafleasha Owens
Ms. Kotanya Kimbrough
Mrs. Laura Cruz
Mrs. Gwen Johnson
Mrs. Essie Davis
Ms. Marisa Marquez
Dr. Markel Quarles
Mr. EJ Callahan

Members Absent:

Mrs. Laura Orozco
Mr. Manuel Carrizalez
Ms. Alysha Douglas
Rev. Wesley Crawford
Rev. Dr. Oscar Anthony
Mr. Steve Watkin
Mr. Leo Holland
Mrs. Brandi Ball, Ed.D.

Also Present:

Mr. David McCrary, Guest Presenter
Ms. Audria Gibson, Guest Presenter
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 September 14, 2022, meeting of the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On a motion by Mr. EJ Callahan, seconded by Mrs. Laura Cruz, it was ordered by a vote of the members present that the September 14, 2022, 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. Achievement Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brooke Smothers-Strizic, Executive Director, Data & Assessment, gave a presentation to the committee on the data from recent student assessments and discussed their significance.
C. PROUD Academy Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lewis Neal, Youth Services Coordinator, welcomed two of our Youth Support Specialists: Mr. David McCrary and Ms. Audria Gibson. Mr. McCrary and Ms. Gibson provided the committee with a presentation on the Khepara curriculum along with methods and practices utilized in a PROUD Academy classroom.
D. Committee Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. LaFleasha Owens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Khepara is an intentional program ○ Noted the difference between a facilitator and a teacher, allows students to get the tools they need • Mrs. Gwen Johnson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gave credit to Mr. Neal for his and his team's work on the PROUD Academy • Mrs. Brooke Smothers-Strizic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students are fortunate to have this staff • Superintendent Mark Luque <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team is amazing ○ The amount of investment that Mr. Neal's team puts into the district is tremendous, appreciates the work they do ○ The magic in PROUD Academy needs to expand to the rest of our system • Mrs. Pam Baugher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Told Mr. Neal that it has taken 25 years for a program like PROUD Academy to be formed, urged him not to let the program die

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mr. Lewis Neal<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Gave a shout out to The Links, Inc. for their Links Academy, students enjoyed the experiment and were very engaged○ Noted that our recent Student Leadership Conference had a large amount of PROUD Academy students in attendance● Ms. Audria Gibson<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Thanked Ms. Essie Davis for what The Links, Inc. does for the community and our students
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Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, in the Professional Development Center (PDC) at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mrs. Essie Davis, seconded by Mrs. Pam Baugher, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. All members present were in favor, motion carried.

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