



BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Culture, Climate and Safety Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sequoia Jr. High School

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The District Culture, Climate, and Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Dr. Tim Fulenwider at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was determined to be present, and the meeting proceeded.

Members Present	Maria Torres, Owens Parent
Dr. Tim Fulenwider, Committee Chair	Amy Wahl, Cato Parent
Dr. Chris Cruz Boone, Board Member (arrived @ 10:53 am)	Mika Whitfield, Noble Parent
Robert Arreola, Campus Supervisor	Leonard Zasoski, Assistant Director, MOF
Bob Boyd, LIUNA	
Alyssa Brooks, BETA	Members Absent
Ofelia Canales, Sierra Parent	Latonia Banks, Sierra Parent
Dr. Dylan Capilla, Principal, College Heights (arrived @ 10:36 am)	John Peterson, BETA
Gloria Contreras, CSEA	Tomas Prieto, Principal, Chipman
Officer Fabian, BPD (arrived @ 10:37 am)	Also Present
Janel Kabat, Fletcher Parent	Principal Willams, Sequoia Jr. High
David Manriquez, School Safety Coordinator	Ucedrah Olson, Community Member (arrived @ 10:40 am)
Deb Moses, Franklin Parent	Odis Bell, Community Member (arrived @ 10:40 am)
Liz Oxford, CSEA	Kashaunt Williams, Community Member (arrived @ 10:40 am)

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approval of Minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On a motion by Amy Wahl, seconded by Mika Whitfield, it was ordered by a vote of the members present that the minutes of the January 15, 2025, meeting be approved. All members present were in favor, motion carried.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public Comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revisions to the School Culture, Climate, and Safety Expectations Rubric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Fulenwider had the committee break into groups to collaborate on ways to reduce the number of review items on the rubric, with the goal of keeping the process for staff under 90 minutes. ● The committee identified several items that could potentially be combined or revised. The majority of the committee recommended the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Combine Ineffective/Developing/Effective by eliminating Highly Effective ○ Expectation #2 Main Office: Combine items 1 and 2 ○ Expectation #4 Scholarly Attitude and Attire for Student: Eliminate Dress Code Item ● Dr. Fulenwider will analyze all the data during the meeting and return to the committee with recommendations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Workplace Violence Prevention Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Fulenwider presented the committee with the final recommendations to the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. The committee was in agreement that the following actions be presented to the Superintendent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include the periodic inspection form and create an electronic version for record-keeping purposes ○ Address the Type 2 entries by including a new section regarding incidents with students, particularly special education students ○ Revise the reporting form to standardize data reporting elements and help categorize data.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Safety-Related LCAP Actions (added item not on agenda)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Fulenwider presented the committee with the final recommendations to the Superintendent for the local control accountability plan (LCAP) on Safety. The committee was in agreement that the following actions be presented to the Superintendent:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Implement safety protocols○ Increase staff training and awareness○ Promote a positive climate○ Enhance communication○ Engage families and community on safety topics● The committee shared their concerns regarding the safety of our students while walking to and from school. Dr. Fulenwider shared that the Board approved a Resolution supporting Safe Routes to School and that each school is implementing Safe Route assemblies.● The committee inquired about ways the City and County could become more involved in the safety of students who walk to and from school. Dr. Fulenwider explained that the District continues to collaborate with City and County agencies and emphasized the importance of community involvement as well.● Ms. Ucendra Olsen, a community member in attendance, suggested that BCSD partner with Prosperity Neighborhood. She noted that Prosperity Neighborhood collaborates with Cal Walks to promote safe walking initiatives. Ms. Olsen will extend an invitation to the committee for their next meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Committee Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Fulenwider informed the committee that the vape sensor implementation has been completed across all middle and junior high schools. He added that details would be included in the upcoming parent guide and congratulated the committee on their role in the vape sensor process.● The committee raised concerns about weapons being brought to school, with one community member suggesting that some students may be carrying them for protection as they travel to and from school. Dr. Fulenwider explained that the District engages with students to understand their reasons for wanting to carry a weapon. He also emphasized

	the importance of students walking in groups, as there is safety in numbers.
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Next Meeting: The next meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Chipman Jr. High

Adjournment: On a motion by Mika Whitfield, seconded by Ofelia Canales, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m. All members present were in favor; motion carried.

Reported by: Cindy Elmore, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office