



BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Culture, Climate and Safety Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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

Franklin Elementary 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	Amy Wahl, Cato Parent (arrived at 10:35 a.m.)
Dr. Tim Fulenwider, Committee Chair	Mika Whitfield, Noble Parent
Mike Eggert, Board Member	Members Absent
Bob Boyd, LIUNA	Robert Arreola, Campus Supervisor
Alyssa Brooks, BETA	Latonia Banks, Sierra Parent
Ofelia Canales, Sierra Parent	Dr. Dylan Capilla, Principal, College Heights
Dr. Nora Cisneros, Franklin Parent	Gloria Contreras, CSEA
Office Hohena, BPD (replacing Fabian)	David Manriquez, School Safety Coordinator
Janel Kabat, Fletcher Parent	John Peterson, BETA
Deb Moses, Franklin Parent	Maria Torres, Owens Parent
Liz Oxford, CSEA	Leonard Zasoski, Assistant Director, MOF
Tomas Prieto, Principal, Chipman (arrived at 10:35 a.m.)	

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Minutes 	<p>On a motion by Alyssa Brooks, seconded by Mika Whitfield, it was ordered by a vote of the members present that the minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting be approved. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication of Rubric and Expectations for Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Fulenwider reminded the committee that the purpose of the rubric is not to rate classroom instruction, but rather to provide feedback on Rubric Expectations 1–8.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franklin Walkthrough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Fulenwider introduced Carla Tafoya, Principal of Franklin Elementary School. Ms. Tafoya welcomed the committee and invited members to break into three groups to walk the campus.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkthrough Debrief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to beginning the debrief, Dr. Fulenwider invited general questions to assist the committee with voting on each expectation. Questions were raised regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student pride ○ Shade Options ○ Nurse staffing ○ Training for medical needs ○ Bullying and safety concerns ○ Percentage of paper allowed on classroom walls • After all questions were addressed, the committee voted on each expectation using the following ratings: Ineffective, Developing, or Effective. • The committee agreed that most expectations for the Franklin campus were rated Effective. Suggestions for improvement included increased Spanish signage and additional exit signage. The committee noted that, despite ongoing construction, Franklin Elementary is a strong and welcoming campus.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Fulenwider thanked Principal Tafoya for hosting a wonderful visit. Committee members agreed that students were well-behaved, staff were friendly, and teachers were welcoming. The committee emphasized that the

	<p>positive campus culture reflects leadership from the top down and noted that parent members said this environment is the norm, not just for the committee visit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Fulenwider suggested that, since shade concerns arose during this meeting, the committee discuss the topic at the next meeting and consider bringing it forward as a recommendation from the committee to the Superintendent
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Next Meeting: The next meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Horace Mann Elementary

Adjournment: On a motion by Bob Boyd, seconded by Mika Whitfield, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. All members present were in favor; motion carried.

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