

BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Multilingual Education Committee Meeting
 Monday, January 24, 2022
 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 meeting started at 4:05 p.m. Under the direction of Mr. Alfonso Ceja, representative of the Multilingual Education Committee (MEP), everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Mark Luque	Superintendent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Laura Orozco	Ed Services Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Laura Guerrero - Salgado	Board Member
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Michelle Santoyo	Human Resources Representative
<input 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Maricruz Vielma-Morales	DELAC Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Tashawn Winston	Kern High Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Lisa Vargas	KCSOS Representative

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

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Comments

Lori Pesante, parent of 2 Voorhies DI students, wants to see what more we can do especially during these trying times to ensure that all people that want to participate in DI or other Multilingual programs have the opportunity to do so. Could we advertise more? Lori would like to know how to get on a list for these meetings.

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved. Norma Perez gave the 1st motion and Diyarina Motta gave the 2nd motion. Minutes were approved.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Revised Board Resolution

Approved on November 16, 2021 by Board of Trustees.

Alfonso Ceja, Executive Director, Multilingual Education Programs just wanted to let you know for your knowledge and information, the link was shared.

B. 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. The students shared all the benefits of being bilingual and the ways they have been able to utilize their second language. Lupe Quinonez shared that she had most of these students and it's great to see the growth especially from 4th grade up, that's when you see the development of academic language. In the classroom you have to wait and the language will come and kids know that.

C. Summer Learning Camp

Mr. Ceja shared that Summer Learning Camp is a District effort. One of our biggest goals is that our DI program runs simultaneously with the regular Summer Learning Camp, and that students receive the same instruction regardless of language. The 2 school sites offering DI will be Voorhies for elementary and Stiern for middle school, the same 3 weeks as regular Summer Learning Camp, with a weekly rotation with a different focus each week. 1st and 2nd grade will receive SLA and Science 100% in Spanish, Art and History will be 70% Spanish and 30% English. 3rd and 4th grade will have Art and History 40% in English and 60% in Spanish for 5th and 6th grade it will be 50% in both. For 7th and 8th grade it will be Science 100% Spanish, Math and coding 100% in English and Art and History 50% both. Same curriculum as none DI students. Laura Orozco believes that it's well planned.

D. Dual Immersion Site Updates

Mr. Casallas, Principal, Voorhies Elementary School shared that 232 students were assessed in LAS Links, and Mr. Casallas gave a shout out to Mrs. Hastings DI Intervention specialist for doing a big chunk of the testing. Estrellita is consistently being implemented and Be Glad is also moving along. Considering the challenges right now, things are moving right along.

Ms. Lopez, Principal Harris Elementary School was not able to be present but Mr. Ceja will give a quick update in her behalf, Ms. Lopez wanted to highlight the writing structure at Harris, Harris Staff has begun Professional Development in “Write from the Beginning” These are strategies for any language developing THROUGH writing.

Ms. Koerner, Principal, Stiern Middle School shared that they are focusing on being Biliterate: Reading, Writing and Thinking/Analysis. In STAR Reading English, students are performing at or above grade level and in Spanish students are reading even higher, some as high as high school level. Mrs. Stane teacher at Stiern thanked the MEP Department for the novels they received this year since it makes it fun for the students since they can relate to them.

E. Recommendations to the Superintendent

Mr. Ceja continued discussing the topic from the last meeting, and shared that we need to make sure as we move forward next year we are adding 4th grade to Harris so we would need an additional DI teacher. Eventually in 2 years 5th grade then 6th grade and so forth. As we continue growing the program the need to have high quality credential teachers to teach in the DI program, the need is there. Mr. Ceja asked Dr. Sawyer for an update on the BILA program, Mr. Sawyer shared that there are 12 candidates who already finished the first 2 courses and are now on the stretch run and look forward to having new BCSD candidates. Laura Orozco shared that she is glad we have the BILA program and that we have a pipeline of bilingual teachers as Harris grows, and it is important to keep the program strong. Norma Perez agrees with Mrs. Orozco and shared that she works at Harris and that her daughter also attends the DI program and now that she is in 3th grade she has improved so much, she is now able to communicate with her grandparents, so continue with the BILA we need those teachers for the DI program. We will make the recommendation to continue with the BILA program. Lisa Vargas mentioned that it's crucial that we have those DI credential teachers.

IV.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 14, 2022 Via Zoom

V.

ADJOURNMENT

- A.** First motion by Diyarina Motta, seconded by Ana Karen García, it was ordered by a vote of the members present to adjourn the session at 4:50 p.m. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.