



678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA
February 12, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Executive Council: Estella Dunn, Loretta Spence, Richale Babbs, Annette Lee

Members Present: Pam Merritt-Bennett, Carolyne Smith,

Parent Ambassadors: Richale Babbs

Visitors: Torrin Johnson, Richard Lopez, Fredda Allen, Randall Dunham, Meagan Collier, Tynique Williams, Deanna Cosby

Youth: Diamond Wilcoxon, Mahogany Jacobs, Josiah Rich, Renee Jacobs, Leonnie Locke, Eugene Whaley

Opening Prayer: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Dunn.

Pledge: The pledge was led by Chair Dunn.

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves.

Adoption of Agenda: M/S by Pamela Merritt-Bennett and Annette Lee to “**accept the agenda as presented.**” Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes: M/S by Annette Lee and Richale Babbs to “**accept the December 11, 2025, minutes as presented.**” Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer Reports for December 2025 and January 2026 were not given because of the length of the presentation. These reports will be given at the next meeting.

Presentation: Mr. Richard Lopez, a candidate for the Superintendent of Merced County, said he has passion for the educational system and continues to want to bring change. He also believes that the lack of communication is the reason for many of the breakdowns. Q & A was held after presentation.

Reports: No reports were given.

- 1. Article IV, Section 1 of the Bylaws** – Because of time, this item will be discussed at our March meeting.
- 2. MBPSB position on SRO payment source** – Mrs. Pam Bennett presented a graph showing the interactions with SROs of the different student groups. Even though the population of African American children in MCS D is lower, this group had a higher number of interactions with SRO. We will schedule a meeting with Superintendent Stocking.
- 3. MBPSB position on Kindergarten Suspensions** – Mrs. Pam Bennett presented the proposed protocol for “Extreme Behavior”. MBPSB is against this proposed protocol and will speak with Superintendent Stocking about our opposition.
- 4. Scholarship Award Criteria** – Annette Lee will put this together.

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5. **End-of-Year Report** – A report will be presented at the June meeting.
6. **Collaboration with Other Groups** – The NAACP will be hosting a community power mapping event beginning the first Saturday of each month.
7. **Attendance at School District Board Meetings** - Chair Dunn invited all to get involved and attend School Board meetings.

Announcements:

None.

Community Input – None

Meeting Adjourned 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richale Babbs, Secretary