



P.O. Box 241
Merced, CA 95341
February 13, 2025
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendees: Estella Dunn, Pam M. Bennett, Charlie Bennett, Annette Lee, Loretta Spence, Richale Babbs, Kim Cunningham, Roosevelt Dean, Raymond Thompson, Tonjinae Walker, Lola Smith, Shirley Winzer, Shannon Wilcoxon, Aniya

Opening/Prayer: Meeting was called to order via Zoom at 6:09 p.m. by Estella Dunn, Chair and prayer was led by Loretta Spence.

Introduction: Everyone introduced themselves.

Adoption of Agenda: M/S by Pamela M. Bennett and Loretta Spence to “accept the agenda as presented.” Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes: M/S by Charlie Bennett and Annette Lee to “accept the minutes as presented for June 13, 2024, December 12, 2024, and January 9, 2025.” Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Lacey was absent, but Chair Dunn reported expenses for January 1-31, 2025: \$1,479 Suni White for Web design.

Presentation: None

BOARD MEETING REPORTS:

CHAIR REPORT - Chair Dunn reported on her activities for January 2025. MBPSB received a Thank-you card from Ashwini Elwin for the scholarship award she received from us.

1/9/2025 Attended MBPSB General membership Meeting via Zoom
1/13/2025 Attended AAPAC organizing meeting at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Atwater
1/16/2025 Met with Carl via phone regarding cancellation of E-Council meeting
1/20/2025 Tabled at MLK event at Merced Theater
1/29/2025 Attended Regional BPSB Meeting
1/30/2025 Attended MCSB Zoom meeting with Mr. Alexander
1/30/2025 Attended E-Council meeting with Carl regarding CVMB

MUHSD – No Report, but Pamela M. Bennett reported on the upcoming LCAP meetings and MUHSD Recommendation 1 Report. The Recommendation One Committee chose a consultant last year, but the consultant had moved from Berkeley to Harvard with no more communication. The Committee (Torrin Johnson, Dr. Katina Austin, a district

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psychologist, Phil Jenkins, Ed Lacey and Pam M Bennett) will meet on March 14 to determine if what he says he can do will fit with what we need and what the district will allow.

The LCAP season begins with the following dates for MCSD and MUHSD. An invitation is being made to all to attend these meetings if you can. Our voices at these meetings is what opens district coffers and doors for our children. This is how we have begun to chip away at the opportunity/receivment gap. If we stop paying attention, the districts will stop paying attention.

MCSD

3/18 9am – LCAP meeting for MBPSB

5/1 LCAP Community Forum 6-7:30 Place TBD

MUHSD – 5:30-6:30

- March 18, 2025 (Families & community)
 - Buhach Colony High School Cafeteria: 1800 N Buhach Rd #1800, Atwater, CA 95301
 - Spanish Translators present

- April 1, 2025 (Families & community)
 - Merced High School Vintage Gym: 205 W Olive Ave, Merced, CA 95348

AEED - No report, but Kim Cunningham has volunteered to attend these meetings. Chair Dunn will get the Board meeting dates for her.

MCSD – Loretta Spence and Kim Cunningham reported on the Board meeting where Ms. Cunningham intervened to correct an error in the Board’s voting process. The Board had passed a map that was not approved by the police for safety reasons which led to Ms. Cunningham’s intervention. Board members were advised to be more careful in their decision-making process. Ms. Spence reported HPEC and Restorative Justice, Improve Your Tomorrow and Schoolyard Rap contracts have been approved. Restorative Justice will be in all 4 middle schools.

WUSD – No Report.

Website Update – The website is coming along. **In-person meetings** – We will possibly start meeting in April. **Bylaws** – The Bylaws was presented and reviewed with several changes being made. They will be sent to membership for review and voted upon at the March meeting.

Next MBPSB Meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

A post meeting was held to discuss dates to meet with Dr. Hubble (MCSD) and Mandy Ballenger (MUHSD) regarding the yearly status of MBPSB recommendations to those districts. We will meet with MUHSD on February 28, 1:00-2:30 p.m. and with MCSD on March 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Estella Dunn, Chair