



**Black Parallel School Board**  
**A G E N D A**  
**November 4, 2023**

**Virtual Meeting**

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
10:00 – 10:02 AM	Open Meeting	I	White
10:02 – 10:05	Presentation on Board Process and Swearing in	I/C	White
10:05 – 10:10	Introductions	I	All
10:10 – 10:15	Minutes	I/D/C	Pinkston
10:15-10:30	Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Five Initiative – Early Literacy</li> <li>• Townhall/Independent Monitor</li> <li>• Dave Covin Scholarship Fund</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		White
11:00– 11:15	SCUSD Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCUSD Board report – Pinkston</li> </ul>	I/D/C	
11:15- 11:35	Updates on BPSB Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Convening – White</li> <li>• Zero Tolerance Youth Team - White</li> <li>• Statewide Policy – McCullough</li> <li>• Parent Outreach – Bryson</li> <li>• Black Parent Involvement Day</li> <li>• DSC CA Parent Power – DeWitt/McCullough</li> </ul>	I/D	
11:35-12:00	Community Input		
12:00 noon	Adjournment		All

Action: D= Discussion, I= Information, C= Consensus

**All BPSB meetings are recorded**

Thank You for Your Participation

## **MINUTES OF BLACK PARALLEL SCHOOL BOARD MONTHLY MEETING - 09/02/23**

**Date and time:** 09/02/23 10:00 am to 09/02/23 12:30 pm  
**Executive Council Present:** Bakari Chavanu, Carl Pinkston, darrywh1@aol.com, breazellashanya@gmail.com, brysonmarian@yahoo.com, Ursula DeWitt, Rayvn McCullough  
**Location:** Zoom  
**Projects/Tags:** black parallel school board

### **DISCUSSION**

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#### *2. INTRODUCTIONS*

Is the name misspelled? Post the correct spelling in the Zoom chat and the minute-taker will make the correction.

Aaron Eckels, Aeisha Jones, Avjaah, Bina Lefkovitz, Brendan Murphy, Carolyn Murray, Franschelle Brown, Gilberto A. Cooper, Janice Jacobs, Jim Peterson, Joyce Germaine Watts, Kayla, Lysa Twardosz, Marcus Adams, Maria Herndon, Maria Madril Hernandez, Mary Ponder, Michelle Edache, Ms. A, Noah Harrison, Noah Lee Hayes, Ray Lozada, Rayvn McCullough, Renee Webster-Hawkins, Sam Davenport, Sausha Monteiro, Shela, Shinteya Logan, Susan Ciminelli, Tiffany McDermott, Yolanda Hankerson, Yolande Beckles, Zelon Harrison

#### *3. MINUTES*

You can view the minutes and meeting packets for this and last year's BPSB meetings here:

<https://blackparallelschoolboard.com/about/board/board-packets/>

August 2023 Minutes: <https://blackparallelschoolboard.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Black-Parallel-School-Board-AGENDA-August-5-2023.pdf>

#### **4. CHAIR REPORT**

##### **4-1. First Five Initiative - Early Literacy – Mr. White**

First Five Initiative Meeting: September 14th

Renee Webster, a reading specialist, is a part of our meeting, along with Marian and other BPSB members.

Most suspended and expelled students are in pre-school. We need to confront this issue and change it.

##### **4-2. Townhall/Independent Monitor**

Townhall dates are 9/12 @ 6 PM in person at Luther Burbank, 9/14 @ 6 PM on Zoom, and 9/20 @ 6 PM in person at Hiram Johnson.

We're very close to naming the independent monitor. After the district approves the monitor, we will release the monitor's name.

##### **4-3. Million Father March**

We're happy to pass MFM on to United&Guided, a father-advocate group. They hold activities every Sunday in the park. It's also our mental health Sunday. United and Guided also provide Doula services for moms and dads.

United & Guided: [www.unitedandguided.org](http://www.unitedandguided.org)

Zelon: We're holding a Black Family Day in Contra Costa.

Hiram Johnson: Balloons were set up for the first day of school welcome. The student union scholars were present. The admins and football coaches came. We passed McDonalds and other snacks.

News coverage of MFM in the district.

<https://youtu.be/6cLs9MK8BSU?si=Cvff3ug15Vze5CX2>

Marian made phone calls for Burbank.

The Council of Elders

New Life Church members also attended.

## 5. SCUSD UPDATES

SCUSD Board Agenda and Minutes: <https://www.scusd.edu/board-meetings>

### 5-1. SCUSD Board Meeting Summary —Pinkston

At the August 17th SCUSD Board meeting, Sac Act spoke about Community Schools.

SCTA talked about how more positive the school board is. The union has signed a new contract with the district.

They approved the new contract with Lisa Allen, the new interim superintendent.

The 45-day budget update was provided. Surplus of \$20mil.

The Declaration of Needs for certified teachers provides emergency permits. They need various positions fulfilled.

They approved the credential waivers to meet the teacher shortages.

## 6. UPDATES ON BPSB WORK

### 6-1. Statewide Policy - McCullough

#### SB 274 Willful Defiance

- End suspensions & expulsions for willful defiance," tardiness, truancy
- Keep youth in school and connected to support
- Protect students impacted by harsh punishment-those who are Black, Latinx, LGBTQ, homeless, in foster care, and those with disabilities

How a Bill becomes law in CA.

Bill is introduced

Committee hearings

Floor Action > Committee hearings

Returned to original house > Floor action > Bill goes to Governor

Bill becomes law!

AB 1323 Removes Mandatory Law Enforcement Notification

The two-year bill is not being heard. We're working to get community support and activism for the bill.

## **6-2. Discussion about school discipline**

Discussion about the abusive discipline practices in schools. Regarding Black students, teachers, and admins always want to attack and suspend Black students.

We need to incorporate restorative justice practices and conflict remediations in all schools. Ray Lozada, Director, of SCUSD Office of Safe Schools, works with United & Guided to set up school conflict remediation.

Tiffany and Noah: Teachers and admins need much more accountability for the failure to handle discipline issues properly. Too often, the reaction is anti-Blackness. We have to call it out for what it is.

Onethia: (Chat Notes): In school suspension still goes on but it's shifted to sending students to other classrooms away from their classroom & teacher. It's problematic for many reasons. Parents or caregivers are often not informed & students who miss learning time are isolated and shamed mostly in this process.

Rayvn: (Chat Notes): We are here to empower parent so they know their rights and force implementation on these schools

The following resources: The Little Book of Restorative Discipline for Schools by Lorraine Anmstutz and Judy Mullet; Justice on Both Sides: Transforming Education through Restorative Justice by Maisha Winn

"Hacking School Discipline," by Nathan Maynard, is also a powerful book.

Ray Lozada (Director, SCUSD Office of Safe Schools): (Chat Notes): Restorative practices need to be true to the restoration and healing of the harmed and not minimized to the reduction of suspension and expulsion which is ultimately the bi-product of real restorative potential.

## **6-3. Parent Outreach - Bryson**

Marian participated in the following events over the summer.  
Valley Concert in the Park

River Oaks: free movie day.  
Stops the Violence with the Council of Elders  
Job Corp and Barbecue  
Supported U&G at the MFM in Grant School District  
Supported backpack giveaways for K-12 students.  
Fruitridge Community Collaborative events.

## *7. COMMUNITY INPUT*

Sue: thanks for being here and for all the educators who are here.

Maria Herndon: we used to have on-campus suspensions back in the day.

Ray Lozada: very important conversations are happening here and at the district. I'm optimistic that we're going to make changes that fit the desires of the community. We have a full team of case managers who will give support students. Restorative Justice is the way to address the issues. Board members are on board with this.

Thao Tran: (Chat Notes): My apology for being late. I appreciate what your group is doing to empower parents and work to reduce disproportionality among marginalized students in the public school setting.

Jim Peterson: Thanks Ray, for building structures to replace SROs. We're also setting up trauma-informed instruction.

Aaron: Thank you for this space as a great healing space and for supporting our Black fathers. "It's foolish to send our kids to be educated by our oppressor." We need to build our independent education systems.

Yolande: I love this sharing space. Black Student Achievement Plan. Only 16% of students are proficient in math in California. We need to address this issue.

Noah: We have to get points for pushing the powers to get the justice we deserve.

Brandan: I appreciate the work BPSB is doing and for U&G for coming to HJ.

Shinteya: Great meeting. I really like the part about restorative justice being in the classroom. (Chat Notes): Thank you to the BPSB leaders for empowering parents and concerned community members to support better education for African American students!!

LaShanya: It's always great to be in this space. U&A is hosting a Fall festival and music. You can staff a table on that day.

Tiffany: Thank you for the invite. Thank you to Mr. Peterson, Ursula, Jackie Rhodes, and others for the work you're doing. I've been getting the resources so that I can teach others.

Janice: We have lots of issues to deal with, and I appreciate the work you all are doing.

Carolyn: I want to thank you all for being on the frontline.

Carl: We'll not have a BPSB meeting next month. We will recognize and celebrate the passing and legacy of Dr. David Covin. Dr. David Covin has an inspiring legacy <https://sacobserver.com/2023/06/dr-david-covin-leaves-legacy-of-mentorship-community-support/>

Aeisha: Very productive meeting. Glad to be here. I want to get my son involved.

Renee: Great to be here, and I want to work on addressing the issues of Black achievement.

Michelle (Parents Needing Change): I appreciate these meetings and the information I can share locally in Modesto. I'm excited and passionate about reading and literacy. Looking for suggestions for getting more parents involved.

Gilberto: As always, I leave these meetings with food for thought. Thanks for all the input.

Marcus: I love the raw conversations about discipline and its issues.

Zelon: We'll have our Black Family Day. I'll send the information to Rayvn. I also want to be a part of the First Five Initiative.

Onethia: I'm very motivated when I leave these meetings. I'm transitioning into the teaching program. We need more Black teachers. We have a right for people to do well in our schools.

Bakari: Thanks to NAAAPY for attending the meeting again this month. We look forward to working with your organization. I also highly recommend "Black Lives Matter at School," ed. by Denisha Jones and Jesse Hagopian.

Belinda Davenport: I remember the early community activist work back in Grant USD to teach me how to advocate for our children. Thanks everyone for their time.

Lysa: I want to thank everyone for the time and space. I have a freshman who has re-entered in the SCUSD since the pandemic. And I have many concerns about the district around suspension and other issues. I'm happy to find the BPSB because it helped me transition my child back into the district. I would like to facilitate BPSB to come out and speak at our school.

Shela: Great to be here. I'm concerned about the low math schools. The teachers must speak out about this and demand the resources students need to achieve academically.

Ursula: I want to thank everyone for coming today and thank the parents participating in the DSC CA Parent Power workshops.

Darryl: The Zero Tolerance Team is planning, with DHF, a Student Symposium in March.

## *8. ADJOURNMENT*