

SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum, Standards, Instructional, and Student Services Board Advisory Committee
Regular Committee Meeting Minutes – Approved
Wednesday, November 2, 2022

SJUSD 3738 Walnut Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608 (916) 971-7364	
Members Present:	Mary Beth Barber, Myel Jenkins, Jennifer Morgan, Susan Olsen, Phromlak Sakpichaimongkol, Veronica Schwalbach, John Stockett, Linda Thelen
Staff/Guest Present:	Paula Baucom, Heather Brandt, Wendy Harrington, Elizabeth Julienne, Nicole Kukral, Nicole Naditz, Tom Nelson, Kristan Schnepf, Daniel Thigpen, Amberlee Townsend-Snider, Brett Wolfe
Board Member Present:	Pam Costa
Members Absent:	Ewa Firl
Call to Order/Introductions	Myel Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm
Visitors Comments:	None

Introductions:

Myel Jenkins, C&S Committee Chair introduced herself and then asked to go around the room and have everyone introduce themselves.

NEW BUSINESS:

Graduation Requirements:

Kristan Schnepf, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs, and Brett Wolfe, Director of CTE, K-12 Counseling and College/Career Readiness shared the Class of 2023 Graduation Requirements changes. Ms. Schnepf shared how the board of education for San Juan Unified voted and approved changes in the graduation requirements in 2016 for the class of 2023.

In September of 2020 Assembly Bill (AB)1350 extended relief to the class of 2020 by granting retroactive diplomas to any student on track as of March 2020. For the classes of 2021 and 2022 AB 104 provided options for students and parents/guardians to address learning recovery needs due to COVID-19. As part of AB 104, the state 130 minimum graduation rule was available to any student not on track to graduate in four years from the classes of 2021 and 2022. This year's class of 2023 has been impacted by COVID-19 and there is no legislation to extend relief to the class of 2023.

Mr. Wolfe shared the 130 state minimum graduation requirements by course. And a comparison of the class of 2022 to the class of 2023 changes that were made by the state. As well as the chart showing who is eligible to use the 130 credit minimum state requirements and which Assembly Bill they fall under. They also shared the list of current students off track as of September 2022 and which course they were deficient in. This is defined as a student needing more than 10 credits in a subject.

Ms. Schnepf then shared the process to gather data to help meet the highest student needs. Once the data was collected they prepared a chart showing what the student and different staff members' survey results were as well as some feedback that was shared. Then Mr. Wolfe and Ms. Schnepf shared the recommendation that they were going to take to the Board for approval to help support these students and the next steps in doing so.

The committee had several questions that were asked of Mr. Wolfe and Ms. Schnepf regarding the next steps, and what the time frame was for these changes as we are coming up on mid-year and we want to make sure that students are made aware of what they need to do and is there enough time to do so? And is it too late for a student to add a fourth year of English if they need it? Also, they wanted to know why it was important to make these recommendations.

Ms. Schnepf and Mr. Wolfe explained to the committee that once this has taken to the board and approved, the communication would be sent out to the student and families immediately. Ms. Schnepf also shared that students should have the opportunity to graduate and for them to have a diploma. That it's about letting them have some dignity after what the students have been through over the past two years.

Report 1s:

Nicole Kukral, Director of Professional Learning and Innovation (PLI) along with the PLI team, Paula Baucom, Program Specialist, Science, Nicole Naditz, Program Specialist, Technology and World Language, Heather Brandt, Program Specialist, English/History-Social Studies and Elizabeth Julian, Program Specialist, Mathematics shared the Report 1s for adoption in May of 2023. Ms. Kukral went through the sequence of events on all adoptions with the exception of Physics of the Universe.

Ms. Naditz, Ms. Brandt, Ms. Baucom, and Ms. Julian went through all the Report 1s for each course that is under consideration for adoption. They share the names of the course, the materials that were selected for the pilot, and how they were selected by committees. They shared what schools were using the materials and the adoption timeline for the course. Ms. Baucom then shared the list of small adoptions that will be coming to the C&S committee with Report II's later next spring. The PLI team then shared the next steps of the pilot, when they will go to community review when the recommendation will be brought to the C&S committee, and then the Board of Education for approval.

Ms. Baucom then shared the adoption timeline of Physics of the Universe based on the feedback last year from the teachers. It was determined to bring three new companies forward for piloting from August – December 2022. In January the adoption committee will make a recommendation for materials to adopt and they will be brought to the committee.

The committee wanted to know if they could review the materials that are under consideration, Ms. Kukral stated that we would send out some information on that.

They also wanted to know who and how the pilot teachers are selected and if the teachers are paid or if they volunteered. Ms. Baucom stated that the Program Specialist reaches out to teachers for the subject they are teaching and sees if they are interested in piloting a new course. Some teachers are paid, or they can earn continuing education hours.

Election of New Committee Chair and Co-chair:

Ms. Jenkins asked if there was anyone that would like to nominate themselves or another committee member. Jennifer Morgan asked Ms. Jenkins if she would accept a nomination for re-election to the committee chair position and Ms. Jenkins accepted.

A motion was made to re-elect Ms. Jenkins as the C&S Committee Chair by Ms. Morgan and Veronica Schwalbach seconded. The committee voted 6/yea, 0/nay, and 0/abstention to re-elect Ms. Jenkins.

Phromlak Sakpichaimongkol would like to bring forward Kennard Harris as Committee Co-Chair, however, Mr. Harris is not at the meeting. The Co-chair position will be brought to the December 7 meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Jenkins asked for a motion to approve the September 21 minutes. MaryBeth Barber motioned for approval; Ms. Morgan seconded. Ms. Jenkins called for a vote, 3 yea/0 nay/5 abstentions, and minutes passed.

Chairperson's Comments/Committee Business:

Ms. Jenkins wanted to share that we hold continue to be ambassadors to this committee. And how she enjoyed being on a committee for the new course to see another piece of the work and having a parent be engaged. I want to make sure that we get out and vote, and research who will be representing our school. There are candidate videos on the website.

Reports to be Heard:

Board Member:

Ms. Costa shared how much she appreciated the comments and thoughtful discussion that was happening. Ms. Costa wanted to also make sure the committee members share the survey links that are out and share what is happening in our district.

Staff Member:

Ms. Townsend-Snider shared how Elementary Education and Secondary Education are pulling the two divisions together, so staff is hearing the same thing. Ms. Townsend-Snider shared how excited she is to have Gian Tornatore come to share the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the discussion on the data.

Ms. Kukral shared that PLI has had a lot of professional development running and that the teachers are happy to be in the training. She shared how the PLI team has been working with Rio Americano and working with them on their math concerns that are going on right now. Ms. Kukral also shared how PLI is putting together a survey to send out to the teachers to see what types of training they would like to see. We want to make sure we are offering PD that is meaningful and relevant.

Committee Member:

A committee member asked about finding out who are the special education curriculum coaches and what they do in their positions. Also, another member wanted to share that the state library just launched a 24/7 online tutoring program and wanted to share it with the schools.

Ms. Jenkins brought up that since we have not had a full committee and next month is December it would be nice if the committee brought and shared desserts during the meeting. All of the committee members said they would like to participate and Wendy will send out a reminder in the December email.

Adjournment:

Ms. Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington
Committee Secretary