

**SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Curriculum, Standards, Instructional, and Student Services Board Advisory Committee**  
**Regular Committee Meeting Minutes – Approved**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

<b>SJUSD</b> 3738 Walnut Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608 (916) 971-7364	
<b>Members Present:</b>	Mariya Babiychuk, Mary Beth Barber, Ewa Firl, Kennard Harris, Phromlak Sakpichaimongkol, Veronica Schwalbach, Amy Slavensky, John Stockett, Margaret Teichert, Myel Thelen
<b>Staff/Guest Present:</b>	Trent Allen, Heather Brandt, Wendy Harrington, Elizabeth Julienne, Darrin Kitchen, Nicole Kukral, Greg Lambrecht, Tom Nelson, Clete Purinton, Kristan Schnepf, Amberlee Townsend-Snyder
<b>Board Member Present:</b>	Pam Costa
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Susan Olsen, Linda Thelen
<b>Call to Order/Introductions</b>	Myel Thelen called the meeting to order at 6:32
<b>Visitors Comments:</b>	Mr. Nelson shared that he is glad the committee bylaws for all committees are being reviewed and changed to fit the new board member count.

**Introductions:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review and Discussion on Proposed C&S Bylaw Revisions:**

Trent Allen, Chief of Staff, explained that the district is looking at updating all the district committee bylaws to build consistency in them throughout the district, and update the number of members to reflect the recent change in the election of new Board of Education members. Mr. Allen also discussed how the C&S members would consist of one member from the board to live in the board member's area and one other. Mr. Allen reviewed the current bylaws and shared where all the changes were looking to be made, for instance, a committee member will only be able to serve three consecutive terms for a total of 6 years and the number of unexcused absences is being reduced from three to two. The consistency of posting the agenda, and the annual report date, should it be in early November or later in the year?

A committee member asked what happens to the member if the board member is not re-elected. Mr. Allen shared that it will be up to the incoming board member to keep the C&S committee member in that seat, or if they would like to replace them with their own candidate. A committee member also wanted to know about the term of three consecutive, 2-year terms and after the 6 years are able to come back after one or more years off the committee if another board member appoints them? Mr. Allen shared that the bylaws are still in the conversation phase, and we are going to see what the board asks and how they would like to proceed.

### **Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) – Secondary Education:**

Kristan Schnepf, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education and Program, Darrin Kitchen, Director, Secondary Education and Programs, Cleve Purinton, Principal, Mira Loma High School and Greg Lambrecht, Teacher at Bella Vista High School shared the ELO presentation and how the funds from the grant were used in our schools.

Ms. Schnepf explained that the funds were given to each school based on the population. Each school was given an extra teacher to support the needs of the students and the schools were able to determine what teacher they would like to use it on. Each school also received one additional math teacher. Mr. Kitchen shared how the schools use FlexiSched, tutoring services, and WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) programs at our school sites. Mr. Purinton shared how Mira Loma has partnered with Wellness Together since August of 2022 to focus on the student's mental well-being. This program meets with students alone or in a group for 12 weeks and focuses on their needs. Wellness Together has 30 students each on their caseload and has a waitlist of students. Mr. Purinton shared how school sites have used their allocations for social-emotional support by hiring school community intervention assistants (SCIA), school social workers, and intervention counselors, he then shared the video from one of each of these positions. Mr. Lambrecht shared how ELO has supported students with math interventions. Mr. Lambrecht shared about push-in peer tutoring in integrated math classes, targeted intervention and tutoring with math teachers as well as targeted supports for identified integrated math (IM) students. Ms. Schnepf then shared the success, the challenges, and the next steps for secondary sites as the ELO grant will not be available to school sites

Committee members wanted to know when the ELO grant is gone, how and what the district will do to support the students with these programs. Ms. Schnepf stated that other grants and programs are available and we are always looking at ways to continue supporting these programs. A committee member stated that they would like to see more information from Wellness Together that is around the ages of the students and the concerns they are raising. Are they the same type, what is the trigger for the students? Mr. Purinton stated that Wellness Together collects that information, however, he had not asked for such a report, but will investigate it. The committee members were very appreciative of this presentation and thankful for the thoughtful way schools have been using their funds and look forward to hearing about more programs and resources that will be available to our schools.

### **K-12 Math Curriculum:**

Nicole Kukral, Director, Professional Learning and Innovation, and Elizabeth Julienne, Program Specialist, Mathematics, shared their presentation on the San Juan Unified K-12 math program. Ms. Kukral shared that what prompted this presentation was the ask from the C&S committee to hear about the current curriculum that is offered and how it's selected. Ms. Julienne shared what courses are offered in math throughout the district and the standards, legislation, and board policy. Ms. Julienne then gave an update on the math standards, instructional framework, instructional materials, and professional learning that is offered through the district.

Committee members had a discussion with Ms. Julienne about what supports or resources we have for parents to help support them in working on math with their students. Ms. Julienne shared that the math teachers have had conversations on how to reach out to the families and what resources are available and how to share them. A committee member wanted to know how you encourage our teachers to attend professional development. Ms. Julienne shared that we pay them to attend as well as word of mouth. As we have seen when a teacher attends something that is exciting and has helped them figure out what the missing piece might be to help a student understand, it excites them. Then they share with other friends/teachers and then they want to attend the next training.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Kukral shared with the committee that now we have 12 seated members, and the minutes have to pass by a majority of the vote of members in attendance. Since we have had an increase in members, our December, January, and February meeting minutes may not pass as we have had a change of membership. We will vote on them and if they don't pass by majority vote, they will stay in draft form and be posted as such.

Ms. Thelen asked for a motion to move the December 7 meeting minutes. Mary Beth Barber moved for a motion to vote, and Kennard Harris seconded it. A vote was held 5 yea/0 nay/5 abstention. The minutes don't pass and will be posted in draft form.

Ms. Thelen asked for a motion to move the January 18 meeting minutes. Mary Beth stated that she would like to have a statement placed in the minutes about the board policy requiring adoption in the K-8 to only consider materials on the state-approved list. That was agreed to be done. Mary Beth Barber moved for a motion to vote, and Ewa Firl seconded it. A vote was held 4 yea/0 nay/6 abstention. The minutes don't pass and will be posted in draft form.

Ms. Thelen asked for a motion to move the February 8 meeting minutes. Kennard Harris moved for a motion to vote, and Ewa Firl seconded it. A vote was held 4 yea/0 nay/6 abstention. The minutes don't pass and will be posted in draft form.

**Chairperson's Comments/Committee Business:**

Ms. Thelen welcomed the new committee members and always enjoys all the different perspectives and insights that shape each meeting that we have.

**Reports to be Heard:**

**Board Member:**

Ms. Costa welcomed the new members and shared with Nicole that she was so thankful for the presentation that was given to the board on curriculum and it was a job well done.

**Staff Member:**

Ms. Kukral wanted to acknowledge the work of the math team and explained how this is a brand-new team and they are hard at work rolling things out and have workshops for the teachers for the spring and summer. All the workshops for the spring are full and the summer workshops are already half full and this is unheard of this early. Ms. Julienne will be also bringing a TK-12 math presentation to the board in April, and it will be a little different from this one. Regarding our site partnerships, the program specialist and I are working with principals that have reached out for PD over the summer. And of course, our new instructional materials recommendations and new high school course will be coming to you at our next meeting and there are about 15 new adoptions that will be sent out to you next week.

Ms. Townsend-Snider welcomed our new committee members and looks forward to seeing what a team of 14 is going to look like when the C&S committee is full. Ms. Townsend-Snider stated that she and Ms. Schnepf continue to look at data in TK-12. If you have been watching the board meetings or attending, you will also hear about the interest in where their kids are with student achievement and data. As Nicole and Ms. Julienne have touched on, teachers are very interested in where their students perform. We all see the same test results and we know we need to do better and where our kids need to improve. That is something that is systemic and has been a conversation since COVID started. We are looking at the data, and of course, there is the iReady and the CAASPP data but what's also important is the data that's being gathered locally at the school site to help identify what they are going to be moving forward with next year. If you are curious, you can look at the school site plans that are approved by the School Site Councils.

**Committee Member:**

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**Adjournment:**

Ms. Thelen adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Harrington  
Committee Secretary