

**SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Curriculum, Standards, Instructional, and Student Services Board Advisory Committee**  
**Regular Committee Meeting Minutes – Draft**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

<b>SJUSD</b> 3738 Walnut Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608 (916) 971-7364	
<b>Members Present:</b>	Mary Beth Barber, Ewa Firl, Kennard Harris, Susan Olsen, Phromlak Sakpichaimongkol, Linda Thelen
<b>Staff/Guest Present:</b>	Paula Baucom, Heather Brandt, Wendy Harrington, Nicole Kukral, Laura Mulder, Nicole Naditz, Gianfranco Tornatore, Amberlee Townsend-Snider
<b>Board Member Present:</b>	Pam Costa
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Myel Jenkins, Veronica Schwalbach
<b>Call to Order/Introductions</b>	Kennard Harris called the meeting to order at 6:40
<b>Visitors Comments:</b>	None

**Introductions:**

Kennard Harris, C&S Committee Co-chair introduced himself and then asked to go around the room and have everyone introduce themselves.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP):**

Gianfranco Tornatore, Director of Continuous Improvement and LCAP Analyst, Laura Mulder, joined the meeting to conduct a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) listening session. Listening to the voice of parents, students, staff, and the community is an important step in informing critical decision-making in the development of the LCAP. The LCAP is a three-year plan revised annually and describes how services are provided to improve the performance of English learner, low-income, and foster youth students as well as the performance of all students. Participants were invited to share their views based on the LCAP's four goals:

- Connected School Communities
- Healthy Environments for Social and Emotional Growth
- Clear Pathways to Bright Futures
- Engaging Academics

The committee, Mr. Tornatore and Ms. Mulder shared their perspectives, insights, and experiences as they related to our four LCAP goals using the question. Once LCAP has met with all the committees, staff groups and community organizations it will help inform the next steps and improvement work as they plan for the 2023-24 school year and beyond.

**Curriculum Series:**

Nicole Kukral, Director, Professional Learning and Innovation (PLI) introduced the reason she is bringing forward the curriculum series to the C&S committee. Tonight we are doing a brief overview of the process of what is required by the state legislation and board policy. Nicole Naditz, Program Specialist, Technology and World Language, Paula Baucom,

Program Specialist, Science and Health, and Heather Brandt, Program Specialist, History/Social Studies (HSS) and English Language Arts (ELA), were guests.

Ms. Kukral shared the conditions of the adoptions based on San Juan's 8-point commitment, the collective bargaining agreements, and relevant global and national, and community events. Current fiscal reality and existing budgets and internal process for adopting instructional materials. The journey of the standards and the instructional framework as well as core curriculum on our materials and how we adopt it.

Ms. Kukral shared the supplemental curriculum that is chosen by teachers after making informed decisions about their students' needs. Professional development works together in our community to support the growth of our student and practitioner needs.

Ms. Kukral shared how the continual refresh of curriculum is driven by the legislated timelines for the adoption of state frameworks and instructional materials and the year materials were last adopted by San Juan Unified (generally every 7 years) as that is aligned with the state's process. Ms. Kukral stated that an important consideration is that no more than one core adoption for elementary will happen in the same year. Ms. Kukral shared the timeline moving forward for the committee.

The committee wanted to know what some of the languages that we offer are. Ms. Naditz shared that we have Japanese, Spanish, French, Chinese, and American Sign Language. The committee wanted to know about the 7-year adoption and why it is 7 years. The state has followed that cycle that is what San Juan follows and based on the matrix and if you were to lessen it, there could be an overload of new courses and we would see an impact on the system when navigating the new curriculum.

The committee then had a discussion on the elementary school adoptions on English Language Art (ELA). Ms. Brandt shared with what San Juan is doing as far as the new way of re-teaching phonics with Benchmark as there is no time line for a new adopting of ELA for elementary level. Ms. Brandt also shared how teachers are going through the LETRS – Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling and then taking their skills and sharing what they have learned with the students. A committee member expressed a concern about the board policy that requires San Juan Unified to adopt K-8 instructional materials from the state approved list.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Harris asked for a motion to move the December meeting minutes to February 1.

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

Mr. Harris wanted to say how much he appreciated all of the curriculum and what are positions on the committee do to help with the curriculum adoption and looking forward to the next meetings.

#### **Reports to be Heard:**

##### **Board Member:**

Ms. Costa shared that she enjoyed the listening circle with the LCAP and would like to be able to hear what all the other committees are sharing. And she shared with Ms. Kukral that she thought the board should hear this report. That it was most insightful.

##### **Staff Member:**

Ms. Kukral wanted to share how the team is working on their recommendation meetings on the adoption of new curriculum and bringing them forward to the C&S committee in March. PLI is also working on a professional development catalog for the spring and summer months to share with teachers.

Ms. Townsend shared why Mr. Stockett and Ms. Morgan were not present and the process of now adding 6 new members that will be appointed by the 3 new board members. They are looking to be finalized by the end of March. At that time, we will ask Ms. Simlick, General Counsel for the district to come back and present the Brown Act with its changes.

**Committee Member:**

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:50

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Harrington  
Committee Secretary