

SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum, Standards, Instructional, and Student Services Board Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes – Approved
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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Members Present:	Maggie Cooper, Kennard Harris, Veronica Schwalbach, Catrayel Wood, Susan Zimmer
Staff/Guest Present:	Amy Day, Omar Field-Ridley, Wendy Harrington, Nicole Kukral, Kristan Schnepf, Amberlee Townsend-Snider, Lori Vine, Brett Wolfe
Board Member Present:	Saul Hernandez
Members Absent:	Mariya Babiychuk, Mindy McIntyre, Kelsey Nelsen, Susan Olsen, Margaret Teichert, Myel Thelen
Call to Order/Introductions	Kennard Harris called the meeting to order at 6:36
Visitors Comments:	

Introductions:

Kennard Harris, C&S Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 6:36 and read the visitor comment statement. Mr. Harris then asked everyone to introduce themselves.

NEW BUSINESS:

Career Technical Education (CTE) Update:

Brett Wolfe, Director, College and Career Readiness shared the update on CTE and the happenings at the school sites. Mr. Wolfe shared the diagram of the CTE pathways and what high schools have which programs. Mr. Wolfe also shared how students are using the dual enrollment programs between taking their CTE course and the credits transferring over to American River College as college units when they graduate.

Mr. Wolfe shared that we have a new pathway that has been added to Mira Loma High School in Aviation. Mr. Wolfe shared how they wrote the grant and have been successful in hiring a teacher who is a pilot and flies in competitions and the course is going well. He also shared how we are adding new pathways at Encina and Rio Americano.

Mr. Wolfe shared how we are choosing pathways that have viability so that when the students graduate from high school and have taken courses under CTE they can find positions with the pathway that they completed. We are surveying students to see what they are interested in as well as making sure that those interested are showing viability for growth.

A committee member wanted to know if there was a pathway for education. Mr. Wolfe shared that they are currently working on this and can't share any of the information at this time. But it would help with positions such as Instructional Assistants and Bi-lingual Instructional Assistants. A committee member wanted to know when the connection starts to show students who may be interested in a pathway and unsure how to choose those classes. Mr. Wolfe shared that it starts in middle school with CTE counselors reaching out to the school sites and the CTE Expo that has been held for a few years. They bus all the middle school students to a location and have some of the CTE programs

set. Then the current high school in the CTE course will show the students what they have learned and talk about their experiences. The unfortunate thing about the CTE Expos is we don't have a location that is large enough and the cost of transportation was high. Mr. Wolfe shared how he is reaching out to other districts to see how they do regional events based on what is happening at those high schools within the district. He is hopeful that we will be able to have something next year for the middle school students. A committee member wanted to know how the students understand that if they have a CTE course the credits are transferred to a college which might encourage them to take these courses. Mr. Wolfe shared how the CTE counselors sit down with the students and work on whether they would like to attend college here is how it works or if they are looking for a pathway to a career. Mr. Wolfe shared that 75% of the CTE courses are A-G and you can do both by taking pathway courses and required courses. A committee member wanted to know if CTE tracks the students who have gone through the pathway programs and if they have stayed in that career field. Mr. Wolfe shared that when they graduate, they have tried to reach out to those students, however, it has been hard to find the students as they don't stay in touch with us, they move away, and just don't respond to our messaging via text or phone call or letters.

Equity Update:

Omar Field-Ridley, Director, Equity and Student Achievement, Lori Vine, Coordinator, Equity and Student Achievement and Amy Day, Equity TOSA introduced the Equity Department presentation.

Mr. Field-Ridley shared the agenda of the presentation and the Equity Department's mission statement. Mr. Field-Ridley shared that the district holds a college fair and that the Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) fair was held at Rio Americano High School and 96 students were accepted to an HBCU school and 35 scholarships were handed out. That is a 35% increase totaling over \$673,924. Mr. Field-Ridley also shared the mentorship programs that are in both our K-8 and high schools and the programs that are working with them.

Ms. Vine shared that our classified and administrative staff have the opportunity to attend the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles where they go to tour the museum with docents and can do workshops along with conversations of what they have seen and how they are feeling. They also have the opportunity to work with EPOCH Education doing online courses on equity or can attend a 30-hour program at the Sacramento State Social Justice Institute and learn about social justice, identify the change they want, and how to go about doing it.

Ms. Day shared how there is a Lending Library for teachers and students that has a wide variety of books/textbooks for students with pictures so students can see themselves in these books. Ms. Day shared how the Equity Department is working with Bella Vista High School on a magazine that will have students providing stories and poems they would like to see published. The committee will review the pieces and select who will be in the magazine. They will celebrate at the end of the year with the published version of the magazine. Ms. Day also shared how they are working with Professional Learning and Innovation on 33 different sessions that staff can choose from.

Ms. Vine shared how she is working with students on sharing their voices and leadership within the district on different programs and policies. Ms. Vine shared how a student who was on the Superintendent Student Advisory Committee (SSAC) last year wanted to review the Dress Code Policy 5132. It is now being brought to the board after working with students in listening circles and hearing what they thought about the original policy which is more than 20 years old. One of the other areas that students shared in the listening circles was the lack of support for our refugee families on our campuses when a student starts school. Now the students and equity team are working on programs to help support the new students when they start school.

Ms. Day and Ms. Vine shared how they also go to school sites to support them when they need specific training or learning they request.

A committee member had no questions but wanted to share that she was so impressed with these programs and the work that has been and continues to be done. Committee members wanted a little more information on the College Fair and how many schools were there. Mr. Field-Ridley shared that there were 36 colleges from across the county in attendance. A committee member wanted to know what the incentive is to participate in the Equity Training. Mr. Field-Ridley shared that they work with the principals on equity during the monthly principal meetings and that they have two Equity Summits during the school year as well. We do offer Continuing Education hours for after-school meetings. A committee member wanted to know the number of staff that participate in the Equity Trainings and Mr. Field-Ridley shared that it is a large percentage of teachers doing this work, and working on the programs that are offered. We are seeing that the new teachers coming out of Sacramento State are coming out ready to go due to the training they are receiving on Equity.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the February 7 meeting will be moved to March 20, 2024, for approval as there was not a quorum tonight.

Chairperson's Comments/Committee Business:

No committee chair comments or new business.

Reports to be heard:

1. **Board Member** – Saul Hernandez, Vice President, Board of Education shared how appreciative he was that everyone was here at this meeting. Mr. Hernandez shared a little bit about the board meeting that was held the night before and the Prop 28 Arts grant and how excited he is that our students will all be participating in arts and/or Physical Education next year.
2. **Staff Member** – Ms. Kukral thanked Mr. Hernandez for being here in Pam's absence and shared that her team is getting ready to come to the committee on March 20 and they have a lot to share. Ms. Kukral also shared how her team has taken input from the C&S committee around family and community engagement. Ms. Kukral shared that this year they have had 13 community members show interest in being on the adoption committees next year. That is a significant change as we usually only have one or two.

Ms. Townsend-Snider thanked everyone for being there tonight and let them know if they would like to speak with her to reach out and she would be happy to speak with them.

3. Committee Members:

- a. None

Adjournment:

Mr. Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington
Committee Secretary