

SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum, Standards, Instructional, and Student Services Board Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Arden Middle School 1640 Watt Avenue Sacramento, CA 95864 (916) 971-7364	
Members Present:	Mariya Babiychuk, Maggie Cooper, Kennard Harris, Kelsey Nelson, Susan Olsen, Veronica Schwalbach, Myel Thelen,
Staff/Guest Present:	Holly Cybulski, Wendy Harrington, Darrin Kitchen, Nicole Kukral, Peter Skibitzki, Amberlee Townsend-Snider, Lori Vine
Board Member Present:	Pam Costa
Members Absent:	Mindy McIntyre, Margaret Teichert, Catrayel Wood, Susan Zimmer
Call to Order/Introductions	Kennard Harris called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm
Visitors Comments:	None

Introductions:

Kennard Harris, C&S Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 and read the visitor comment statement. Mr. Harris then asked everyone to introduce themselves.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dress Code Revisions:

Darrin Kitchen, Director, Secondary Education, Holly Cybulski, Director, Elementary Education/K-8, and Lori Vine, Coordinator, Equity and Student Achievement shared with the C&S committee the dress code revision that started back in 2019 and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was placed on hold. In the fall of 2021, the students on the Student Superintendent’s Advisory Council (SSAC) wanted to reconvene the dress code discussion. The dress code committee started to have listening circles at several sites. The students and staff developed a survey where over 4,500 students responded. The goal of this new dress code is to create an equitable, consistent, district wide practice for all students. Currently, each school has its own dress code policy.

The dress code committee was formed in 2022 and has a representation of students, community members, both classified and certificated staff as well as union representation. In the fall of 2022, the committee created the survey based on data trends, and themes they were hearing at the listening circles and the concerns. In the spring of 2023, there was an understanding of the problem with the current dress code policies. In the fall of 2023, the committee learned about what neighboring district’s policies and legislation and drafted the proposed policy.

The dress code was opened up for public review from April 8 – May 17 where staff, students and community members will be invited to review the proposed policy and give their feedback to the committee. They will have three community information events both virtually and in person. They are also attending different district committees such as they are tonight with C&S. They are communicating through district newsletters, websites, social media, and at site-level committees. They are using a mass notification system to let families know about the reviewing of the proposed dress code policy.

The dress code committee then answered questions from the committee on why this action had been taken. The dress code committee shared those female students felt body shamed due to their sizes. The committee members were very impressed that this was a student-initiated action. C&S committee members wanted to know how the new policy would be unveiled to the administration and teachers. The dress code committee shared that they have plans to present a video at the start of school year meetings this will be shared with the principals and vice principals and they will train their teachers and staff on the new policy. The committee would like a dress code update when we return in the 2024-2025 school year.

Technology Update:

Peter Skibitzki, Senior Director, Technology Services, presented to the committee an update on Technology Services. Mr. Skibitzki then talked about his support staff and technology management team and the programs that they are working on to move San Juan Unified forward in technology. Mr. Skibitzki shared what devices and programs they support as well as what services in the four different district areas his team has supported. The breakdown included that San Juan Unified has over 100,000 devices in our district and that these numbers include ECE and the Discover Club. They include Windows desktops as well as Apple desktops, networking equipment, document cameras, phones, televisions, and many more electronic devices.

Mr. Skibitzki shared that the number of tickets for technology services now includes the Financial Information System (FIS), networking and telecommunications, Student Information System (SIS), and the desktop. Mr. Skibitzki then shared about the new multifactor authentication security system we now have in place in our systems. Mr. Skibitzki shared the new programs that are coming, including Artificial intelligence (AI). He shared how they are working on having 1:1 for students, however, they have run into some obstacles, and they want to make sure we are good stewards of district funds and make sure they have a re-refresh plan so that when the older computers stop working, they can replace them. Mr. Skibitzki shared how our schools are purchasing the new Interactive Panels that he showed the committee last year and that the staff enjoys working on them as well as the students.

The committee shared that they were happy with the update and that they are excited to hear more about AI. A committee member wanted to know about students and what they could do if they needed a computer for home. Mr. Skibitzki shared that they are able to take them home if they have an IEP, home/hospital, or for a serious illness. Currently, they don't have enough devices to hand out to each student, our goal right now is to get one for each student in each class.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Harris asked the committee to review the minutes for March 20, 2024.

Mr. Harris asked for a motion to approve the March 20 meeting minutes. Susan Olsen moved to motion for a vote and Veronica Schwalbach seconded. A vote was held 5 yea/0 nay/2 abstentions. Minutes passed.

Chairperson's Comments/Committee Business:

No committee chair comments or new business.

Reports to be heard:

- 1. Board Member** – Pam Costa, shared that she was thankful for everyone and that she is excited to see Nicole and her team make this presentation to the board.

Staff Members – Ms. Kukral, shared that this is a busy time for Professional Learning and Innovation with the ramping up of summer professional development. Taking the new courses and curriculum to the board and in May will give an update to the board on the math program. Ms. Kukral shared that there is also a residency program that she is working on and will bring to the committee in the fall.

Ms. Townsend-Snider shared that they are working on-site administrators for both the rest of this year and next as we have several principals retiring and openings at school that have interim principals. We are watching enrollment and working on our professional development for next year. Ms. Townsend-Snider shared that testing is starting next week as well.

2. Committee Members:

- a. None

Adjournment:

Mr. Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington
Committee Secretary