

SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum, Standards, Instructional, and Student Services Board Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes – Approved
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

SJUSD 3738 Walnut Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608 (916) 971-7364	
Members Present:	Kennard Harris, Phromlak Sakpichaimongkol, Veronica Schwalbach, Margaret Teichert, Linda Thelen, Myel Thelen
Staff/Guest Present:	Trent Allen, Heather Brandt, Michael Dittmer, Wendy Harrington, Nicole Kukral, Amberlee Townsend-Snider
Board Member Present:	Pam Costa
Members Absent:	Mariya Babiychuk, Mary Beth Barber, Susan Olsen
Call to Order/Introductions	Myel Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:35
Visitors Comments:	Tom Nelson

Introductions:

Myel Thelen, C&S Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 and read the visitor comment statement. Ms. Thelen then asked everyone to introduce themselves and why they brought the dish to share, was it a memory or a feeling?

NEW BUSINESS:

Arts and Physical Education Update:

Nicole Kukral, Director of Professional Learning and Innovation introduced Michael Dittmer, Program Specialist in the Arts and Physical Education (PE), and shared his presentation. Mr. Dittmer shared that the curriculum for the arts is divided between two mediums, Visual and Performing Arts and Physical Education. Mr. Dittmer shared the Kids Art program that was held at Fair Oaks Park and how there were about 2,500 people that attended this event and it continues to grow every year. Mr. Dittmer shared how the current staff, retired staff, and community volunteers from our schools were at the art stations. Mr. Dittmer shared the different levels of teaching with art there is from elementary and one-time experiences to a deeper scaffolding lesson that builds on one another. And how secondary teachers focus on unit themes, materials, and mediums. Mr. Dittmer shared the culminating events that are held throughout the year around the district, and they ended with the regional art show.

Mr. Dittmer shared that music is broken into two different levels, TK-8 and 6-12 grades. TK-8 is more for music education and standards that are centered around exploring and experiencing music concepts. Where 6-12 grades have four additional sets of music standards used to enhance students' music literacy, ensemble and harmonizing instruments, composition, and theory as well as music technology.

Mr. Dittmer shared the PE content standards serve as the foundation for instruction for all grade and course levels. Mr. Dittmer shared how exercising helps with your mind, body, and soul and how essential skills and knowledge that all students need to maintain physically active and healthy lifestyles.

A committee member asked Mr. Dittmer if all elementary schools have a specialist for Arts and PE. Mr. Dittmer stated that some schools share the art and PE teachers but are looking forward to it and hoping that they soon will. A committee member wanted to know if the Art Docents were coming back to the schools as they had not had them for some time. Mr. Dittmer shared that this school year, 22-23, they came back. He has purchased licenses for 13 schools to start and he has a lead parent volunteer that has been training parents and is working on the culture, arts, and ethnic connections. A committee member asked when he comes back if he could include a breakdown of what schools and programs, they each have. And wanted to know how Mr. Dittmer recruits for the track meet that is held. Mr. Dittmer stated that they do use the parent flyers, and Behind the Scene newsletter that goes out to the staff. Mr. Dittmer stated that he would send out the information to the C&S committee next year. A committee member asked where he stores all of his materials and instruments. Mr. Dittmer stated that at the office at La Entrada, he has shelves that are stacked with bins for material storage and instruments.

C&S Bylaws Update:

Trent Allen, Chief of Staff, shared with us the changes that were made and approved by the board for the C&S Bylaws. Mr. Allen then opened the discussion to questions the committee members had.

A committee member asked how the board members would select a new committee member. The board member will have to have one committee member live in the area that they are elected from and then they will take the names to the board for ratification by a majority vote from the board. Another committee member wanted to know about the vacant board seat and how that will be filled and then the committee members appointed to C&S. Ms. Allen shared that there is going to be a special election for the board members in November of 2023 and once they are elected and sworn in. Then the new board member will have the option to elect two members to C&S and they will have to follow the new dates of being appointed to the committee.

Discussion for Community Engagement on Adoption:

Ms. Kukral shared how during a board meeting they thought that there needed to be some growth around the community engagement around the adoption committee and process. Ms. Kukral was looking for some ideas that the committee members may have on how we can have those conversations or how to reach the community members and encourage them to join an adoption committee.

The committee suggested to Ms. Kukral, school newspapers, flyers, or posters around the district and at school sites for parents to see. Social media outreach such as a video on our website reaching out and what you are looking for in an adoption committee member. Flyers to hand out to parents as they arrive at school or when picking up students?

Reflection:

Ms. Thelen asked if we could go around the room and ask if there are committee members who would like to share or reflect on this year and what we have accomplished on the committee. We went around the room and all the members shared what they had enjoyed, what they had learned, and what they are looking forward to for next year. The committee members shared how much they enjoyed the Curriculum Drive and understanding the adoption process and the presentation cleared up a lot of questions that they had.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Thelen asked if there were any changes or comments on the March 29 meeting minutes, there were two changes. Ms. Thelen then asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes with the changes made, Kennard Harris, moved to approve, and Veronica Schwalbach second. Ms. Thelen called for a vote, 5 yea/0 nay/1 abstention. Minutes pass.

Ms. Thelen asked if there were any changes or comments on the April 19 meeting minutes, there were two changes. Ms. Thelen then asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes with the changes made, Phromlak Sakpichaimongkol, moved to approve, and Veronica Schwalbach second. Ms. Thelen called for a vote, 5 yea/0 nay/1 abstention. Minutes pass.

Chairperson's Comments/Committee Business:

Reports to be heard:

1. Board Member

- a. Pam Costa, Board Vice President, wanted to thank each and every committee member for the great year that was had on the C&S Committee. She is looking forward to next year.

2. Staff Member

- a. Ms. Kukral continued the theme of appreciation and how much she appreciates the staff and how much she has developed a much deeper appreciation for the committee. Ms. Kukral stated that she enjoyed doing the tour of the curriculum and hopes to continue it next year. She was thankful as well for the deep questions and conversations that were had during the curriculum team coming to our meetings.
- b. Amberlee Townsend-Snider, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education and Programs, seconded what Ms. Kukral shared about the appreciation that she felt for this committee and the deep conversations and feedback that has been given. Ms. Townsend-Snider also thanked the committee and hoped they enjoyed their summer, and we would see you all again in September and will have the new meeting dates. She also shared that in November we will be holding a special election for a new board member and that they would appoint two new members to our committee.

3. Committee Members:

- a. None

Adjournment:

Mr. Thelen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington
Committee Secretary