

Santiago Charter Middle School

Charter Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 16, 2024

The Santiago Middle School Charter Board met in-person October 16, 2024. Directors present at the meeting are noted with an “X”.

X	John Haug	X	Susan Gibb (Certificated Rep)
X	John Besta (Chairperson/Community Rep)	X	Desiree Ortiz (Parent Rep)
X	Alicia Abifadel (Vice Chairperson/Teacher Rep)	X	Julia McCuiston (Parent Rep)
	Pat Connolly (Teacher Rep)	X	Steve Arnett (Certificate & Classified Rep)
X	Ashley Pedroza (Secretary/Curriculum Rep)		Cynthia Robles (Classified Rep)
X	Eric Philips (Parent Rep)	X	District Representative: Ken Miller

An “*” indicates directors who were not present for the entire meeting.

A meeting notice, together with an agenda packet, was provided to each director by October 14, 2024. On the same date, a meeting agenda – including date, time and place – was posted at the entrance to the school office, on the office bulletin board and on Santiago’s website.

- 1. Call to order:** John Besta at 6:30p
- 2. Quorum was established**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of Agenda:**
Motion to approve by Ashley Pedroza

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Approved: 9-0

5. Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2024

- Edit to remove Susan Gibb from attendance

Motion to approve by John Haug

Approved: 8-0, recusals: Susan Gibb

6. Public Comments: NA

7. Action Items:

- Unaudited Actuals Financial Report: presented by Roy Kim from ICON School Management
Motion to approve by Steve Arnett
Approved: 9-0
- CYBHI Capacity Grant
Motion to approve by Julia McCuistion
Approved: 9-0

8. Information/Discussion Items:

A. Board Comments:

- Upcoming Band Events:

B. Principal's Report:

- Recent accident on Collins and Tustin included one of our students and her parent. Grateful for the community who stepped up to support our student and her family and the road to recovery for our student is long but she is well supported.
- Grants:
 - School Workforce Program through CDE: \$220,013 Submitted 10/9 for Dual Enrollment
 - School Workforce Program through CDE: \$996,828 Submitted 10/11 for Expansion of Arts, Media and Entertainment Electives
 - CTEig through CDE: \$523,133 Submitted 9/30 for CTE Electives and their expansion
 - Cal Youth Services: \$10,000 Submitted 10/7 for Mental Health Services and Support
 - Capacity Grant through CDE: \$64,000 RECEIVED for the development of a billing infrastructure for Mental Health Services
- We invited the new Principal Bob King to Santiago to familiarize him with our school, our programs, and our staff. He was very gracious and receptive to strengthening the partnership between our two schools. He then arranged for El Mo to send over some athletes from their various sports teams and some ASB students to participate in our first RAD assembly of the school year.
- Ms. Adams put together the RAD assembly and did a great job of recognizing students, scheduling student performances, and getting staff to participate in games so the students

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were not only recognized for their achievements, but entertained as well. Shout out to our Band and Ms. Abifadel and our Cheerleaders and Ms. Grishaber as well as the staff members who participated.

- We had our annual NJHS induction ceremony on September 24th and inducted about 70 students into this year's National Junior Honor Society. Mrs. Hale and Mr. Dukja did an excellent job organizing and hosting this fun event.
- Santiago had a visit from the committee for Schools to Watch on September 25th, and we are very happy to say that we have been redesignated for an additional 3 year term as a school to watch based on our schoolwide programs and practices. Thank you to Mrs. Pedroza, Mrs. Mallory, and Mrs. Mikkelsen for their drafting of our application.
- We held our first PTSA meeting of the school year and invited parents to review our curriculum options for the CHYA that we agreed to revisit at the end of last year to make sure it is aligned and initiated based on the California standards. You may recall we had a few parents attend a charter board meeting bringing this concern to our board last year and we decided to examine different curriculum options and the way this unit was rolled out. The PTSA had an excellent turn out with a shout out to Mrs. Salloum for promoting the meeting and getting our parents more involved.
- Our counseling team did a unit on suicide prevention for national suicide prevention week that all students at Santiago attended. This was a new unit for 7th graders and a refresher unit for our 8th graders.
- We have our Mental Health Screener coming up in about two weeks called the "Heads-Up Check Up" and this will be administered by our counseling/psychologist staff and Dr. Eaton from Well Street Family Service
- Fields and facilities are in need of some upgrades. We have the budget this year to do it as our enrollment is up over 50 students (\$600K) than we had projected. We are looking at major upgrades to fields, ramps around the PE building, the path that leads to the premier fields, and outside of PE classes as well as interior painting of the hallways, some exterior painting areas and upgrading our camera system with 10 more of the HD quad cameras.
- Enrollment is holding strong and growing through the beginning of the first trimester. We have over 40 in-person students more than last year and as of Friday, October 11th (end of Attendance Month 2), we have 1137 in-person students and 32 online Independent Study Students. We continue to add more each week to our IS program in hopes that it will continue to grow and serve the students who are not best served by the traditional school model.
- On September 30th, we rolled out Dual Enrollment Application for the upcoming Santiago Canyon College semester and to date, have had over 325 applications picked up. In collaboration with SCC, we have held 3 in-person Parent Information Sessions and 2 virtual Parent Information Sessions. Collectively, we have had well over 140 families attend our information sessions and are excited to launch this new program for students.
- Fall Sports are still underway. Both our girls and boys soccer played this afternoon at the Santa Ana Bowl in the OCCSL League Championships and are the top teams in the OUSD League. In addition to soccer, we started Girls Flag, Boys Flag and Girls and Boys

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Volleyball and between those have had over 350 students show up for after-school sports. Thank you Mr. Connolly and Mr. Nava for your incredible support of our student athletes.

8. Consent Items

A. Personnel Report:

Approval of personnel reports requiring action that may include extra pay projects, separation of service, short-term employment, change of status and new hires.

Fiscal Impact: \$15,734.24

B. Purchase Orders

Board will vote on purchase orders 2961-2965 which have been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Charter Board and applicable requirements of the State of California.

Fiscal Impact: \$11,659.48

C. Warrants List

Board will vote on warrants 2922-2948 and 11140-11178 which have been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Charter Board and applicable requirements of the State of California.

Fiscal Impact: \$2,047,641.24

Motion to approve by Alicia Abifadel

Approved: 9-0

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by John Besta at 7:35p

Next meeting: December 4, 2024

Reviewed and edited by Ashley Pedroza

The Board of Directors has approved the foregoing minutes

Ashley Pedroza, Secretary