



San Juan Unified School District

Curriculum and Standards Committee

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We believe that:

- We believe that...
 - Every person is unique and has equal worth.
 - Everyone can and will learn.
 - People learn in different ways and at varied paces.
 - Education is the shared responsibility of students, families, teachers, staff, and community.
 - Quality education expands opportunities throughout a person's life.
 - Challenging people to meet high expectations leads to exceptional learning and remarkable results.
 - Nurturing relationships and healthy environments are necessary for individuals to thrive
 - Diversity is a valuable asset that strengthens and enriches our community.
 - Personal
 - are essential to build trusting relationships
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Approved Minutes

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

District Office Board Room at 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Ms. Teichert called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

II. Visitors' Comments

a. None

III. Business Items:

Technology Services:

Peter Skibitzki, Senior Director of Technology Services, presented an update on Technology Services to the committee. He then talked about his support staff and technology management team and the programs they are working on to move San Juan Unified forward in technology. Mr. Skibitzki shared the number of Service Now tickets in technology services that have been handled so far this year, including the Financial Information System (FIS), networking and telecommunications, Student Information System (SIS), and desktop support. He also reviewed what work has been completed, is in progress, and is planned for the future in San Juan Unified.

Mr. Skibitzki then shared the E-Rate process and the cost before and after the district signed up for this program. He also reviewed the new multifactor authentication security system we now have in our systems. He then reviewed the year-end planning, such as summer school, smooth start for the San Juan new hires, and computer replacement program refresh. Mr. Skibitzki shared the latest programs that are coming, including Artificial intelligence (AI) like Magi School AI, Guard Railz, and Microsoft Co-Pilot, as well as the educational technology plan.

The committee shared that they were happy with the update, excited to hear more about AI, and looking forward to hearing about the pilots. The committee also wanted to know about Pocket Talk devices that help with translation. Mr. Skibitzki let the members know that he would bring some devices for them and would like them to use them and let him know how they work.

Committee members wanted to know about students and what they could do if they needed a computer for home. Mr. Skibitzki shared that they can take them home if they have an IEP, home/hospital, or for a serious illness, and that they are still working on the 1:1 ratio at the schools, as most have them, but there are still some outstanding.

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Instructional Technology:

Nicole Naditz, Program Specialist, Instructional Technology and World Language shared the 2025 Instructional Technology update. Ms. Naditz shared the Vision, current context, instructional technology plan, and the next steps. Our vision is to see what the district is working towards, what they want for students and how we might get there.

Ms. Naditz then reviewed the meaningful learning experience through intentional technology interaction with the current curriculum, core technology, and other tools. Ms. Naditz shared how, working with teachers and their students, that they are requesting access to additional tools to address specific needs or provide a new way to conceptualize information and share knowledge and skills.

Ms. Naditz reviewed instructional support and how it varies based on professional learning and the support needed to lead instruction. It will also promote strategic implementation of online resources or leverage district-purchased technology tools to support teaching.

Ms. Naditz then reviewed the planning for the future of teaching and learning. We are currently reviewing the current context and will draft and give feedback on what staff, students, and community are looking for. The goal is to provide consistency, flexibility and support as resources evolve to meet the needs of students and staff best.

The committee had many questions for Ms. Naditz about training for staff and students on the new programs and AI. Ms. Naditz shared that there are always professional learning events happening throughout the year. Teachers have all day trainings where we get a sub, and they come to the PLI office, or we have Zoom meetings after school. And yes, some are paid and some are for the Continuing Education hours that help them move along on their columns for pay, which helps meet the 150 Continuing Education hours they have to meet every 5 years. We also offer training for families working with the Family and Community Engagement department.

Professional Learning and Innovation:

Nicole Kukral, Director, Professional Learning and Innovation shared her presentation on Professional Learning and Innovation (PLI) update. Ms. Kukral was excited to bring this update to the committee and share the work her department is doing, what their priorities are for the 2024-25 school year, and how they have continued to refine the work to ensure that it positively impacts teaching and learning, for all learners in our system, both students and staff.

Ms. Kukral shared that roadmap for this discussion and the rules of the road. What State Legislation drives for many of our decisions and creates state-wide mandates for local education agencies and legislation critical timelines. She also reviewed what the Board policy determines based on the local Educational Agency and provides us with guardrails as we make decisions and implement. Ms. Kukral shared the guiding documents for the PLI team and their work, including the 8-point commitment, the community context and data, and the procedures we must use to implement decisions.

Ms. Kukral reviewed the standards, core curriculum, and framework for our journey. We purchase supplemental materials and hold professional learning opportunities. She also reviewed how we continually refresh the curriculum and what elements drive it. She then reviewed the adoption process, which involves vetting the curriculum, selecting a pilot, piloting, and forming recommendations. Ms. Kukral then shared how that is all brought to the C&S committee for review and approval, and then we take it to the board for final review and approval in two parts.

The committee wanted to know how to participate in an appointment committee, and Ms. Kukral shared the information. Committee members also wanted to know why the text can't be updated as times change. Ms. Kukral shared that all adoptions are a 7-year cycle. Sometimes, supplemental materials can be updated, but a textbook would have to go through the entire process, be approved by the state and local committees, and then would have to be reprinted, which is very costly.

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IV: Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2024

Ms. Teichert moved for a motion to approve the December 4, 2024, minutes, which was called by Maggie Cooper and seconded by Mindy McIntyre. Ms. Teicher then called for a vote, and the committee voted 13/0/0 to approve the minutes. Minutes passed.

V. Chairperson's Comments/Committee Business

No comments

VI. Reports to be Heard

Board Member:

Ms. Costa was absent from this meeting.

Staff:

Ms. Kukral reminded the committee that she would bring the new curriculum and high school course for review and approval at the March 19 meeting. She would like to remind everyone that we will need a quorum to hold this meeting and approve the items. Ms. Kukral also shared that on February 3, an all-call went out to families and staff to join a committee for the 2025-2026 adoptions. We currently have 90 community members, family and staff signed up.

Ms. Townsend-Snider shared that Katherine Johnson Middle School opened its new campus in January, and everyone was excited to be there. In elementary education, we are rolling out T-K at all elementary schools for the 2025-2026 school year. We are working with enrollment to help fill the slots, and we have solid projections. We hope to have more students than spots.

Others:

None

VII. Adjournment at 8:50 pm

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