



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

Approved Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
District Office Board Room at 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Ms. Teichert called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

II. Visitors' Comments

a. None

III. Business Items:

Multilingual Learner Program Update:

Harvey Oaxaca, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Gwyn Dellinger, Director of the Office of Student Learning Assistance, and Genoveva Mendoza Navarrete, English Learner Program Manager gave a presentation on the district's multilingual learner program. Dr. Oaxaca introduced the topic, while Ms. Dellinger spoke about the California English Learner Roadmap, enrollment numbers, language diversity and categories of English learners. Ms. Navarrete shared information on reclassification, the California Dashboard English Learner Progress Indicator (ELPI), systems of supports, designated and integrated English Language Development (ELD), professional learning opportunities, the E.L. Achieve Systematic ELD program, and the State Seal of Biliteracy. The group then discussed the next steps.

The committee was surprised at the amount of EL students that our district was supporting and wanted to know about some of the tools that are used to communicate with students when they don't speak English. Ms. Dellinger shared how soccer is a tool used with the students. It's a game in which you don't have to communicate verbally, and the students build friendship through that sport. The committee wanted to know about community support teams that our district works with. Ms. Dellinger and Ms. Mendoza Navarrete shared that they work with MO-SAC, CARE, UC Davis, World Relief to name a few.

History/Social Science/English Language Arts

Heather Brandt, Program Specialist, HSS/ELA, shared her presentation on the importance of literacy, using language comprehension, and word recognition, which lead to reading comprehension. Ms. Brandt also shared how who we are working on year 2 of the Sacramento County READS, Community of Practice. Ms. Brandt gave a brief introduction to the Screening for Reading Difficulties Screener that will start in the 2025-2026 school year and will be bringing that to us in April with more information. Ms. Brandt then shared more details on the new course and curriculum recommendations that will be introduced at the next meeting. Ms. Brandt

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shared how many of our teachers are participating in the LETRS program and how much it has grown over the past few years. She also shared information on the professional learning that is offered, book studies and the site cohorts and what they are working on. Ms. Brandt also reviewed information on Ethnic Studies implementation and support, and the CA Serve grant partnership for civics. The partnership aims to engage teachers in the concepts and practices of student civic learning and engagement.

IV: Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2025

Ms. Teichert moved for a motion to approve February 5, 2025, minutes, which was called by Susan Olsen and seconded by Veronica Schwalbach. Ms. Teicher then called for a vote, and the committee voted 9/0/0 to approve the minutes. Minutes passed.

V. Chairperson's Comments/Committee Business

No comments

VI. Reports to be Heard

Board Member:

Ms. Costa shared that the Particular Kinds of Service (PKS) list was on the next board agenda and that this time is tough on the board as the COVID relief funds are coming to an end at the end of the year and we have to reduce staff based on our funding. Ms. Costa also shared that depending on the State and Federal funding, school districts could have some hard times heading our way.

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 wants to remind everyone that we will need a quorum to hold this meeting and approve the items. She also shared that our meeting on March 19 will start at 6:00 p.m., we will serve dinner, and Wendy will send out the meeting agenda on Monday.

Ms. Townsend-Snider shared that the schools are having those difficult conversations regarding the PKS list and re-navigating how to support the students next year. She shared that the board voted to use one-time funds to save some of the original PKS positions for one more year. Ms. Townsend-Snider also shared that the schools are working hard on their SIPSA reports for what they would like for the next school year and that once approved, they are placed on the school's webpage for you to see.

Others:

None

VII. Adjournment at 7:45 pm

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