



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 the 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 19, 2025

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

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Ms. Teichert called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

II. Visitors' Comments

a. None

III. Business Items:

a. New High School Courses (R/A)

Nicole Kukral, Director of Professional Learning and Innovation (PLI) explained the new course request process and reviewed the new proposed high school courses for 2025-2026. Ms. Kukral thanked all the teachers present for their hard work and for bringing these courses forward for approval. Ms. Kukral shared that the teachers have introduced 56 new high school courses over the past five years, explaining that these courses are a response to meeting students' interests and needs. Ms. Kukral then shared the process for bringing these courses forward and how the C&S committee will review them before being presented to the board meeting on March 25 for discussion.

A discussion was held with the C&S committee members and the course instructors. The questions concerned whether this new course would meet A-G requirements and whether it would be offered at each school. They also wanted to know if some of the courses were part of a CTE pathway.

Ms. Teichert moved for a motion to approve the New High School Courses, which was called by Maggie Cooper and seconded by Susan Zimmer. Ms. Teichert then called for a vote, and the committee voted 11/0/0 to approve the courses and move them forward to the board. The motion passed.

b. Instructional Materials Adoptions (R/A)

Nicole Kukral, Director, Professional Learning and Innovation, reviewed the overall purpose and the materials recommendation timeline. Ms. Kukral shared the selection criteria, stages of the process, and the materials cost for the 7-year adoptions. Ms. Kukral also reviewed the Report IIs, which include feedback from the teachers, the strengths and limitations of the proposed materials, as well as the selected textbooks and their costs.

Heather Brandt, Program Specialist for History and Social Science, and Elizabeth Julienne, Program Specialist for Math, shared with the committee that the purpose of the presentation was to demonstrate that they had

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thoroughly and thoughtfully completed the adoption process and to be transparent about critical information regarding the recommended instructional materials. The PLI team reviewed materials recommendations for adoption in history-social science, world language, and math, including a small adoption and a new course pending approval from the San Juan Unified Board of Education. They also included small adoptions that do not follow the traditional two-cycle pilot process as these courses are offered in a minimal scope across the district. They also discussed the professional learning opportunities provided for teachers for all new instructional materials.

There was a discussion with the committee members regarding questions they had about professional learning (PD) and how it is provided to teachers. Is attendance mandatory, and will staff be present? Ms. Kukral shared that attendance is not mandatory, but the teachers who do attend the PD really enjoy and participate in the training. Committee members also wanted to know if the online materials and textbooks are updated as the world changes. Ms. Kukral shared that the online materials are updated, but it would be too costly to a publisher to update and print new materials.

Ms. Teichert moved for a motion to approve the New High School Course, which was called by Susan Olsen and seconded by Veronica Schwalbach. Ms. Teichert then called for a vote, and the committee voted 11/0/0 to approve the adoptions and move them forward to the board. The motion passed.

IV: Approval of Minutes – March 5, 2025

Ms. Teichert moved for a motion to approve the March 5, 2025, minutes, which was called by Georgia Klostrakis and seconded by Dimah Adnan. Ms. Teichert then called for a vote, and the committee voted 11/0/0 to approve the minutes. Minutes passed.

V. Chairperson's Comments/Committee Business

No comments

VI. Reports to be Heard

Board Member:

Ms. Costa was thankful that all were in attendance to hear the new High School Courses and Instructional Materials presentation, as well as the thoughtful questions.

Staff:

Ms. Kukral thanked everyone for being there and for the thoughtful questions as well. At the next meeting, the PLI team will bring the Reading Difficulties Screener to approval, and we need to have a quorum present as well so she was hopeful that everyone would attend.

Ms. Schnepf had no comments.

Others:

None

VII. Adjournment at 7:45 pm

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