

Santiago Charter Middle School

Charter Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 12, 2025

The Santiago Middle School Charter Board met in-person March 12, 2025. Directors present at the meeting are noted with an “X”.

X	John Haug		Susan Gibb (Certificated Rep)
X	John Besta (Chairperson/Community Rep)		Desiree Ortiz (Vice Chairperson/Parent Rep)
	Alicia Abifadel (Teacher Rep)	X	Julia McCuistion (Parent Rep)
X	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)		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 March 10, 2025. 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 - Closed Session:** John Besta called the meeting to order at 6:17p
- 2. Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda - NA**
- 3. Public Session Closed and Closed Session Called to Order at 6:17p**
- 4. Adjourn Closed Session at 6:24p**
- 5. Call to order - Public Session:** John Besta called the meeting to order at 6:31p

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6. Quorum was established

7. Pledge of Allegiance

8. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve by Pat Connolly

Approved: 7-0

9. Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2024

- Edit to reflect John Besta's absence

Motion to approve by Susan Gibb

Approved: 5-0, abstain: Pat Connolly and Julie McCuiston

10. Public Comments: NA

11. Information/Discussion Items:

A. Board Comments:

- a. Dr. D'Agostino - Silva & Silva Contract for Review

B. Department Presentations:

- a. Mrs. De La Rosa - Business Class at Santiago
- b. Ms. Adams - ASB/Leadership

C. Principal's Report:

- STW Conference
- Open Enrollment Paperwork - lots of tours and shadow students
- Course Planning for 6th, 7th and 8th graders
- Transition Meetings
- CCSA annual conference
- Visit from Irvine Company about property development and updated enrollment
- Basketball teams are up and running for the Basketball season
- GRIP mentor lunch
- Pi Day on Friday
- All-Star Breakfast on Friday
- Culture and Incentives of School as a result of Mr. Lee and Mrs. Salloum
- ELMO CTE Walk and Articulation
- Dual Immersion is being launched in the 2025-2026 School Year
- We were invited to the French Wedding at VPHS
- ELMO and Orange Visit in previous few weeks and a visit to VP on the 27th
- Elected Officers Visits
- Update on Student

D. Presentation from ICON - Financial presentation including 1st and 2nd Interim Budget Reports

12. Consent Items

A. Purchase Orders

Board will vote on purchase orders 2977-2979 which have been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Charter Board and applicable requirements of the State of California.

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Fiscal Impact: \$7,459.53

B. Warrants List

Board will vote on warrants 3213-3235 and 11266-11282 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: \$141,249.14

Motion to approve by Steve Arnett

Approved: 7-0

13. Action Items:

A. Approve 2024-25 1st Interim Budget Report

Motion to approve by Julia McCuistion

Approved: 7-0

B. Approve 2024-25 2nd Interim Budget Report

Motion to approve by Julia McCuistion

Approved: 7-0

14 Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by John Besta at 7:31p

Next meeting: April 16, 2025

Reviewed and edited by Ashley Pedroza

The Board of Directors has approved the foregoing minutes

Ashley Pedroza, Secretary