

Santiago Charter Middle School

Charter Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 19, 2025

The Santiago Middle School Charter Board met in-person February 19, 2025. 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 (Vice Chairperson/Parent Rep)
X	Alicia Abifadel (Teacher Rep)		Julia McCuistion (Parent Rep)
	Pat Connolly (Teacher Rep)	X	Steve Arnett (Certificate & Classified Rep)
X	Ashley Pedroza (Secretary/Curriculum Rep)	X	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 February 18, 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:** John Besta called the meeting to order at 6:33p
- 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: December 4, 2024

- Edit to reflect John Besta's absence

Motion to approve by Susan Gibb

Approved: 8-0, abstain: John Besta

6. Public Comments: NA

7. Information/Discussion Items:

A. Board Comments:

- a. John Haug: Upward Bound: Math and Science program with SCC for First Generation college students and opportunities for students to be college students for the summer

B. Department Presentations:

- a. Mr. Mikkelsen - Unified PE
- b. Mr. Schlichter - Aviation/Animakerspace

C. Principal's Report:

- Enrollment Update - above pace for enrollment for 2025/2026
- Dual Enrollment Classes Started
- Dual Immersion Planning
- Visits to High Schools for high school planning
- El Modena Showcase
- Cheer Competitions - won regional meet and both teams made to nationals and each placed 6th in the state
- RAD assembly
- Volleyball finished and basketball is in full swing
- Field upgrades are starting to show dividends with safer, level, fields that now have working drains and sprinkler systems. We have two or three more projects scheduled for the field to accommodate our sports teams, PE classes and afters school ELP with a seating area, concrete walking paths, and a renovated turf area
- AC units and heating units have all been refurbished and upgraded other than the library and admin buildings
- All hallways have been professionally painted including the snack area and cafeteria hallways
- As we approach the March 15th deadline, we are looking at one or two personnel changes with the staff
- We have added a weekend security guard to manage the fields from outside organizational use without permits to preserve the fields
- We are giving tours and doing shadow days each and every week as we look to sustain our enrollment numbers for next year
- We are going to budget for a total enrollment of 1100 for next school year. We believe this will be a conservative number and want to build our budget conservatively as there is

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some uncertainty regarding federal funding and recent developments with the department of education

D. LCAP Mid-Year Review

E. Audit Report

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: \$19,655.55

B. Purchase Orders

Board will vote on purchase orders 2971-2976 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: \$10,558.75

C. Warrants List

Board will vote on warrants 3021-3212 and 11219-11265 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: \$4,106,503.80

Motion to approve by Desiree Ortiz

Approved: 6-0, recusal: Alicia Abifadel, Ashley Pedroza, Cynthia Robles

9. Action Items:

A. Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Motion to approve by John Haug

Approved: 9-0

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by John Besta at 7:41a

Next meeting: March 12, 2025

Reviewed and edited by Ashley Pedroza

The Board of Directors has approved the foregoing minutes

Ashley Pedroza, Secretary