

*Melissa Bassanelli, Superintendent*  
*Brent Givens, Director*

**Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**  
**3:00 pm Room 2**

**Members present:**

Brent Givens, Melissa Greenwood, Bonnie Bjorgum, Phyllis Needelman, Kali Klappeck, Justine Mosher, Gracie Badalyan, Lee Vanak, Kori Moore, Bonnie Bjorgum

**Members Zoom:** Brian Ginter, Jonathon Elfstrom, Russell Brown, Alicia Watts, Needelman, Jojo Allwza

**Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting is brought to order @ 3:06 pm by Brent Givens. Introductions were made.

**Approve previous meeting minutes** – October 30, 2024. Correction - added Alicia Watts to zoom attendance.

Alicia Watts moves to approve of the minutes; Kori Moore moves to second the minutes.

**Enrollment, Budget & School Updates**

We reviewed the enrollment update handout. Current Enrollment on 1/29/2025 is 289. We reviewed the enrollment handout with comparison of enrollment last year on this date as 282, which is seven students more than last year. Enrollment is currently closed for special education. Both resource teachers are at full capacity. Any student wishing to enroll who has an IEP will be put on a waitlist. We will also work with San Juan Unified to see if they can be placed elsewhere. We will be at capacity soon, which is 305. We have had growth in every grade level with 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> having the greatest percentage and it is because families are looking for their students to graduate. We held an info session yesterday with six families attending and we will hold one next as well.

When our enrollment and attendance is good this means we are fully funded, and we can run our programs, hire quality instructors and include also extracurriculars.

We are about to do the second round of Iready testing which is a measure of what a student knows and can do. It is Important for our school that students do their best. The data from Iready gives teachers valuable information and shows the growth of our students' learning. We want to see students making progress. We share this data with our board and the state.

We strive to have a strong college and career focus. Choices took a field trip on October 30<sup>th</sup> to UC Davis. About 36 students attended. We currently have a March 3

field trip planned to visit Sacramento State University for a campus tour and lunch in the dining commons. There are about 30 students signed up so far.

We had nine high school graduates this first semester.

### **Intramurals**

The soccer unit starts today. Intramurals are Wednesdays from 2:30 pm to 4 pm with Mr. Martinez and Mrs. Olivarez .

Our school district was able to give us 125 new student desks and chairs. These are new matching student desks to replace our old sled desks. They are more accessible and are all on wheels.

We now have a fully working installed water bottle filling station in the hallway. This took about a year to complete. We have been buying bottles of water for students for a year, but we will no longer be doing that.

### **LCAP Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

On February 11, 2025 Brent Givens will be presenting the LCAP to the board.

Brent Givens reviewed the LCAP presentation that will be given to the board.

We can help every kind of student. We specifically focus on flexibility, and we are designed to meet students where they are. We enroll students that have skill deficiencies, those who grow with us and typically graduate within 5 years, but we must work hard to catch them up. Kids take from four to eleven classes.

One challenge we face now is that our data is not as strong as we want it to be, especially with CAASPP scores.

### **Dashboard indicator**

One area that is amazing is with our suspension rate which speaks to how safe we are with not a lot of safety issues.

We did have an error with our school dashboard. The CDE did not get the correct date when it was updated to CALPADS. The state will not fix the dashboard, but they will except the description of the error.

### **Counseling update**

Molly Olivarez will be going on maternity leave sometime in February or March. We have hired a substitute counselor, David Drotts, a retired counselor from Sacramento City Unified School District.

### **CAASPP & ELPAC Testing Update**

CAASPP testing begins in April. We have a goal of reaching 95% of testing for the CAASPP

The ELPAC begins in March with Kelvin Martinez as the facilitator.

Physical fitness testing begins in March.

### **Looking Ahead: Calendar Update 2025-26**

The 2025/2026 school calendar has been drafted. We start later than San Juan Unified so students can find us. There are 175 days in the school calendar.

### **Walk-ins & Visitor Comments**

Bonnie Bjorgum asked if the CAASPP will be available by zoom.

Russell Brown expressed his concern about making sure to capture all students for CAASPP

Melissa Greenwood comments that it would be nice to give out reusable water bottles at Honor roll breakfast in March.

Johnathon asks for cups for the water filling station. Brent Givens said that we probably won't be able to supply cups as we want the message to be for students to bring their own water bottles. There is also a drinking fountain on the water filling station.

### **Advisory Council Meetings Tentative Schedule – 2024/25**

April 30, 2025

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourns at 3:47.

*Meetings are open to the public*