



A **FREE**
Personalized
Learning Public
Charter School

*Melissa Bassanelli, Superintendent
Brent Givens, Director*

**Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, January 25, 2023
3:00 pm Room 2**

Advisory Council Members:

Absent: Brian Ginter, Jonathan Elfstrom, Linda Rios-Soto
Brent Givens, Russell Brown, Marybeth Oddo, Bonnie Bjorgum, Nick Kamilos, Shakila Ahmach,
Bob Erickson

Welcome

The meeting is brought to order @ 3:05 pm. This is the second quarterly meeting of 2022-2023.

Approve of Minutes of previous meeting – October 26, 2022 (action)

Linda Brown makes a motion to approve the minutes.
Marybeth Oddo seconds the motion.

Enrollment & Budget Update

Current enrollment is 238. We currently have 19 more students today than last year. We expect to see more as we have a very high interest in our information sessions for this second semester. 245 was the original budget projection. We changed to 210 projected enrollments. With current 244 puts us in a healthy reserve for next year. @ 210 we will be in a deficit around \$70,000. But if enrollment stays what it is today and continues to grow, we will be able to add to our reserve.

We ended last school year with 275 and are hoping we can get to that.

WASC & LCAP Update – School Wide Action Plan 2022-23

The Local Control and Accountability plan is a guiding document what are school helps to accomplish and outlines what we are going to spend our money on. LCAP address the needs of all students with an emphasis on English learners, low income, and foster youth.

I Ready tests are how we assess our students at the beginning and middle of the year.

February 14th, 2023 - Brent will be presenting our LCAPP to the board. SJUSD has three brand new board members, and this will be their first opportunity to hear about Choices.

Presentation describes successes and challenges. Areas of growth.

We have hired two new math teachers in the last two years and purchased the Math XL program. Nick states its “really good” and inquired about the I Ready lessons. Brent explained we no longer use the lessons, only the assessments.

A handout with a QR code given with the WASC schoolwide action plan. The council is to please review and email Kristin O’ Brien if they have any questions or comments.

We heard the students' voices and gave the counselor a private space. We take student voice seriously. Intramurals have been successful.

An email will be coming from Brent soon about a student leadership club and requesting what kinds of clubs students would be interested in.

I-Ready, CAASPP & ELPAC Testing Update

Handout on CASSPP

March 27, 2023, through May 26, 2023

Grades 8 and 11 English

Science 8 & 11.

Graduation 2023 Planning

Graduation is June 6th @ 4pm at El Camino Performing Arts Center. The counselor is holding a mandatory Senior meeting February 7 @ 10 am and February 8 @ 5 pm. We have 47 seniors and we want to make sure they are on track to graduate.

Disney Grad Night

We are offering an opportunity for our seniors to join Bella Vista seniors on their Disney grad night experience.

Looking ahead: Priorities for 2022-2023

The contract for our new website is complete. The website will be getting a new look with new portal access.

We will be switching to a new communication system, Blackboard. Both will probably take place at the end of the 22-23 school year.

Walk-ins & Visitor Comments

Bob Erickson has a relationship with Options for Youth and Visions and wants to know if they have a student expelled, can they enroll with Choices? If it's based attendance, then "yes" they can enroll here.

Marybeth Oddo states how important testing is to our school. Marybeth would like to see how we can get kids to understand the difference between work based and seat based.

Bob Erickson asks about donations for Choices. He explains about Advanced Enrollment through American River College. If a student completes 12 units, they qualify for a grant through the American River College Foundation.

Next Advisory Council Meeting – April 26, 2023

Nick motions to adjourn.

Marybeth seconds.

Adjournment 4:05 pm

Meetings are open to the public.