

San Jose Charter Academy
School Site Council Minutes #5

Members:

Rachelle Touzard, Robert Gil, Dennis Wong, Lawanda Brown, Contessa Ruiz,
Erin Shiroma, Donna Hale, Jenniffer Gillette, Brittany Williams, Pam Soto

April 16th, 2025

Welcome	Mrs. Hale welcomed everyone. Members not in attendance: Erin Shiroma, Lawanda Brown
February, 2025 Minutes Review & Approval	Reviewed minutes from the February, 2025 meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Mrs. Williams, Seconded by Dr. Soto. Aye: 6 ; Noes: 0 Minutes Passed.
2025-2026 School Calendar	Mrs. Hale shared the upcoming school year's calendar and discussed start dates, minimum days, vacations days, and end of school.
3-Way Partnership Agreement	Mrs. Hale shared our current Three-Way Partnership Agreement and discussed any proposed changes or additions they may want to add/adjust. All members agreed that the current Agreement is good the way it is. Robert Gil motioned to approve it as is; Dr. Soto seconded. Aye: 7; Noes: 0
LCAP	Mrs. Hale shared that we are in the process of updating our LCAP for next year and are seeking their input on specific goals on the LCAP. The LCAP shows significant progress in technological proficiency (Goal 1), with teachers reporting 96% proficiency in using Promethean Interactive whiteboards and high student proficiency rates in Google Classroom. However, as we engage in artificial intelligence integration, how can the school better support families and staff in navigating AI tools and applications while addressing data privacy concerns and ensuring equitable access? Mrs. Ruiz believes a parent university to incorporate and educate them on Magic School AI and how it will be utilized with their students. She feels it is imperative to have the people who created it, what the intention would be, and how they expect the program to be used in the school setting. Mr. Gil inquired about ChatGPT and if the kids have access on their computers to use it. Dr. Soto shared that the teachers push out specific things that allow them to interview a key historical figure, etc. but they don't have free reign to use it. Mrs. Gillette shared that we are working to allow our students to use AI to enhance their learning and parameters to Mrs. Williams suggested having one of the first weeks to go over expectations, etc.

	with student so they are equipped to use it accordingly. Mrs. Williams suggested having Magic School attend back to school with a rotation/table that parents/kids come through to hear about it and let them know when the real training (PD) will be scheduled. Goal 5 focuses on maintaining a school culture that supports community wellness, including reducing chronic absenteeism and increasing respect for individual differences. The wellness centers and SEL initiatives appear to be showing positive results. What additional mental health resources, activities, or programs would you like to see implemented to further strengthen our school community's overall wellness and sense of belonging? Mrs. Touzard shared Soluna (Age 12 and Up) or Bright Life (0 to 12) for lower grades app that provides coaching for mental health and wellness. Free Mental health app. She had one of her daughters try it and said it was “Ok” It has journal reflections, etc. on the app. Mrs. Ruiz asked about learning with the kids about brain and how they recognize when they need to regulate (Brain breaks, Flip Your Lid; reptilian brain, etc.) Mrs. Touzard Greater Good In Education from UC Berkeley that has self-awareness; etc. that provides teachers with lessons that can be used. Mr. Gil has always been a proponent of banning phones at school. Dr. Soto suggested that we have a Parent University to share the negative effects of too much screentime. Mrs. Touzard suggested putting quick 5 minutes blurbs on the Sharky Brief or teacher newsletters that give them something to think about how screentime is impacting children, and other public service announcements as a way to get them to think about and be aware of.

Topics for Next Meeting:

Next Meeting is May 21st – Off Campus