

Santa Ana Unified School District
Advanced Learning Academy
Advisory Board Meeting
Sept. 25, 2025
1:00 pm
<http://bit.ly/ALAMeeting>

I. Welcome/Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 1:12 pm by Amy Scruton. Members Present: Amy Scruton, Bryan Davis, Diana Torres, Alicia Skibby and guest Annette Cordero Jackson

II. Pledge of Allegiance - Amy Scruton

III. Public Input - No Public Input

IV. Principal's Report - Amy Scruton

1. Enrollment: 2021 - 312 student that number has grown to 374 students in 2025
2. Reclassification: One of our site initiatives is to reclassify students between third and fifth grade. To do this we added programs to help students prepare for the ELPAC test and are working on making sure students are literate by the 3rd grade.
3. The number of students with IEP's has gone down, we still need to test students who are currently in TK - 2nd grade so this number may increase.
4. Attendance - the number of students absent is higher on Fridays so we are looking at ways to increase attendance on Fridays.
5. Suspensions - the number of suspensions is down, we attribute this to established expectations with students in all grade levels..
6. Increase in the number of seniors who are a-g ready: This has happened because we are able to immediately intervene when a student earns a D or F, they are given APEX onsite, they are able to re-take the class, they can take a Circulos enrichment class where they can get help and complete assignments. All of our seniors are on track to graduate. Last year our a-g rate increased to 86% of our seniors.

7. Last year our CTE pathway completion rate increased to 65.8% of our seniors.
8. SBAC - Students who meet or exceed increased. We are focusing on increasing proficiency in math. We now have very strong math teachers at both sites. We are also incorporating Math Literacy across the curriculum at both sites.

V. Presentations

- Unaudited Actuals

1. Main Revenue comes from LCFF and the Federal Government. In addition we have a few grants and supplemental funding sources such as Title 1
2. Expenditures - our largest expenditure is salaries. Last year the district started charging us for things that they did not charge us for before. Because of this our unaudited actuals showed that we spent a greater amount of money than we had anticipated or budgeted for. An example of this would be that they charged us for workmans comp and maternity leave. We also spent more on classified salaries and the district could not tell us why this number went up so much. One of the possibilities could be the raises given to SSP and lunch monitors.
3. Summer Programs - the field trip money was unspent because of fears regarding student safety because of I.C.E.
4. Amy still has questions about budget. Jennifer Cisneros will be invited to the next meeting. Diana Torres volunteered to meet with Amy and Jennifer before the next board meeting to go over the budget so that Amy has a clearer understanding of the budget and what items the district is charging to ALA.

VI. Regular Action Items

- Approval of Meeting Calendar Date/Times - Bryan Davis motioned to approve the meeting Calendar and Alicia seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Passed.
- Approval of minutes from June 2025 - Diana Torres motioned to approve the minutes from June 2025 and Bryan Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- Approval of Unaudited Actuals - Alicia Skibby motioned to approve the Unaudited Actuals

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- Approval of \$105,703 student support and professional development discretionary block grant: Use it to support most at risk students - Diana Torres asked that since we are requesting for about \$80,000 of the grant to be used for Project Kinship for student mental health and \$10,000 from Title 1: 1) What data are we using that shows this need: The site used the data from the Healthy Kids Survey, Project Kinship Data, and COST data to determine the need for full time Project Kinship that supports both sites. 2) How are you providing other essential student services: Money for Academic Intervention, Tutoring for students, staff development and program planning, AVID Tutors, hands on instructional materials and supplies, and place based learning/field trips are being provided for through a variety of grants that include Title 1, a-g grant, and CCAP - Dual enrollment/College and Career grant.: Diana Torres motioned to approve the use of up to \$80,000 for Project Kinship from this grant and Alicia Skibby seconded the motion. All in favor, Motion passed.
- Elect Board Officers - Since not all of the members were able to attend Bryan Davis motioned to postpone the election of officers for the next meeting and Diana Torres seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

VII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm

Next Regularly Scheduled ALA Board Meeting will be on December 17, 2025 at 1:00 pm