

**John Adams School Site Council
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2026**

Called to order: 4:03 pm

Joined in-person: Martha Chacon, Chelan Gabor, Amanda Robertson, Alyssa Tejada, Fyshaye Woldemichael

Joined online: Jordan Kushner, Daniel Wheeler

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes 2/26/26
2. California Distinguished School Award
3. Science Magnet Update
4. School Site Plan Review
 - a. Update on Goal 3
 - b. Attendance
 - c. Social Emotional Learning
 - d. Next Steps for Goal 3
5. Public Comments
6. Future Items

Approval of 2/26/26 minutes

- Approval of minutes Feb 26, 2026 - adopted as written
- Reviewed upcoming SSC vacancies. 3 parent, 1 student and 2 teachers

California Distinguished School Award

- Secondary schools are eligible every other year. Reviewed the how/why we got this award consecutively.
- Awarded 2024-2025: Achievement Gap Closers
- Awarded 2026-2027: Exemplary High Achievers

Science Magnet Update

- Shift to sustainability and engineering
- Goal to build a coherent k-12 pathway, creating multiple entry points for students, learning beyond the classroom
- Each grade level has a field trip
- 8th graders have a civic action project
- 1st Earth Day Celebration on campus - April 2026

School Site Plan Review

- Update on Goal 3: 39.3% qualify for free and reduced lunch. This impacts how we are able to spend Title 1 funding.
- Attendance - reduced chronic from 18.8 to 14%, chronic absence is highest for EIs and LTELs. Focus on attendance will continue next year.
 - Support for attendance reviewed including interns, CYFC, etc.
 - District supports reviewed - SART, SARB.
 - Supports for students reviewed:
 - Tier I - classroom presentations
 - Tier II - smaller counseling groups
 - Tier III - individual check-ins and referrals to mental health services
- Social Emotional Learning - increased counselors has allowed for more mental health services on campus, Second Step, parent engagement
 - Reviewed role of Mental Health Counselor.
 - Other supports include YRT, SMPD Diversion Program
 - Behavior - peer mediation, counseling, cell phone management
 - Sense of belonging - celebration days and celebrating identities

Public comments

- Read letters from 6th graders on Ancient Chinese Philosophies

Future items

- Approval of SPSA

Meeting adjourned: 5:10pm

Future Meeting Dates: 5/28/26 -- SPSA Approval for 26-27 school year