

**Santiago Middle School Charter Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

The Santiago Middle School Charter Board met in person on April 19, 2023. Directors present at the meeting are noted with an “X”.

X	Eric Jaime (Parent Rep)	X	Cathy Hunsberger (Certificated Rep)
X	John Besta (Chairperson/Community Rep)	X	Kelli Colbert (Parent Rep)
	H Hanson (Vice Chairperson/Teacher Rep)	X	Andrew Edlund (Parent Rep)
X	Justin Vasquez (Teacher Rep)	X	Sandra Snider (Certificate & Classified Rep)
X	Ashley Pedroza (Secretary/Curriculum Rep)	X	Lisa Adray (Classified Rep)
	Dennis McCuistion (Parent Rep)	X	District Representative: Ken Miller

An “\*” indicates directors who were not present for the entire meeting.

A meeting notice, together with an agenda packet, was provided to each director by April 14, 2023. On the same date, a meeting agenda – including date, time and place – was posted at the entrance to the school office, on the office bulletin board and on Santiago’s website.

- 1. Call to order:** John Besta at 6:34p on 4/19/2023
- 2. Quorum was established.**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:** led by John Besta
- 4. Agenda**

**Motion to approve** by Eric Jaime  
**Approved: YES, 9-0**

**5. Approval of Minutes: March 8, 2023**

**Motion to approve** by Lisa Adray

**Approved: YES, 7-0, Recusal: Kelli Colbert and John Besta**

**6. Public Comments: NA**

**7. Information/Discussion Items:**

A. Board Comments: NA

B. Department Presentations:

- English Department
- History Department

C. Principals' Report:

- The El Modena counselors were on our campus helping our 8th graders select classes for their Freshman Year of high school.
- ASB put on a great Spirit Week and students participated in a different themed day each day of the week.
- Both our Girls and Boys Santiago Basketball teams did a great job in the OCCSL Basketball Championship games. Santana Girls and Boys are Basketball Champions.
- We hosted the OUSD Honor Band and Orchestra concerts and had a great representation of musical talent. Mrs. Abifadel helped to coordinate this event for the district and it highlighted K-12 students from across the district.
- Our elective department and counseling team visited each of our feeder elementary schools and helped the students understand their class choices and opportunities they will have at Santiago.
- Each prospective student received a registration packet - teal for 7th Graders and blue for 8th graders. For those who live out of the area, we mailed the packet to their home.
- 84 Santiago and El Rancho families headed to Italy for Spring Break and had a great and memorable traveling experience.
- Ms. Abifadel and our students held the first annual Battle of the Bands concert. They were outstanding and we welcomed about 400 people from Santiago and the community to enjoy the show.
- Our students participated/watched the Resiliency Assembly sponsored by the Elks. This assembly focused on making good choices and staying away from drugs and alcohol.
- Mr. Klasky brought the Bolsa Chica Conservancy to our campus to educate students about wetland conservation. Students were able to see live snakes and other marine life that the Conservancy brought with them.
- We held our spring campus clean-up Saturday and tons of families showed up to support the beautification of Santiago.

- For students who are new to our district and planning to attend Santiago, we held our first opportunity at a placement test. This helps us to find appropriate classes for each of our students.
- About eight of our students were selected for OUSD's Honor Choir and performed at First Methodist Church with singers from around the district.
- We had Jordan and Salish Matter visit our campus and create a, "Day in the Life of a Santana," video for social media.
- We held the first local CCSA meeting for charter schools in our area. This meeting provided us the opportunity to connect and share ideas and resources with our neighboring schools, inclusive of El Rancho, OCCA, Unity and TLC.
- Representatives from our administrative team visited TLC to build relationships with the students from TLC who will be attending Santiago. We also connected with the teachers at TLC to provide them opportunities to collaborate with Santiago.
- Summer School Prep is underway and we are building classes, registering students and ensuring a comprehensive program for those who need support over the summer.
- Our promotion has been scheduled for Friday, June 9th and we will have roughly 600 students promoting. We will be hosting our promotion on the field, like last year, and are excited to invite all Santiago families to celebrate their promoting student(s).

#### D. Upcoming Charter Board Elections

### 8. Consent Items

#### A. Personnel Report:

Approval of personnel reports requiring action that may include extra pay projects, separation of service, short-term employment, change of status and new hires.

Fiscal Impact: \$7,184.00

#### B. Purchase Orders

Board will vote on purchase orders 2826-2830 which have been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Charter Board and applicable requirements of the State of California.

Fiscal Impact: \$14,413.00

#### C. Warrants List

Board will vote on warrants 2086-2103 and 10584-10609 which have been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Charter Board and applicable requirements of the State of California.

Fiscal Impact: \$612,906.29

**Motion to approve** by Lisa Adray

**Approved: 9-0**

**9. Action Item:**

- a. Student Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year.

**Motion to approve** by Andy Edlund

**Approved: 9-0**

- b. Juneteenth Holiday

**Motion to approve** by Ashley Pedroza

**Approved: 9-0**

- c. Contract Services and Purchase Order Report: Approval for contract services and purchase orders exceeding \$15,000.

**Motion to approve** by Eric Jaime

**Approved: 9-0**

- d. Approval of New Class Offerings

**Motion to approve** by Andy Edlund

**Approved: 9-0**

- e. Modification to Suspension and Expulsion Policy

**Motion to table to next board meeting** by John Besta

**Approved: 9-0**

**10. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by John Besta at 8:17p.

Next meeting: May 17, 2023

Reviewed and edited by Ashley Pedroza

The Board of Directors has approved the foregoing minutes

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Ashley Pedroza, Secretary