

**Santiago Middle School Charter Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 23, 2023**

The Santiago Middle School Charter Board met in person on August 21, 2023. Directors present at the meeting are noted with an “X”.

X	Eric Jaime (Parent Rep)	X	Susan Gibb (Certificated Rep)
X	John Besta (Chairperson/Community Rep)	X	Desiree Ortiz (Parent Rep)
X	Alicia Abifadel (Vice Chairperson/Teacher Rep)	X	Craig Abercrombie (Parent Rep)
X	Justin Vasquez (Teacher Rep)		Steve Arnett (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 August 21, 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 6:40p
- 2. Quorum was established.**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:** led by John Besta

#### **4. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to approve** by Lisa Adray

**Approved: 9-0**

#### **5. Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion to approve** by Ashley Pedroza

**Approved: 9-0**

#### **6. Public Comments: NA**

#### **7. Information/Discussion Items:**

A. Board Comments: NA

B. Principals' Report:

- We held SS for students with Extended School Year, students who needed credit recovery, and students who wanted to test into advanced Math classes. It was successful for all.
- We received, prepped and distributed 700 new Chromebooks for our students.
- We made quite a few facility upgrades such as
  - i. We painted the cafeteria and upgraded all of the snack bar windows with customized, modern safe windows
  - ii. We painted the stage
  - iii. We carpeted 3 different classrooms
  - iv. We painted two other classrooms
  - v. We added a security fence outside of the 200 odd classrooms
  - vi. We had new outdoor locks installed throughout the entire campus to make getting in and out of the gated areas more accessible
  - vii. We had major repairs done to the A/C units throughout the entire school
  - viii. We added A/C (today) to the PE locker rooms
  - ix. We had a complete staff lounge makeover thanks to Mrs. Mairena and Home Depot who got us a grant
- New Staff Members: Mio Sharp, Pearl Spratling, Brent Benham...change: Lauren Salloum - Lauren is here today and I just want to say what a pleasure it is working with her...she is very professional, a very fast learner, takes initiative, and has already earned the respect of both the admin team and staff...
- Enrollment: As of today, our enrollment is 1089 and we have four or five kids we are still anticipating and a few who have recently shadowed so we anticipate it will hit the 1100 mark.

- Registration was great - we were able to set students up with schedules, get uniforms for students and welcome all of our new Santanas
- First Day of School for both 7th and 8th graders was smooth and really fun! We welcome roughly 600 new students and, with minimal schedule changes, all students have been in classes since Day 1.
- ROADS - first two weeks, students go over basic organizational skills and goal setting activities, HERO training for all students
- Expanded learning is bursting at the seams as we have 130 kids signed up and 30+ on a waitlist...we will be hiring more support in the next week or two.

Looking forward to:

- Hello Dance 9/1: KIIS-FM, DJ Tye Hollywood and Artist Stephan Benz are going to provide a FREE Hello Dance to all of our Santanas
- BTSN is Thursday 8/31: Welcome Videos have been sent out and we will be hosting the evening for all families to join us

C. Conflict of Interest/Form 700 Requirement

D. Brown Act Presentation

## **8. Consent Items from**

### **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: \$520,095.73

### **B. Purchase Orders**

Board will vote on purchase orders 2844-2864 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: \$156,896.28

### **C. Warrants List**

Board will vote on warrants 2219-2334 and 10744-10791 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: \$2,037,041.50

\*Edit to remove checks #2225, 2294, 2327

### **D. Gifts**

The gifts of equipment, educational materials, and/or cash as delineated on the list below were donated to Santiago Middle School for use as indicated. These items will be

repaired or replaced at Santiago expense only if economically feasible.  
Fiscal Impact: +\$950.00

**Motion to table** by Andy Edlund

**Approved: 6-0** recusal Alicia Abifadel, Justin Vasquez, Lisa Adray

## **9. Action Items**

- a. Contract Services and Purchase Order Report

**Motion to approve** by Lisa Adray

**Approved: 9-0**

- b. Bell Schedule

**Motion to approve** by Susan Gibb

**Approved: 9-0**

- c. Consolidated Application FY 2023-2024

**Motion to approve** by Andy Edlund

**Approved: 9-0**

- d. Charter Board Meeting Calendar

**Motion to approve** by Andy Edlund

**Approved: 9-0**

- e. Elect Charter Board Officers for 2023-2024 School Year

**Ashley Pedroza - Secretary**

**Motion to approve** by John Besta

**Approved: 8-0, recusal Ashley Pedroza**

**Desiree Ortiz - Vice Chairperson**

**Motion to approve** by Desiree Ortiz

**Approved: 8-0, recusal Desiree Ortiz**

**John Besta - Chairperson**

**Motion to approve** by Ashley Pedroza

**Approved: 8-0, recusal John Besta**

## **10. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by John Besta at 7:28p

Next meeting: September 13, 2023

Reviewed and edited by Ashley Pedroza

The Board of Directors has approved the foregoing minutes

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Ashley Pedroza, Secretary