

**Santiago Middle School Charter Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

The Santiago Middle School Charter Board met in person on October 18, 2023. Directors present at the meeting are noted with an “X”.

X	Andy Edlund (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)	X	Steve Arnett (Certificate & Classified Rep)
X	Ashley Pedroza (Secretary/Curriculum Rep)	X	Lisa Adray (Classified Rep)
X	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 October 13, 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 6:35p
- 2. Quorum was established.**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:** led by John Besta

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve by Andy Edlund

Approved: 10-0

5. Approval of Minutes: September 13, 2023

Motion to approve by Steve Arnett

Approved: 7-0, recusal John Besta, Dennis McCuistion, Justin Vasquez

6. Public Comments:

A. NA

7. Information/Discussion Items:

A. Board Comments: Board Introduction: NA

B. Department Presentation - Math

C. Principals' Report:

- Grants and Reports/Awards:
 - i. We have applied for over \$1.6 million dollars in grants between September and October.
 - ii. We are working through a variety of applications to for awards to support our innovative programs
- Fundraiser- We raised over \$40,000. We are still getting small amounts of money coming in from the Blast program so we should end up hitting around \$41,000.
- Data Talks - Lauren and Ashley met with ALL teachers through the month of September to reflect on data and discuss what are next steps for advancing students
- El Modena/Orange/VP Feeder Football Games - band/cheer performed
- NJHS Induction - great job by Mrs. Hale and Mr. Dukaj
- ASB Pink Walk
- Joined the CTSO (Career-Technical Student Organizations): FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) - one of first middle schools and CCLL (Creative Careers Leadership Lab)
- Soccer - Girls and Boys had an outstanding season. Thanks to Mr. Connolly and Mr. Nava for always encouraging and supporting an outstanding athletics program. Our Boys finished first in the OCCSL, 2nd in OUSD and Girls finished 1st in both leagues. The day following the championship game, Mr. Connolly held tryouts for Volleyball and Flag Football and had collectively, over 200 students out there interested in participating.
- Reading and planning to address literacy as a campus and community
- Science scores came in today and we scored second behind El Rancho, in the district
- Adding two more IA positions and replacing one more for a total of 3.
- Upgrading bathrooms and throughout the school....4 done and 11 more to go as we plan to do them all. We will be bringing the charter board on a campus tour at our next charter board meeting so you can all see the upgrades.

- Partnering with El Modena science teacher Jessica Anderson and her class to do a study of the soil, growing certain plants and improving the habitat for certain species of birds.
- We plan to completely redo the atrium with new drains, a new level surface area and a nonstick epoxy which will make it more functional and look much nicer. We are hoping to have the bathrooms and Atrium done by the end of the Christmas break.
- We are doing an evaluation of our payscale for each employee with the intention of putting Santiago in a position where we have the ability to attract and retain the very best and most talented staff possible.

Upcoming Events: Board is invited to all:

- Inflata-Race
- Halloween Dance
- Halloween Spooktacular
- Santa Social

D. Revised Budget for 2023-2024 School Year: presented by Daniel Lee from ICON School Management

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: \$46,026.35

B. Purchase Orders

Board will vote on purchase orders 2875-2882 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: \$16,856.91

C. Warrants List

Board will vote on warrants 10815-10862 and 2361-2409 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: \$433,007.41

Motion to approve by Dennis McCuistion

Approved: 10-0, recusal Lisa Adray

9. Action Items

- a. Unaudited Actuals Financial Report

Motion to approve by Desiree Ortiz

Approved: 11-0

Closed for Public Hearing - Williams Act (sufficiency of instructional materials) at 7:37p

Open for Action Items at 7:39p:

- b. Resolution #46-24 Santiago Charter Middle School: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Motion to approve by Desiree Ortiz

Approved: 11-0

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by John Besta at 7:40p

Next meeting: November 29, 2023

Reviewed and edited by Ashley Pedroza

The Board of Directors has approved the foregoing minutes

Ashley Pedroza, Secretary