

**Santiago Middle School Charter Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

The Santiago Middle School Charter Board met in person on September 13, 2023. Directors present at the meeting are noted with an “X”.

	Andy Edlund (Parent Rep)	X	Susan Gibb (Certificated Rep)
	John Besta (Chairperson/Community Rep)	X	Desiree Ortiz (Parent Rep)
X	Alicia Abifadel (Vice Chairperson/Teacher Rep)	X	Craig Abercrombie (Parent Rep)
	Justin Vasquez (Teacher Rep)	X	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:** Desiree Ortiz at 6:33p
- 2. Quorum was established.**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Desiree Ortiz

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve by Ashley Pedroza

Approved: 7-0

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve by Lisa Adray

Approved: 7-0

6. Public Comments:

- A. Dr. D'Agostino introduced Santiago PTSA President Sonia Anderson.

7. Information/Discussion Items:

- A. Board Comments: Board Introduction

- B. Principals' Report:

- Not a lot to report as we met just a few weeks ago.
- We have remodeled our two cafeteria bathrooms from ground to ceiling with a heavy-duty epoxy which is durable, easy to clean, and looks much better than the 1970's pink and yellow tile we had been using. We plan to do the other four student bathrooms by the return of holiday break.
- We have upgraded the doors in the library and administration building so they are now activated by a key card and fab key which is a safety issue in the event that we ever need to go on lockdown and get all the doors locked quickly...that can now be done with a click of a button.
- Students are now settled into their classes and schedule changes are for the most part finalized.
- Our enrollment is now at 1096...we are right on track to hit our 1100 as we have 3 families who are supposed to start next week.
- Back to School- We had a great turnout at BTSN and many families were excited to be here and experience a "day in the life" of their student
- Our Hello Dance was a huge success and was sponsored by KiisFM. The students were able to attend for free and had a great time at the event.
- We have signed up with a service for grant opportunities from an organization called Instrumentl! We currently have a list of upcoming grants and awards that we are working to submit and are hopeful that future reports will be positive news.
- We have purchased Xello for our students to participate in - Xello is a college and career service that provides students insight into industries that they might be interested in.
- We are launching our school wide fundraiser this week with a new company and former Santiago parent and new format of raising money.
- YouTube video will be back to promote Santiago in October and we are excited to be highlighted again.

C. Department Presentation: Science Department

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: \$138,953

B. Purchase Orders

Board will vote on purchase orders 2865-2874 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: \$34,511.27

C. Warrants List

Board will vote on warrants 10791-10814 and 2335-2360 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: \$3,080,254.97

Motion to approve by Craig Abercrombie

Approved: 5-0, recusal Ashley Pedroza and Lisa Adray

9. Action Items

- a. Contract Services Report

Motion to approve by Steve Arnett

Approved: 7-0

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Desiree Ortiz at 7:08p

Next meeting: October 18, 2023

Reviewed and edited by Ashley Pedroza

The Board of Directors has approved the foregoing minutes

Ashley Pedroza, Secretary