

San Juan Choices Charter School
Advisory Meeting **Minutes**
October 25, 2017
Room 6
3:00pm

Minutes from the last advisory meeting were reviewed.

All members are present except for Tony Oddo and Tracey Corey

New Advisory Council Members: Alethea Locaria (teacher), Svetlana Antos (teacher), Tala Ghandour (student) and Mrs. Shihadeh (parent)

1. **Staff Changes:** Mr. Dan Riley, Mrs. Kristin Harris and Mr. Taylor Moore took positions at other school but we gained Mrs. Alethea Locaria, Mrs. Rachel Wann and Mr. Eric Smith. They will be teaching English 4, World and US History as well as tutoring respectively.
2. **Enrollment/Budget:** Enrollment is currently at 269 and our budget is set for 233 at 94% positive attendance. We have gained steady enrollment and the school has even discussed acquiring more room for next year if enrollment continues to climb. Maria gave out a handout listing the most current expenses incurred by the school but it does exclude payroll expenses.
3. **WASC Update and WASC Pre-Visit (availability):** Kristin O'Brien had a handout with the current SWAP items. The group reviewed the goals and outcomes. Some of the highlights were that test scores rose significantly, such as, EL A and Math where our kids were either at or above average. Math XL is our primary source of math curriculum delivery. Mrs. Antos feels that it fits our students needs the best but is always looking for other options if they fit or surpass our student needs. The SWAP report is attached.
4. **District Update-Dr. John Garrard:** Dr. Garrard reported that the district does not have any new charter schools or charter renewals at the moment. The district is also focusing their efforts on their strategic plan and the SBAC data. The district is also not growing in enrollment but it is not declining. In addition, the relationship between the district and teachers is favorable. The governor projected education budget was

not as strong as we would like it but the district was very conservative and is doing well.

5. Calendar of Upcoming Events: November 8th is the planned Pre-WASC visit with Susan Nisan. She would like to meet with staff but also with students and families. Hopefully, the advisory council can also find it in their schedules to meet with Susan. No school on November 10 due to Veteran's Day but that is also our first Choices Charter School dance from 6:30-8:30pm in the MP room. Thanksgiving Break is from November 20-24. Leadership is planning a Spirit Week from December 11-15th.
6. Walk ons
Upcoming Advisory Dates: January 10, 2018 and April 18, 2018.