

Santa Ana Unified School District
Advanced Learning Academy
Advisory Board Meeting
December 13, 2023
9:00 am
<http://bit.ly/ALAMeeting>

I. Welcome/Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by Diana Torres at 9:00 am

A. Members Present

- a. President: Diana Torres
- b. Vice President: Alicia Skiibby
- c. Principal: Amy Scruton
- d. Member: Gloria Lira
- e. Member: Bryan Davis
- f. Member: Cheryl Whittington
- g. Visitor: Patricia Schiessel
- h. Visitor: Annette Cordero Jackson

II. Review Minute from Previous Meeting on Sep 27, 2023 - Mr. Davis motioned to approve the minutes, Ms. Whittington seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

III. Public Input - No public input

IV. Principal's Report

a. Enrollment Overview - ALA was established with 4th - 6th grade with a total of 135 students. During the 2023 - 2024 school year we house TK - 12 on two campuses with a total enrollment of 356 students.

V. Presentations

A.. First Interim Budget Report - There was an increase in the 1st interim budget due to an increase in enrollment, especially in grades TK - 8. In addition we have been granted a CTE and Art's grant. We also had an increase in the workforce program. There was an increase in expenditures of \$646,000 because we added a TK Teacher, a TPSA, and a TK - 8 counselor, there was also a salary increase and an increase in benefits. Fortunately, ESSR funds covered materials and supplies and tutoring for our students, ELOP funds reduced other servicing costs. Therefore, there is an increase in our overall balance due to conservative spending. Gloria Lira added that there was also a jump in funding because of the indirect cost increase.

B. Academic Gains at the sites: We have consistently met as a leadership team to align our educational goals at both sites, TK - 8 and 9 - 12. We now have PBL (Project Based Learning) at both sites and there will be a showcase in the spring. AVID is given to all 6th grade students and is an elective for grades 7 and 8. In grades 9 - 12 all students are enrolled in an AVID class which supports the honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment classes offered at the high school, making sure students are a - g eligible and all of this is supported by place based learning where students take field trips to enhance learning and

to visit college campuses. Lisa Morgan is our new instructional coach who supports our school-wide AVID program. In addition, we have hired 4 AVID tutors that work with students and teachers running tutoring sessions for students and supporting the cornerstones of AVID.

C. School Recognition and Branding: Bryan Davis has been spearheading our branding making sure both sites are aligned and that we are getting out into the community letting people know who we are. Presentations have been done at EL SOL, MacArthur, Century's TK - 8 showcase, neighborhood canvassing around the TK-8 site, and Lottery Meetings. In addition, Mr. Davis assist with LCAP and WASC.

D. Cheryl Whittington is the TOSA at the TK - 8 site and supports the school-wide initiatives and works closely with Ms. Scruton to ensure the campus is running smoothly.

E. We recently hired a counselor for the TK - 8 site. Danissa works closely with staff to identify areas of need and to then create programs and counseling sessions for the students. She also works with Rebecca Gonzalez , the high school counselor to RAMP UP

F. We have started the WIN program. Ms. Whittington runs the program which meets some Saturday's at the TK - 8 site and some Saturday's at the 9 - 12 site.

VI. Regular Action Items

a. Approval of Certification of First Interim Budget Report - Cheryl Whittington motioned to approve the First Interim Budget, Bryan Davis seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

VII. Adjournment : Diana Torres adjourned the meeting at 9:31 am

Next Regularly Scheduled ALA Board Meeting will be on March 13, 2024