

POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC) Meeting
April 18, 2016
6:30 p.m.
District Office–Community Room

MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Welcome

Jessica called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Brian Senese, Dena Glynn, Gabriela Dow, Jessica Xu and Noah Li.

Absent: Adalia Lavado, Joe Long, Scott Himelstein and Sunny Rickard.

Non-voting Board Representative present: Michelle O’Connor-Ratcliff.

II. Review and approval of minutes for March 21, 2016.

Dena moved and Jessica seconded approval of the March 21, 2016 minutes with edits discussed to reflect specific committee-member votes taken on each recommendation. All voted in favor.

Jessica moved to accept edits discussed by the committee for February 8, 2016 minutes. Noah seconded. All voted in favor.

III. Public Input

- 1. Michelle Perry – Parent.** Shared benefits of incorporating technology into the classroom, especially for students with special needs and stressed importance of educating students on how to use each device.
- 2. Stacey Cavaglieri – Parent with the organization Decoding Dyslexia.** Supports assisted technology for students and described dramatic need for more assisted technology, especially for the professionals at PUSD that can evaluate students who may have dyslexia (only two PUSD employees, one part-time, who conduct evaluations).
- 3. Melissa Lazaro – Parent to students at Chaparral.** She has been on the school foundation for six years and although a champion for technology is concerned at how much the foundation is expected to fund. Need the district to have a clear plan communicated to their principals who can communicate the information to parents. Single sign-on for all sites is also an issue, as is staffing and training.

IV. Old Business

A. Review Administration’s responses to technology and related questions ETAC members provided to PUSD Board and Administration.

Boardmember O'Connor-Ratcliff shared the material that was presented by District. She also informed the committee that Eric Lehew would like to make a presentation at the next ETAC meeting and that the Steering Committee is looking forward to reviewing the material ETAC has been evaluating, as well as review our final recommendations.

Dena moved and Gabriela seconded for committee members to review the information provided by the District and to discuss at the next meeting. All voted in favor.

B. Finalize recommendations to PUSD board from ETAC members on three prioritized topics: Leadership, Health and Safety, District Technology Plan.

The committee members discussed and approved the following final recommendations:

Technology Planning:

1. The District must finalize district-wide TK-12 Technology Standards by the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, present those standards to the community, and work to finalize an overall PUSD Technology Plan as soon as possible. *Jessica moved to accept, Dena seconded. All voted in favor to approve.*

2. The District should provide job-embedded professional development via expanded TOSAs for teachers to be successful in implementing the TK-12 Technology Standards into the Common Core curriculum. This professional development should address the unique needs of students receiving special education services and/or using assisted technology. *Gabriela moved to accept, Jessica seconded. All voted in favor to approve.*

3. The District's use of technology should emphasize creation, such as coding, tinkering, design thinking, project-based learning, robotics and experiential model lessons to support TK-12 Technology Standards. *Dena moved to accept, Brian seconded. All voted in favor to approve.*

4. The District should develop or update a policy that addresses Digital Citizenship so that students are not only competent in technology but also understand, along with parents and teachers, the safe and responsible use of these tools. *Noah moved to accept, Jessica seconded. All voted in favor to approve.*

Leadership:

3. The PUSD Board and Superintendent should finalize the District's IT Organizational Structure with clearly defined roles and position descriptions to ensure accountability. *Brian voted to accept, Jessica seconded. All voted in favor to approve.*

V. New Business

A. Discuss how the recommendations will be presented to the board.

Dena moved, and Jessica seconded, to have the full set of recommendations (presented at the end of these minutes) presented to the Board and request that they be added to the May

31st Board meeting agenda where ETAC committee members can speak about the year-long effort and final recommendations. The recommendations will also be shared with the District's Tech Steering Committee. All voted in favor.

B. Discuss goals for the next term of this committee.

Jessica moved, and Gabriela seconded, tabling this item until the next meeting.

VI. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Jessica adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m. and the next meeting is set for May 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Final Board Recommendations from the PUSD Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC)

Leadership:

1. The District should present a clear vision of the appropriate role for technology in education.

All committee members present voted in favor: Joe Long, Sunny Rickard, Gabriela Dow, Jessica Xu and Noah Li.

2. The District should fund Physical Education, Arts and Music at a level that is at least comparable to the funding for technology.

Joe Long abstained. All other committee members present voted in favor: Sunny Rickard, Gabriela Dow, Jessica Xu and Noah Li.

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Health and Safety:

1. The District should offer students a paper-based curriculum as an alternative option to instruction based on computers and mobile devices.

Joe Long voted no. All committee members present voted in favor: Sunny Rickard, Gabriela Dow, Jessica Xu and Noah Li.

2. The District should address the health and safety risks associated with digital devices, such as internet addiction, vision health, radiation, cybersecurity and privacy.

All committee members present voted in favor: Joe Long, Sunny Rickard, Gabriela Dow, Jessica Xu and Noah Li.

3. The District should only introduce technologies that have been adequately studied through independent peer-reviewed research that demonstrates the new technology will not pose a health or privacy risk and will measurably improve student achievement.

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