



Cotati Rohnert Park Unified School District

Board Highlights

Board Highlights provides important information about the work of the Cotati Rohnert Park Unified School District's Board of Education. Following Board meetings on a regular basis, CRPUSD will publish Board Highlights as a resource for the greater CRPUSD community on Board discussions, actions, and activity.

Below are updates from the August 1st, 2023 Board Meeting. Click [HERE](#) for the agenda.

Summer Programs 2023

Alana DeMars, Expanded Learning Program Manager, and Jared Cohen, Expanded Learning Coordinator, provided an overview of the summer programs offered to students. The Summer Enrichment Academy (SEA) provided staff with the opportunity to create, innovate, and have fun developing classes for the summer. The classes were week-long sessions that were engaging and provided a variety of learning activities based on student interests. Sixty-two classes were offered and 1,133 students participated in the program. The middle school SEA program was provided by a partner, SSU. Excel for Youth provided woodworking, edible art, sign language, musical theater, board game design, and other interesting classes for students at Technology Middle School. SEA survey results were positive and families were pleased regarding the many offerings provided. Extended School Year (ESY) provided ten classes for special education students in grades K-12.

Credit Recovery

All students who applied for summer school were given the opportunity to attend. Students were provided with one-on-one teacher support and had access to 149 courses. Seven seniors completed the requirements for graduation.

Alana DeMars thanked the staff for their commitment to SEA.

Art Committee Presentation

Members of the Art Committee shared with the Board of Education the steps taken to develop a comprehensive CRPUSD Art Plan for the district. Michelle Devereaux, THS Principal, provided background information on the work of the Art Committee. The goal of the committee was to create access to arts education for all students. Karen McGahey, Educational Consultant, assisted the committee with developing the plan. Karen shared that arts education increases attendance rates and lowers drop rates. Arts education also increases graduation rates and increases student achievement. Proposition 28 provides funding for arts programs and the committee recommends that supplementary funding be considered to support the arts in the schools.

Jenna Eggering, Band Teacher at THS, shared an arts inventory that was conducted by the committee. The inventory includes what type of visual and performing arts are provided to students across the district in each of the schools. The results of the inventory were used to assist in the development of the CRPUSD Art Plan. Dustin Friel, band teacher at RCHS, provided an overview of the goals and actions included in the Art Plan.

The CRPUSD Art Plan includes strategies, actions and measurable outcomes. There are four focus areas that are addressed in the plan and they are as follows:

- Arts Teaching and Learning Goal
- Arts Leadership Development
- Communications and Advocacy
- Arts Funding Resources

Here is the [CRPUSD Art Plan](#) that was approved by the Board of Education.