



CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART) was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Todd Cook called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendance table with columns for months (August to June) and rows for Board members (Cook, Konczal, Thomas, Mesfin, Awtrej, Nelson, O'Brien), Administrators, and Staff (Watson, Hansen, Parker).

Jeremy Ward, FUSD Asst. Superintendent, College and Career Readiness, was proxy for Board Vice-President, Dr. Nelson.

ATTENDANCE

MCU [Konczal/O'Brien] to approve the Agenda for October 12, 2021.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [O'Brien/Ward] to approve the Minutes for September 14, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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1. CART Student Ambassador Panel

Ambassadors that participated were:

- Brandon Xiong, Web Application Lab, Home School, Buchanan
Elijah Palacios Suarez, Game Design Lab, Home School, Edison
Alyssa Parsad, Business/Finance Lab, Home School, Buchanan
Esmerelda Nava, Biotechnology Lab, Home School, Roosevelt

C.E.O. Dr. Watson had several questions for the panel.

A. Please tell us how you are doing this year after being on some form of remote learning last year? How have you adjusted to being back in-person full time this year?

The Ambassadors discussed that some of the challenges in returning to campus included, transportation challenges and social aspects such as communicating in person as opposed to through the computer. There were also some technology issues, lack of quiet space to learn, which caused distractions.

The group believes strongly that CART has done as excellent job of meeting the challenges navigating COVID.

The positive impacts of virtual learning were being able to communicate and participate as they may in the work world.

B. How has this year so far at CART compared to last year?

For all of the ambassadors it has been an extremely positive experience to be in person and have all the hands on lessons and the opportunity to work in their small groups and create a team.

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C. Please share with the Board your current postsecondary plans and whether you feel prepared for success in your future?  
All of the ambassadors are planning on a postsecondary education and fully believe CART has encouraged them and instilled in them the confidence to succeed. CART has given them skills that they would not have received in a traditional educational setting.

MCU [Konczal/Thomas] to approve the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register  
Approve purchase orders from orders from September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, warrants numbered: 090221DC; 090921DC; 091621DC; 092321DC; 092721DC; 093021DC.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECK REGISTER**

2. Approval of Conference Requests.  
N/A

**APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

3. Approval of Student Field Trips.  
N/A

**APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

ACTION  
N/A

**ACTION**

CLOSED SESSION  
N/A

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INFORMATION  
N/A

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**STAFF REPORTS**

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1. Dr. Watson shared with the Board that we had a great visit this past Friday. Our visitors were, Saul Jimenez-Sandoval Ph.D., CSUF President, Douglas Houston, Ed.D., Interim Chancellor, State Center Community College, Eimear O'Brien, Ed.D., CUSD Superintendent, Jerry Cook and CART Board Chairperson, Todd Cook.  
Very enjoyable visit with a great follow-up meeting after the tour with the group. There will be more visits planned and follow up dialog around tracking CART student's postsecondary participation.
2. Yesterday CART staff observed our Fall Professional Development Session. We spent a few hours revisiting and updating the CART Strategic Plan and sharing successes for this year. We also spent time discussing best practices around student engagement and web builder sites for digital portfolios.  
We discussed a process we have been working through to determine. What CART's January 2022 Showcase will look like.  
We also reviewed our COVID Health/Safety updates.

Rick Watson, Ed. D. C.E.O.  
Lisa Hansen, Ed. D. Dean of Curriculum and Instruction

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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Board. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Todd Cook.

**ADJOURNMENT**

CART 10.12.21 TC/kp  
MSCU=Motion (*Board Member making the motion listed*), Second (*Board Member making the second listed*), Carried Unanimously  
MSC=Motion, Second, Carried (*Board members voting NO listed.*)  
MSF=Motion, Second, Failed (*Board members voting NO listed.*)