



San Joaquin County SELPA

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 18, 2024

Minutes

PRESENT: Fallon Adolph (note taker), Marty Remmers, Eric Peters, Zach Franceschetti, Susan Scott, Deanie Crutchfield-Coleman, Danyelle Gonzalez,, Rowena Fairbanks, Travis Manley, Thomas Crocker, Jamie Hughes, Jody Burriss, Steve Payne, Lisa Mazza, Jason Davis, Gary Phillips, Austin Nogueira, Brittany Shepherd (Proxy for NellLaine Kilgore)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Seigel, Jane Chamberlain, Janine Kaeslin

ABSENT: Staci Johnson, NellLaine Kilgore, Wendy Frink, Robert Bornmann

1. CALL TO ORDER: Marty Remmers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. COMMENTS: There were no comments from the audience.
3. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

3.1 State SELPA Report- Marty

Marty shared data from The Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) regarding the fiscal outlook for education, which was described as “positive, but modest.”

Marty presented legislative priorities identified by State SELPA for the upcoming years, which include staffing shortages, CCS, infant services, inclusion, workplace violence, early childhood education, and legal fee caps.

The Statewide CAPTAIN Report data was presented, along with California-specific data on students with autism.

A presentation from State SELPA on Custody, Conservatorship, and Guardianship was shared as a reference for directors.



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Marty informed the group that the State SELPA Association approved revisions to the "Offer of FAPE/Educational Setting" and "Signature" pages. These changes will take effect starting in the 2025–26 school year.

An update on FAPS (Functional Assessment and Positive Support) training was provided.

3.2 IEE Updates- Marty

The Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) Parent Independent Educational Evaluation Packet was presented for review.

Marty reviewed his data on IEE cost comparisons and IEE cost criteria. He also let The Council of Directors know that we now have our IEE Cost Sheet available in Spanish.

3.3 NPS/NPA Updates- Marty

Marty presented the results of questionnaires distributed to The Council of Directors, Stockton SELPA, and Lodi SELPA regarding Nonpublic School (NPS) needs within their districts.

Marty reviewed potential date options for an NPS site visit.

Marty outlined the NPS/Nonpublic Agency (NPA) certification processes as recommended by the California Department of Education (CDE).

Marty shared a comparison of local data to statewide data on Special Education school services, Special Education funding by source, and the percentage of expenses from general funds.

3.4 AB602 First Interim- Austin

Austin provided an update on AB602 funding, including key considerations and preparations for changes expected after the beginning of the new year.

3.5 County Programs- Rowena

Rowena presented data on class sizes, referrals, and enrollment to assist with preparations for the January projection deadlines.

An update was provided on plans to convert a preschool class into an intermediate class for students with Extensive Support Needs (ESN).



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3.6 CALPADS- Staci/Susan

CALPADS (California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System) deadlines were reviewed, along with a reminder of the purpose and uses of FALL 1 data.

The Council of Directors were reminded to regularly check the SEIS (Special Education Information System) message center, where updates and announcements about changes are posted.

3.7 Program Specialist Updates- Program Specialists

Updates on the Workability I program were provided, including staff updates, event updates, and student placement information.

Restraint and seclusion data from the CDE was presented and reviewed.

Information on upcoming educator and parent training opportunities was shared.

Updates to forms in SEIS were provided.

3.8 SELPA Handbook - Lisa

Lisa inquired into if the SELPA handbook is being updated. Marty provided an update that the handbook is in process of being updated.

3.9 Private School Assessment Responsibility- Lisa

Lisa inquired whether SELPA has any up-to-date information regarding the responsibilities related to assessments for students in private schools who are being considered for evaluation.

3.10 Parentally Placed Private School Students- Lisa

Lisa inquired about the process for documenting instances where parents of private school students decline an offer of an IEP and instead opt for a service plan.

3.11 Special Education Hiring- Lisa

Lisa inquired with The Council of Directors to see if they are planning on offering signing bonuses to Special Education teachers.



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4. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

4.1 Minutes: The Council of Directors is requested to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion by Jody Burriss Seconded by Lisa Mazza to approve as presented.

Yes:7

No: None

Abstain: None

4.2 IEE Procedures and Guidelines for the Provision of Independent Educational Evaluations at District Expense.: The Council of Directors is requested to approve the updated Procedures and Guidelines for the Provision of Independent Educational Evaluations at District Expense held within the IEE Packet as presented.

No motion made. The Council of Directors would like to see further edits before approving.

A motion was made to remove the last sentence from page two, section three of the Parent Independent Educational Evaluation Packet.

Motion by: Lisa Mezza Seconded by: Travis Manley

Yes: All

No: None

Abstain: None

A motion was made to remove sentence three to the end of the paragraph from page 2, section 2.

Motion by: Jody Burriss Seconded by: Lisa Mazza

Yes: All

No: None

Abstain: None



A Motion was made to increase the price on the IEE Cost sheet for assistive technology/augmentative and alternative communication and adaptive physical education to \$2500.

Motion by: Jody Burriss Seconded by: Thomas Manley

Yes: All
No: None
Abstain: None

A Motion was made to add verbiage to the IEE Cost sheet that states that the rates are reviewed annually.

Motion by: Jason Davis Seconded by: Travis Manley

Yes: 10
No: 1
Abstain: None

5. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

5.1 Council members may address relevant issues and concerns. Comments will be noted.

There were no comments from the audience.

6. DATES:

6.1 Next regular Council of Directors meeting, January 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Teacher's College of San Joaquin, 2721 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.