



San Joaquin County SELPA

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 16, 2023

Minutes

PRESENT: Steve Payne, Brandie Brunni, Jennifer Pool, Alyssa Wooten, Monica Vallerga, Nellaine Kilgore, Thomas Crocker, Jody Burriss, Staci Johnson, Austin Nogueira, Lisa Mazza , Travis Manley, Deanie Coleman, Wendy Frink, Sean Brown, Silvia de Alba

ABSENT: Susan Scott, Frank Souza, Justin Albano, Jamie Hughes, Nelarie Romo

I. CALL TO ORDER: Brandie Brunni called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

III. COMMENTS: There were no comments from the audience.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Director Headshots – Jen

Director headshots were completed outside of the WEC.

2. SELPA vs. Special Education - Brandie

Brandie reviewed the difference between SELPA and County Programs.

3. PY July Annual Accrual AB602 - Austin

Austin shared updates regarding the funding model as it applies going into the 23-24 school year. Items shared included an update with funds to AB130, which increased funds for this year as it rolled over from last year. There was also an increase in salaries and benefits which further adjusted the model. District revenue for 22-23 was shared. A comparison of estimated actuals, to actual accrual was presented. Funding factor is the percentage of funds that districts get back, which is currently higher than it has ever been.

4. PY Ann Review Excess Cost Transportation - Austin

Austin shared a brief overview of how excess cost transportation is calculated. Biggest change for this year is the reimbursement for transportation which gave us an extra 2.5 million dollars towards transportation.

5. PY Annual Accrual Mental Health Allocation - Austin

This is the model that the state changed for the 23-24 school year as the money goes straight to the districts, and then districts will journal to the SELPA for mental health costs. There is money carried over from the prior year that will be given back to districts due to the funding model change. Must be able to justify how dollars are spent and how they tie into mental health.

6. SELPA Funding Model - Austin

Austin explained the current model vs the new model that will be proposed at the Governing Council Meeting next week. There will be an action item proposing a change in the funding structure. The action item will affect the 24-25 school year.

7. Scheduling LEA Site Visits - Brandie

Brandie shared the link to sign up for site visits for the 2023-2024 school year..

8. Special Education Legal Summit - Brandie

Brandie shared that this event will be held on September 27th, 2023, and encouraged sign ups. Information to be shared by GPV law firm.

9. County Programs Update - Monica

Monica reviewed with LEAs their individual packets which included referral numbers, including types of referrals sent to county programs. A 5 year comparison was also shared, using 2018-2019 data as a "regular" year prior to covid.

Preliminary projections were shared from 6 months ago that showed class sizes for the 23-24 school year, compared to current enrollment and referrals in progress. County programs need growth in order to continue to be able to support LEA student needs.

Referral Update

- 23/24 Referrals to date: 40
- 22/23 Referrals to date: 55

Staffing Update was reviewed including current instructional assistant and teacher vacancies.

10. Alternate Pathway to Diploma - Jody

The Alternate Pathway to Diploma program was discussed including current CDE requirements. There are still many questions remaining, and Algebra is a major

roadblock to completion for many students. Frank will continue to gather information, and start a workgroup to help our SELPA move forward.

11. LI Update – Staci

- Current budget for 2023-2024 school year: \$1,497,794.25
- Current number of LI requests approved for 2023-2024 school year: 3
- Pending Requests: 4

12. CAC Update - Staci

- Dates for CAC meetings/trainings for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - September 14, 2023
 - November 9, 2023
 - February 9, 2024
 - May 9, 2024
- Each training/meeting will have its own individual flyer to pass out to families.
- Currently have four parents as voting members.
- Various voting membership positions are still available, including parents and educational representatives.
- First training/meeting will go over the basics of Special Education and the IEP process

13. CARES Update – Susan

- VCSS still working on expanding team (had someone back out on job offer)
- 5 referrals from late spring 2023 (2 on hold)
- 11 active cases
- Anticipation of 2 cases ending in near future

14. CALPADs Update – Susan/Staci

- CALPADS Special Education Data for 2023-2024 PRESENTER: California Department of Education
- August 22, 9:00-12:00, Sacramento COE
- CALPADS presentation registration link
- SJC SELPA Sped Data Coordinator,
- Aug 23, 2:00pm via zoom
- Amendment Window is 7/29/2023 to 8/25/2023
 - Final EOY Certification Deadline is 8/25/2023

15. Bridge ESN/MM - Staci

- Online training content is complete and courses are available via Keenan Online Training System. Courses must be completed by October 1.
- What is needed for each staff member needing authorization:
 - First and Last name
 - Email
 - Which course is needed-Mild Moderate or Extensive Support Needs

16. RTC Handbook - Susan

Susan is in progress of updating the handbook and would appreciate LEA feedback, the draft was shared.

17. Building Professional Learning Communities - Susan

SELPA would like to connect with behavior specialists and coordinators of nonpublic school placements to share resources. LEA's were asked to share their contact information.

18. WorkAbility Update – Susan

- Young Adult and High School Teachers will be signing agreements to participate in WorkAbility.
- Teachers will provide a Class List (print out caseload from SEIS) to their Job Developer.
- Teachers will provide a list of students who plan on participating in WorkAbility to their Job Developer.

19. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

LEA's were encouraged to check their SEIS Message Centers for several recent updates.

- CALPADS redesign info on 7/6/23
- SEIS Updates made 7/12/23
- Statewide Assessment form updates to be made 8/18/23 5:00pm

20. SELPA Workshops and Trainings - Program Specialist

Information was shared regarding various upcoming workshops and training opportunities.

21. Meetings with Private Schools - Sean

Sean proposed questions about how other LEA's are handling private school meetings, everyone follows the guidelines in the SELPA handbook.

22. Special Education Administrators Connecting (The Breakfast Club) - Program Specialists

Dates and information was shared for an upcoming networking opportunity for special education administrators and program specialists within the SELPA.

23. Upcoming Conferences and Trainings - Brandie/Jen

Information was shared regarding upcoming conferences and training opportunities. Deadline dates and details for registration were provided.

24. Director Spotlight - Brandie

Brandie shared that we will be using director headshots, and survey answers to spotlight our directors on the SELPA Facebook page.

25. Presentation of Goody Two Shoes Award - NellLaine

Due to absent members of the COD, this award will be presented at the September 13, 2023 COD Meeting.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

Minutes: On a motion from Monica Vallerga second by Steve Payne the SJC SELPA Council of Directors approved the minutes from the June 14, 2023, meeting as presented.

AYES: All
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The next COD meeting will be held on September 13, 2023, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.