



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SELPA IV

October 23, 2020

Zoom Video/Phone Conference

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- SJUSD** Stephen McMahon for Nancy Albarran
- SELPA AU** Leo Mapagu
- SCCOE** Mary Ann Dewan

OTHERS PRESENT: Jodi Lax (SJUSD), Seth Reddy (SJUSD), Kristen Brown (CACSE), Karen Santiago (SELPA), Marjorie Paeste (SELPA)

TIME CONVENED: 2:34 p.m. **TIME ADJOURNED:** 2:45 p.m. **RECORDER:** Marjorie Paeste

I. PUBLIC SESSION

A. Roll Call and Welcome of Guests

Ms. Jodi Lax called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. Roll was taken by Mr. Leo Mapagu, SELPA Executive Director. Ms. Kristen Brown was welcomed as a guest at the meeting.

B. Hearing of persons wishing to address the Council

Ms. Kristen Brown addressed the Council and mentioned that some SELPA IV Community Advisory Committee (CAC) parents met with CDE’s Kristin Wright. Ms. Brown stated that there is perceived apprehension from the SELPAs regarding some of CAC’s advocacy activities. She added that there were also questions about the CAC’s advisory capacity. Ms. Brown would like increased collaboration between the CAC and the district to pave the way for clearer communication.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Setting the Agenda

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Stephen McMahon seconded and the motion carried, 2-0.

B. Approval of minutes from the June 19, 2020 meeting

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan moved to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2020 meeting. Mr. Stephen McMahon seconded and the motion carried, 2-0.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between all member Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) of Santa Clara SELPAs I, II, III, IV, and VII regarding Non-Public School Site Visits

The MOU between all member LEAs of Santa Clara SELPAs I, II, III, IV, & VII regarding Non-Public School (NPS) Site Visits, per Ed Code §56366.1, is to help leverage resources and reduce duplication of efforts in working to address Ed Code requirements. The MOU has been vetted by SELPA Legal Counsel and has been discussed with district special ed directors. The MOU includes an approved NPS Monitoring form as well. Mr. Stephen McMahon moved to approve the MOU regarding NPS School Site Visits. Dr. Mary Ann Dewan seconded and the motion carried, 2-0.



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IV. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Fiscal Updates**

Mr. Leo Mapagu presented brief information on the state equalization of Base Rates, and SELPA MOUs 1 and 2. He noted that there might be a need to update the MOUs since they have been drafted under different circumstances 20 years ago. A conversation will be held in November with NW districts program and fiscal staff to bring recommendations to the Executive Council. South East SELPA will also be brought into the conversation since the MOUs are countywide.

B. **SELPA Director Updates**

Mr. Leo Mapagu provided updates on the following:

- a) **Local Plan** – CDE has allowed the use of the 2019-20 version of the Local Plan Section B template. A half-day study session will be held in December with the school districts to discuss the Local Plan.
- b) **CDE Monitoring Activities** – districts met the Disproportionality submission due date. CCEIS and SEP Plans are due December 15, 2020.
- c) **SELPA Activities:**
 - **Low Incidence** - there is an increase in the per pupil rate of Low Incidence (LI) funds: from \$466 to \$2,944 per LI student. There might be a need to change the LI allocation method based on this increase in funding. Discussion will be held with district directors.
 - **Distribution of Interest Revenue on Pass-through Funds** – this will go to the district’s general funds.
 - **Return of excess 2019-20 special ed revenue from Charter Schools** – University Prep Academy in SELPA IV is returning \$170k of excess special ed revenue from 2019-20. Discovery Charter II spent all its special ed revenue from 2019-20.
 - **Fall-1 Certification deadline** – reminders have been sent to districts regarding the deadline; this could impact LCFF and principal apportionment.
 - **Professional Development** – upcoming trainings were shared, including trainings for parents.
- d) **Others** – there is a study being conducted by WestEd per the Governor’s request to review special education funding. Dr. Mary Ann Dewan sits on the advisory panel for the study and she shared that one recommendation is to ascertain methodology and support more inclusive practices in schools around the state. The Department of Finance also sits on the study.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Mr. Stephen McMahon seconded and the motion carried, 2-0.