

Charter Leaders Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Welcome

Khristel Johnson welcomed attendees and introduced the newest Charter Schools Department's member Shallu Sharma. Shallu is part of the fiscal team with Christine Carbone.

Epic/LEAP

Adora Fisher provided information on EPIC and LEAP. EPIC is launching a new opportunity called "have one/get one" which is for already General Education credentialed teachers to obtain an additional Special Education credential. This program will pay teachers \$3,000.00 toward the cost of their additional credential and then create a 4-year commitment for the school to retain the teacher. LEAP is seeking applicants for the upcoming program year. More information on EPIC and LEAP is included on the resource pages.

Strength Based Learning

James White presented information on Strengths-Based Learning. SCCOE utilizes Gallup's Strengths-Based learning for teams and individuals. This training may enhance what an organization already has for a reduced cost compared to other organizations which provide the same types of trainings. Additional information is on the resource pages.

Migrant Education

Rigoberto Elenes and the Migrant Education team provided information on their program and how to better serve the migrant students in charter schools. The Migrant Education team will be conducting outreach during the summer.

Credentialing

Nelson Estupin provided information on the upcoming credentialing monitoring review timeline. Additional information was provided on possible new legislation which may impact charter schools – Assembly Bill 1219.

New Charter Laws

Michelle Johnson provided information on Senate Bill 126, a new law that was signed by Governor Gavin Newsome and takes effect on January 1, 2020. This new law holds charter schools to the same degree of transparency that applies to districts regarding the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, the Political Reform Act, and Government Code 1090. SCCOE's Standards of Excellence (which are included in the MOU) currently hold authorized SCCBOE charter schools to these laws and most of the schools have self-declared through their petitions to comply.

Retirement/Service

Khristel was honored for her service to the Charter Schools Department as she announced her retirement at the end of the 2018-2019 academic year.

LCAP/Budget

Michelle Johnson discussed the LCAP timeline and offered SCCOE's services during the LCAP preparation time. Reminders and the instruction sheets for the Budget Summary for Parents component – NEW – for this year were also provided.

Christine Carbone discussed the Budget component of the LCAP and the Preliminary Budget document changes. This year, the before/after school and summer school programs are not to be included in the school budget. They are supplemental programs and will now be separate budgets. Christine also reminded that the Budget and the LCAP *must* match.

Dr. Dewan welcome

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan stopped by and welcomed the participants and congratulated all on the hard work which has been done this year.

Annual Visits

Vickie Teshin-Anderson reviewed the annual visits and led a discussion on what the participants believed were the key items the team was looking for this year: safety, English Language Development, student records, LCAP, and governance. Vickie also indicated that the department is working on a monitoring tool to help remove subjectivity and will be shared out for feedback in the near future.

Professional Learning

Eddy Mourtos provided information on professional learning opportunities provided by SCCOE. These opportunities include trainings in: communities of practice, 100 Points of Light, summits, special events, symposiums, workshops, summer institutes, and customized professional development services. More information is provided in resources.

Inclusion Collaborative

Kathy Wahl provided information on the Inclusion Collaborative. The Inclusion Collaborative builds a culture that values all children by strengthening, sustaining, and ensuring inclusive practices. More information is provided in the resources.

School Attendance Review Board (SARB)

Jennifer Del Bono provided information on Safe and Healthy Schools, PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies) and SARB (Student Attendance Review Board). SARB is being revised in May and June to better serve districts and charter schools. More information is available by contacting the Safe and Healthy Schools program at <https://www.sccoe.org/depts/schoolhealth/Pages/Contact.aspx> or (408) 453-6504

School Safety

Michael Vallez provided information on school safety and school safety plans.

Conclusion/Next Meeting

The next meeting date is tentatively Thursday, October 3, 2019.