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Special Education Local Plan Area
Trina Frazier, Chief Student Services Officer

Executive Committee Meeting
March 2, 2020
2:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m. ❖ FCSS, Room 273

Minutes

Members Present: Region I: Andrew Alvarado; **Region II:** Wesley Sever, Tanya Fisher; **Region III:** Russell Freitas, Orin Hirschhorn; **Region IV:** none; **Fresno County SELPA:** Romy Chachere, Eddie Davidson, Leslie, Cox, Laura Wascher

- I. Call to Order** R. Chachere
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
- II. Adoption of Agenda** R. Chachere
W. Sever / A. Alvarado MSC
- III. *Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2019** R. Chachere
W. Sever / R. Freitas MSC
- IV. *Low Incidence Equipment Application Report** L. Cox
Leslie Cox, Principal for SELPA/Special Education, reviewed the Low Incidence Equipment Application Report for December 2019 and January 2020 with Executive Committee members. Leslie explained that there were quite a few more visual impairment (VI) items purchased in the last months. A mini library for braille items was included in these purchases.
O. Hirschhorn / R. Freitas
- V. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity** T. Pinheiro
Romy Chachere, SELPA Compliance Officer, reviewed the handout titled “FCOE Operated Class Size Capacity as of February 28, 2020”. As of this date, there are 634 students enrolled with 88 pending referrals.
- VI. *Percentage of Students Served** T. Pinheiro
Romy Chachere reviewed the handout titled “Percentage of Students Served as of February 28, 2020”. This data is broken down by program to show the percentage of each district in county-operated programs.
- VII. *SELPA Annual Treasurer’s Report for 2018-19** E. Davidson
Eddie Davidson, Student Services Fiscal Director, shared the handout titled “SELPA Annual Treasurer’s Report for 2018-19”. Eddie reviewed the expenditures and explained to members that there will no longer be legal costs to Fagan Friedman & Fulfrost LLP since the SELPA hired one full time Legal Counsel to the staff. Eddie also shared with members that there was a beginning balance in Fund 01 – SELPA Set Aside of \$4.6 million dollars. The ending balance was \$3 million dollars. Members also discussed the Legal Set-Aside Pool – Fund 10 and the NPS/NPA Set-Aside Pool – Fund 10 ending balance.

- VIII. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 1 Update for 2019-20** E. Davidson
Eddie reviewed the handout titled “Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 1 for 2019-20” explaining that the SELPA likes to ensure that these funds are fully expended. Eddie informed members that this spreadsheet shows how much districts have spent and what their remaining balances are. The private school funds can be the most challenging to expend. Eddie shared that county-operated programs are not able to help spend these balances as we do not have private school enrollments.
- IX. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 5 Update for 2018-19** E. Davidson
Eddie reviewed the handout titled “Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 5 Update for 2018-19”. The ending grand total IDEA Entitlement is \$162,977.
- X. Status of Federal IDEA Reimbursements for 2018-19** E. Davidson
Eddie shared with members that unfortunately none of the districts have received reimbursements for 2018-19. Eddie explained the timeline of dates and actions taken with CDE and discussed possible solutions with members going forward.
- XI. *Proposed Changes to the Funding Allocation Plan: Transportation Billback, Legal Cost Claims** E. Davidson
Eddie reviewed the proposed changes to the funding allocation plan. Proposed changes include adjusting the Total Rider Count to the beginning of the regular school year to December 31, or who are counted anytime from January 1 to June 30. Full year riders will be those who are counted on both counts. Proposed changes also include adjusting the Legal Pool claim maximum to equal one case with a maximum number of three claims per year. Members were in agreement with the proposed changes. Changes will be brought to SGC members for approval.
- XII. Administrative Updates** R. Chachere
- A. Bill Updates
Romy updated members regarding AB-602 funding and shared that a letter of support will be going out. Romy also shared that the SELPA is waiting for and will support a bill regarding exemptions for speech and language.
- B. Fiscal Updates
Romy informed members that if the SELPA is brought up to the 95th percentile, it will mean about \$11 million more dollars for Fresno County SELPA.
- XIII. Future Agenda Items** R. Chachere
None.
- XIV. Upcoming Meeting Dates:**
- A. Operations Committee Meeting: March 9, 2020, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Room 201
B. SGC Meeting: March 26, 2020, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., Room 201
- XV. Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.