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Special Education Local Plan Area
Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Superintendents' Governance Council
February 25, 2021 ♦ 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Minutes

PLEASE NOTE: For public access instructions and opportunities for public comments, please contact tfrazier@fcoe.org or (559) 265-3049 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2021. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

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| I. Call to Order | The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. | J. Yovino |
| II. *Adoption of Agenda | Robert Frausto / Jesus Cruz <i>MSC</i> | J. Yovino |
| III. *Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes | Robert Frausto / Jesus Cruz <i>MSC</i> | J. Yovino |
| IV. Community Input | <i>The public may address the Fresno County SELPA Policy Committee pursuant to established procedures and will have up to three minutes to do so. No action shall be taken (E.C. 35145.5). Members of the public who have a disability in need of a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the SGC meeting may contact the SGC coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting with the request.</i>
None. | T. Frazier |
| V. Communications | None. | T. Frazier |
| VI. Standing Committee Reports | A. None | T. Frazier |
| VII. Information and Reports | A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information
Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, shared legislative updates. SB14 proposes that if a student is absent due to mental or behavioral health issues, the absence will be excused. There may also be sponsored bills regarding broadband access, suicide prevention and compensatory education. The governor's budget proposal, proposes \$300,000,000 for special education early intervention grants which would be for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The focus is on more inclusion, more evidence based practices and school readiness for these age groups. These funds would be ongoing. The budget proposal also proposes to increase our base rate from \$625 to \$634 per ADA which would mean about \$700,000 more for our SELPA overall. Trina updated members regarding our contract with First Student. We are looking at settling with them for \$100,000 for last year and extending the agreement for five more years. | T. Frazier |

**indicates handout*

- B. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity** T. Frazier
Trina reviewed the handout titled “FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity as of January 27, 2021” sharing that some classes are impacted at this time even during COVID-19. As we were unable to conduct observations due to COVID-19, we had not actively been accepting referrals. We are now going to start processing these referrals beginning with the ones received just prior to school closures.
- C. *Percentage of Students Served in County Programs by DOR** T. Frazier
Trina shared the handout titled “Percentage of Students Service’s in County Programs by DOR as of January 27, 2021”, explaining that this shows enrollment numbers in each type of county-operated program. This shows the percentage of students served by district and the percentage of the SELPA each district makes up.
- D. *SELPA Annual Treasurer’s Report for 2019-20 & Proposed One-Time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2020-21** E. Davidson
Eddie Davidson, Student Services Fiscal Director, shared the handout titled “SELPA Annual Treasurer’s Report for 2019-20 & Proposed One-Time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2020-21”. Legal costs have increased due to COVID-19. The recommendation to members is to transfer the ending balance of \$572,680 and roll it into the NPS/NPA state aide and the legal cost pool. If the ending balance went back to districts, it would be approximately \$2.00 per ADA. There is a balance of \$2,000,000 in the AB114 dollars. That is an excess of \$1,100,000 beyond the threshold of a three year average plus 20% as per the local plan. Eddie reviewed the proposed reallocation of the excess balance. In the packet sent for the meeting, there was one version provided of the proposed one-time distribution. Another option will be emailed out to members to review and vote on as an action item at the March SGC meeting.
- E. Transportation Update** E. Davidson
Eddie updated members regarding transportation sharing that the per-rider cost if we do not settle with First Student, will be about \$5,500. If we do settle, it will be about \$4,500 per-rider. This information will be shared with district Chief Business Officers (CBO).
- F. Maintenance-of-Effort SEMAI for 2020-21, Due 3/15/21** E. Davidson
Eddie shared that he sent a message to CBOs regarding second interim Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE). This is not required by the State, but something we do as a SELPA. If a Local Educational Agency (LEA) does not meet MOE, they will receive a bill from California Department of Education (CDE). Eddie reminded members that both written instructions and a YouTube instructional video have been provided as a resource on how to explore all options on how to meet MOE. Eddie reminded members that although there is additional funding for special education, it typically reduces the general fund contribution resulting in a negative impact on MOE. Eddie also shared that COVID-19 related reductions are not allowable. For example, facilities costs, travel and conference costs, substitutes, expenses have been reduced due to COVID-19 and are not allowable reductions.
- G. Annual Budget & Services Plans for 2021-22** E. Davidson
Eddie shared with members that we are working on the Annual Budget and Services plans for 2021-22. The process is much more extensive now. We are pulling the funding allocations at the SELPA level to show the plan for expenditures. This is work that can be done on our side that can be presented to the members and CBOs to vet. This will be voted on by SGC members by June 30, 2021.

H. *State Apportionment for 2020-21 P-1

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled “State Apportionment for 2020-21 P-1”. This apportionment was received February 19, 2021. There have been some minor changes. Some districts had a small increase or small decrease. Low Incidence (LI) had a \$1.3 million increase. This money will go towards our LI services instead of equipment which will help reduce the amount that county-operated program pools from the districts. Eddie reviewed the funding allocation exhibit from the state included in the handout and will send out a much deeper review of how these calculations work.

VIII. Future Agenda Items/Updates

J. Yovino

None.

IX. Next SGC Meeting March 25, 2021 via Zoom

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X. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.
Robert Frausto / Jesus Cruz *MSC*