



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Superintendents' Governance Council February 22, 2024 ♦ 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Room 201 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 21, 2024. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

- I. Call to Order** M. Copher
The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m.
- II. *Adoption of Agenda** M. Copher
Ketti Davis / Judi Szpor
- III. *Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2023** M. Copher
Liz Runyon / Orin Hirschhorn
- IV. Community Input** T. Frazier
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.
None.
- V. Communications** T. Frazier
None.
- VI. Standing Committee Reports** T. Frazier
A. None
- VII. Information and Reports** T. Frazier
A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information
1. PIP & CIRCLE Criteria
Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, shared information regarding the updating of the PIP and CIRCLE Criteria. Trina shared that the substance abuse criteria is being removed and that Intellectually Disabled (ID) criteria is being left in. In order to provide support to districts when students exit our program, Melissa Rose and Heidi Baldwin, Autism Content Specialists, will follow-up as needed. Additional professional development will also be provided. Trina expressed that our goal is to have a program with integrity and when students return to district, they are successful.
2. *CSBA Sample District Policy Manual
a) High School Graduation Requirements
Trina shared that there have been requests from superintendents to look at Alternative High School Diploma requirements. A draft CSBA Sample District Policy Manual has been provided from the California Department of Education (CDE). As this is a draft, the information could change at any time.

Trina shared with members that there is a tool in SEIS in the document library to assist with requirements. This policy will affect a small population of only 9th and 10th grade students.

b) Differential Graduation & Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities

Item covered in VII.A.2.a.

B. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity

T. Frazier

Trina shared information regarding the handout titled “FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity as of February 14, 2024”. There are currently 46 remaining referrals, and we are working hard to place them. Capacity limits have been set for our classrooms. Currently the middle school classroom at Rio Vista has three students which is under the cap of five. Middle school placements for students with behavior needs can be difficult to fill. Trina informed members to keep in mind that some of the middle school aged referrals may not be in that area to feed into that class, but our goal is to fill classrooms to capacity.

C. *Percentage of Students Served in County Programs by DOR

T. Frazier

Trina shared the handout titled “Percentage of Students Served in County Programs by DOR as of February 14, 2024”. This report shows what percentage each district makes up of the SELPA and how many students are enrolled in each of our programs.

D. *Maintenance-of-Effort Update for SEMA for 2022-23 & SEMB for 2023-24

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled “Maintenance-of-Effort Update for SEMA for 2022-23 & SEMB for 2023-24”. This information has been provided to fiscal and program contacts. The report shows each member LEA in the SELPA, the SEMA compliance, and the SEMB eligibility which compares the budget to the actuals. All members met SEMA. Nine members did not meet SEMB. There is still time for members to meet and Eddie is working closely with those members.

E. *SELPA 3-Year MOE Contribution Report

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled “SELPA 3-Year MOE Contribution Report”, informing members that once MOE is completed, this report is provided to show how much special education programs are being funded by general fund contributions. The average for the SELPA is 30%. The state average is 60%.

F. Maintenance-of-Effort SEMAI for 2023-24, Due 3/15/2024

E. Davidson

Eddie shared that the Maintenance-of-Effort SEMAI for 2023-24 is due on March 15, 2024.

G. *Maintenance-of-Effort Exemption Review

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled “Maintenance-of-Effort Exemption Review”. This is a sample tool to help LEAs determine MOE factors, such as an employee retiring and a replacement employee who is paid at a lesser step on the pay scale.

H. *Status of Reimbursement Claims for 2022-23

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled “Status of Reimbursement Claims for 2022-23”. These reimbursement claims for Non-Public Schools (NPS) and Legal Costs have been approved by the SELPA Executive Committee for payment. Payments have subsequently been sent out. 2022-23 is the last year that NPS claims will be reimbursed as mental health funds are now going directly to LEAs.

- I. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 1 for 2023-24** E. Davidson
Eddie shared the handout titled “Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 1 for 2023-24” informing members that of the IDEA grant award of approximately 18 million dollars. This is the first report of seven.
- J. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 5 for 2022-23** E. Davidson
Eddie shared the Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 5 for 2022-23” which shows members’ remaining balances. Members have until September 30, 2024, to fully expend. If a member cannot expend, county-operated can use any forfeited dollars (except private school and CCEIS funds). If private school funds cannot be spent, an explanation can be sent to CDE to utilize the funds for other special education purposes.
- K. *Grant Award Notices for IDEA for 2023-24** E. Davidson
Eddie shared the handout titled “Grant Award Notices for IDEA for 2023-24”. \$18.3 million dollars was received. Updated allocation amounts have been provided.
- L. *Private School Proportionate Share Assurance for 2023-24, Due 2/16/24** E. Davidson
Eddie shared the handout titled “Private School Proportionate Share Assurance for 2023-24”. This was due on February 16, 2024. The amounts for private school proportionate share have been updated. A handout from CDE has been provided on how to calculate. These are not additional funds; they are existing IDEA funds that are earmarked for private schools.
- M. *Funding Allocations for 2023-24 Quarter 2** E. Davidson
Eddie shared the handout titled “Funding Allocations for 2023-24 Quarter 2”. This information was sent out on January 15, 2024. Each column represents a funding source, and each row represents a member LEA.
- N. *Transportation Billback Update for 2023-24 Quarter 2** E. Davidson
Eddie shared the handout titled “Transportation Billback Update for 2023-24 Quarter 2” informing members on how much they are paying for each rider. We are trying to maximize routes without putting students on a route for too long. Liquidated damages are being collected, which helps to offset members’ costs.
- O. Local Plan; Annual Budget & Service Plans for 2024-25, Information** E. Davidson
Eddie informed members that every year we must adopt the annual budget and service plans for the SELPA. Every three years, the local plan must be adopted. These items will be brought forth to SGC for approval in a future meeting.

VIII. Future Agenda Items/Updates M. Copher
Trina shared that we received a public records request for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) students in Fresno County from Disability Rights. Legal Counsel is helping us reply to that by April. Trina proposed to members that we only print the agendas and not all the handouts at future SGC meetings. Members were agreeable to this request.

IX. Next SGC Meeting is March 21, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., Room 201 M. Copher

X. Adjournment M. Copher
The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.
Ketti Davis / Roy Mendiola