



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

**Executive Committee Meeting
March 4, 2024
1:00 p.m. ~ 2:00 p.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 March 3, 2024. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

- I. Call to Order** R. Chachere
The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.
- II. Adoption of Agenda** R. Chachere
Ketti Davis / Edward Gomes
- III. *Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2024** R. Chachere
Ketti Davis / Wes Sever
- IV. Community Input**
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 Executive Committee meeting may contact the Executive Committee coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting with the request.
None.
- V. *Low Incidence Equipment Application Report** L. Cox
Leslie Cox, Principal of Low Incidence Programs, shared the Low Incidence purchases for February 2024.
Wes Sever / Ketti Davis
- VI. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity** C. Borges
Chris Borges, Executive Director of Special Education, shared the handout titled "FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity" as of February 28, 2024. We are currently serving 611 students throughout our 78 classrooms. Referrals for placement next year are starting to come in.
- VII. *Students Served in County-Operated Programs** C. Borges
Chris shared the handout titled "Student Served in County-Operated Programs" which shows the total percentage the district makes up of the SELPA and how many students are being served on their behalf. Chris shared that the chronic absenteeism rate is on track to decrease by 50%.
- VIII. *Principal Apportionment for 2023-24 P-1** E. Davidson
Eddie shared the handout titled "Principal Apportionment for 2023-24 P-1". The new exhibits from P-1 were received from the California Department of Education (CDE). Eddie reviewed the apportionment amounts.

IX. Local Plan for 2024-25, Draft & Information

E. Davidson/R. Chachere

A. *Annual Budget & Services Plans

Eddie reviewed the draft annual budget and service plans. This draft will be sent to fiscal and program contacts for review.

B. *Governance & Administration

Romy Chachere, SELPA Director, shared that prior to 2021-22, the Local Plan was just the Governance & Administration section. In 2021-22, CDE combined the Annual Budget and Service Plans with the Governance Administration section. The Annual Budget and Service Plans are due every year for renewal. The Governance and Administration piece is due for renewal every three years. Due to the lapsation of Monroe Unified and Caruthers Unified, there are changes to the geographic area. Repetitive language has been struck. A Google document has also been provided to members that tracks these changes.

X. *SELPA Annual Treasurer’s Report for 2022-23 & Proposed One-time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2023-24, Information

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled “SELPA Annual Treasurer’s Report for 2022-23 & Proposed One-Time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2023-24”. This is to report balances and to allow members to make recommendations for anything that may be above or below a reserve. This report will also be provided to SGC for a first reading and then will be provided for approval. It was proposed that the remaining balance of \$913,000 in the SELPA Set-Aside be used for county-operated program expenditures. When budgets were built for the new year, increases due to retroactive pay were not taken into account. This balance would help to offset those costs. Eddie also proposed to members that the NPS/NPA and Legal Costs pools be removed. The Legal Cost pool is an optional cost pool for SELPAs. This would require a change in the funding allocation plan. Members discussed the continuation of keeping a legal set aside pool or if members would prefer to pay their own legal costs.

XI. Administrative Updates

R. Chachere

Romy shared that February 16, 2024, was the last day for bills to be introduced for legislation. AB 2173 proposes to change state law to “Emotional Disturbance” to “Emotional Disability”. Romy updated members regarding the two-year bill, SB 445 (Portantino) regarding IEP translations. Due to the fiscal impact translating IEPs in up to eight languages, determining timelines and qualifications, this bill will unlikely be moving forward at this time.

XII. Future Agenda Items

T. Frazier

None.

XIII. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- A. Operations Committee Meeting: March 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Zoom
- B. SGC Meeting: March 21, 2024, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., Room 201

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.
Ketti Davis / Wes Sever