



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Superintendents' Governance Council November 9, 2023 ♦ 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 November 8, 2023. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

- I. Call to Order** M. Copher
The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
- II. *Adoption of Agenda** M. Copher
Judith Szpor / Brian Clark
- III. *Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2023, Meeting Minutes** M. Copher
Jeff Percell / Judith Szpor
- 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. Action Items**
A.*Proposed Changes to the Funding Allocations Plan, Action
B.*Proposed One-Time Allocation of Mental Health Funds
Action Items were not voted on and will be brought forth for action at the December meeting.
- VIII. Information and Reports**
A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information T. Frazier
Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, informed members that the last day to submit new bills is February 16, 2024. SB 531 (Ochoa) is an Urgency bill that has gone into effect. This bill states that for adult transition or high school students being left at work sites, at least one person at the work site must have gone through a background check.
1. Facilities Funding for Classrooms
Trina shared that we have facilities' funds available for CIRCLE, ESN, and TIES programs. The funds for TIES are restricted for mental health/purposes. Space is needed for a CIRCLE class somewhere along the 99 corridors. Trina asked members to let her know if they have any space to have a modular building placed. Members

are responsible for PG&E and custodial costs for any facilities placed with these funds.

2. **PIP & CIRCLE Criteria**

Trina shared that we have always used the criteria that a student cannot be intellectually disabled, and we only serve through 6th grade for our PIP and CIRCLE programs. Since the criteria has not been reviewed in many years, we will be taking a look at the criteria to determine what the districts' needs are. We will be asking members to join a workgroup to review the criteria.

3. **TeachTown Curriculum**

The TeachTown curriculum has been purchased and implemented in our classrooms. This curriculum has both online and physical materials and it aligns to content standards. Overall, the curriculum has been working very well for our programs.

4. **Outdoor Learning Environment**

There are Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds that we are utilizing to design and build outdoor learning environments at our three centers: Ramacher, Sutherland, and Monte Vista. They will have electrical run to them as well as green space.

5. **Attendance**

Trina shared that a goal in our department is to reduce chronic absenteeism. We are getting ready to send a third round of truancy letters. If absenteeism persists after the third round of letters, we will be scheduling IEPs and using the SARB process. While we do have many medical fragile students, we want to ensure that the students are truly out for medical reasons.

B. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity

T. Frazier

Trina shared the handout titled "FCSS Operated Program Class Size Capacity" as of October 26, 2023. We are currently serving 404 ESN students, 101 PIP/CIRCLE students, 44 DHH students and 66 TIES students. We are holding nine referrals for CIRCLE, seven referrals for PIP and 12 referrals for TIES. These programs have the most referrals. Trina emphasized the need for space due to the number of referrals in these programs.

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 October 26. This report shows the percentage each district makes up of the SELPA and the percentage of students in each of the county-operated programs.

D. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 4 for 2022-23

E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson, Student Services Fiscal Director, shared the handout titled "Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 4 for 2022-23". The report shows the reported expenditures as well as the balances.

E. *AB 130 Final Expenditure Report for 2021-22

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled "AB 130 Final Expenditure Report for 2021-22". These are one-time dollars which can be difficult to expend. 98% of the Learning Recovery funds were expended as these were less restricted.

F. *Excess Cost Calculations for 2022-23

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled "Excess Cost Calculations for 2022-23". The federal funds can only be used on excess costs. This report is a compilation of all the members' costs.

G. *Mental Health Funding Review

E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed the Principal Apportionment Summary for Fresno County. This information comes from CDE. Both state and federal mental health funds no longer are allocated through the SELPA and now go directly to LEAs. Eddie informed members that CDE is not only sending these funds to LEAs, but all charter schools, including charters that are locally funded and independent charters that are schools under the LEA for special education purposes. If a district has an MOU with a charter, they may need to revise the MOU to ensure that the dollars are used appropriately. This is an anomaly that CDE has acknowledged and will not be adjusting. In addition, the federal mental health funds, which are still restricted to students with IEPs, will probably come out in February, March, or April of next year. These will only go to member LEAs and not to charters if they are locally funded or independent charters that are schools under the LEA for special education purposes. Our website will still be available with this information as a resource to districts.

IX. Future Agenda Items/Updates

M. Copher

None.

X. Next SGC Meeting is December 7, 2023, Room 201

M. Copher

XI. Adjournment

M. Copher

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Judith Szpor / Gordan Pacheco