



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Superintendents' Governance Council February 27, 2025 ♦ 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 26, 2025. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

I. Call to Order

M. Copher

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

II. *Adoption of Agenda

M. Copher

K. Davis / J. Szpor

III. *Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2024 (pgs. 3-4)

M. Copher

O. Hirschhorn / W. Sever

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

A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information

T. Frazier

Trina Frazier shared that the trailer bill language came out February 1, 2025. There are no significant changes for special education. An IEP online template translated into the seven most common languages will become available if the Governor's proposal is signed by legislature. Trina informed members that the \$1.8 billion one-time discretionary block grant is in the trailer bill. If distributed equally based on the 2024-25 statewide ADA, this would be about \$325 per ADA. The deadline to submit bills was February 16, 2025. The last day for the Governor to sign or veto is September 30, 2025. Trina shared information regarding potential state SELPA sponsored bills. One is regarding staffing and extending the amount of time a long-term substitute teacher can be in place (60-90 days). The other is regarding infant services to update the funding formula, clean up policy and align Part C eligibility between regional center/DDS and LEAs/Develop timeline for initial eligibility for those in Part C to be by their third birthday versus 60 days. Trina informed members that our transportation bid has been published, and we have begun to receive interest from vendors. Addendums are being completed for any questions received. The pre-bid conference is scheduled for June 13, 2025.

B. *IEE Policy Draft 2024-25 (pgs. 5-18)

T. Frazier

Trina shared information regarding the draft of the IEE Policy. We are looking at changing the cost limitations to meet the new rates of independent evaluations. We are also looking at cleaning up some of the language and aligning it to Ed. Code.

C. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity (pgs. 19-20)

T. Frazier

Trina updated members regarding the enrollment numbers for the county-operated classrooms. She also reviewed the referral data history and how our referrals have increased. Our CIRCLE and TIES programs are the two that receive the most. Trina emphasized the need for classroom space in order to accommodate these increased referrals. Last year, in all programs, we received 199 referrals and this year we have received 269 to date. Trina shared that we are working on adding an additional classroom building in Caruthers Unified for Extensive Needs. She also shared that we have additional funding to add a TIES classroom but need the space to do so.

D. *Percentage of Students Served in County Programs by DOR (pg. 21)

T. Frazier

Item was not covered.

E. *Funding Allocations for 2024-25 Quarter 2 (pgs. 22-23)

E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson, Fiscal Student Services Director, shared information regarding the funding allocations for quarter 2. The fiscal apportionment was received in February and the rates have remained the same. The only adjustment might be if ADA increases or decreases.

F. *Transportation Billback Update for 2024-25 Quarter 2 (pg. 24)

E. Davidson

Eddie shared information regarding the transportation billback. About \$25,000 was collected in liquidated damages which are passed onto members. We are estimated to have about 235 total riders. Recommendation is to budget about \$8,000 per rider. The largest variables tend to be rider count and Extended School Year (ESY).

G. *Private School Proportionate Share for 2024-25 Quarter 2 (pg. 25)

E. Davidson

Eddie informed members of their estimated Private School Proportionate share. Students with disabilities that are parentally placed in private schools must be identified. There is a required portion of the IDEA funds to provide services to those students.

H. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 1 for the 2024-25 Grant Award (pgs. 26-28)

E. Davidson

Eddie shared Report 1 for 2024-25 which has not been submitted yet as we have not received the grant award.

I. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 5 for the 2023-24 Grant Award (pgs. 29-30)

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the claims for Report 5 for 2023-24. There are some remaining balances for members. The funds must be expended by September 2025.

J. *SELPA Annual Treasurer's Report for 2023-24 & Proposed One-Time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2024-25 (pgs. 31-34)

E. Davidson

Eddie shared that the SELPA Annual Treasurer's Report for 2023-24 and One-Time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2024-25 was reviewed by the SELPA Executive Committee and approved to come to SGC as information and eventually as an action item for approval. Eddie reviewed the allocations and balances with members along with recommendations. The balance in the Legal Set-Aside Pool is under the threshold. The recommendation is to pull that available balance from the State Aid NPS/NPA Set-Aside Pool now that members are receiving mental health funds directly. It is also recommended that the leftover balance of

\$18,000 for the Mental Health NPS/NPA Set-Aside Pool is absorbed into county-operated which will save members in state aid.

K. Local Plan; Annual Budget & Service Plans for 2025-26, Information

E. Davidson

Eddie informed members that every year we update our Local Plan's Annual Budget and Service Plans. This information will be sent to program and fiscal contacts to review and eventually brought to SGC for approval.

L. Maintenance-of-Effort SEMAI for 2024-25, Due 3/15/2025

Eddie reviewed the due date for SEMAI and shared that all districts are projected to meet MOE.

VIII. Future Agenda Items/Updates

M. Copher

None.

IX. Next SGC Meeting is March 27, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., Room 201

M. Copher

X. Adjournment

M. Copher

The meeting was adjourned.