

Marin County SELPA
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting
November 20, 2024
9:30 – 11:00 AM
1111 Las Gallinas Avenue, San Rafael, CA
AGENDA

Interpreter available upon request
(48-hour notice is required)

1. Call to Order
2. Establishment of a Quorum
3. Public Comment
Code § 54954.3 provides that the public will have an opportunity to address the committee on any item described on a regular or special meeting agenda either before or during the consideration of the item. Per MCOE Board Policy 8566, each person shall limit comments to five (5) minutes.
4. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2024 SEAC meeting
The Minutes from the August 28, 2024 SEAC Meeting will be presented for adoption.
 - b. Approval of the Agenda for the November 20, 2024 SEAC Meeting.
The Agenda for the November 20, 2024 SEAC Meeting will be presented for adoption.
 - c. Approval of the 2024 – 2025 SEAC Annual Goals
The 2024 – 2025 SEAC Annual Goals will be presented for review and adoption.
5. Information Items
 - a. SEAC Chairperson Report
Information and communication will be presented by the SEAC Chairperson.
 - b. SEAC Advisory Steering Committee (ASC) Liaison Report
Information and communication will be presented by the SEAC ASC Liaison.
 - c. SELPA Director Report
Information and communication will be presented by the SELPA Director.
6. Discussion Items
 - a. SEAC Member Nomination(s) – Standing Item
SEAC member nomination(s) will be presented by the SELPA Director for consideration.

- b. Parent Communication
A discussion will occur regarding the development of written communication to parents of students with disabilities to provide information and resources.
 - c. Marin County SELPA Parent Education: 2025 SEAC Family Resource Fair
A discussion will occur regarding the development of the 2025 SEAC Family Resource Fair.
7. SEAC Recommendations to SELPA Governing Board
Recommendations will be identified to move forward to the SELPA Governing Board for consideration.
 8. Future Planning
Topics and/or areas for future SEAC discussion(s) will be identified and/or reviewed, as needed.
 9. Next Meeting Date: February 26, 2025 at 9:30 am at Marin County Office of Education
 10. Adjournment

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August 28, 2024
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MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

Birgit Switenki called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

2. Establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was established with four (4) members in attendance.

3. Public Comment

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Nicole Bellefueille, a parent of a child in the Sausalito Marin City School District, shared her frustration with the Sausalito Marin City School District and Marin County Office of Education regarding appropriate programming and service options for students with Charge Syndrome. She explained that she has needed to utilize personal resources to advocate for an appropriate educational placement for her son. She would like to see more programs developed/services made available in Marin County for students with disabilities.

A parent from San Rafael City Schools shared that there is a need for more information about special education services and programs for students at the elementary level and would like to see more information about trainings specific to Autism.

4. Action Items

- a. Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2024 SEAC meeting
The Minutes from the May 6, 2024 SEAC Meeting will be presented for adoption.

The Minutes from the May 6, 2024 SEAC Meeting were approved as presented.

Motion: Kaity Galvez

Second: Arwen Brown

Carried: Unanimous

- b. *Approval of the Agenda for the August 28, 2024 SEAC Meeting.*
The Agenda for the August 28, 2024 SEAC Meeting will be presented for adoption.

The Agenda for the August 28, 2024 SEAC Meeting was approved as presented.

Motion: Arwen Brown Second: Magdalena Macias Carried: Unanimous

5. Information Items

- a. SEAC Chairperson Report
Information and communication will be presented by the SEAC Chairperson.

The Chairperson shared information about the passing of Greg Abell, a former SEAC workshop facilitator and ADR mentor. The SEAC members in attendance signed a condolence card.

- b. SEAC Advisory Steering Committee (ASC) Liaison Report
Information and communication will be presented by the SEAC ASC Liaison.

The SEAC Advisory Committee Liaison shared information with the Committee about the August Advisory Steering Committee meeting. She shared that the SELPA has launched a new website and will be hosting a variety of different professional learning opportunities for educators, including the NorCal Inclusion Collaborative, and the Marin County Office of Education provided an update regarding regionalized special education programs.

- c. SELPA Director Report
Information and communication will be presented by the SELPA Director.

The SELPA Director providing information regarding the following:

- ***A response to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report “To Learn or Not to Learn: Are Children with Learning Differences Set up for Success?” was submitted to the Civil Grand Jury by the Operational Steering Committee;***
- ***The Marin County SELPA launched a new website on July 1st that streamlines information for families and educators and includes enhanced digital forms;***
- ***The 2024 – 2025 Marin County SELPA Professional Development Calendar; and***
- ***Special Education Legislation.***

6. Discussion Items

- a. SEAC Member Nomination(s) – Standing Item
SEAC member nomination(s) will be presented by the SELPA Director for consideration.

The SELPA Director presented one (1) SEAC member nomination from the Marin County Office of Education for consideration. The SEAC recommended moving the nomination forward.

- b. 2024 – 2025 Marin County SELPA SEAC Goals
A discussion will occur regarding the development of 2024 – 2025 SEAC goals.

The SEAC discussed goals for the 2024 – 2025 school year. The SEAC discussed continuing to focus on developing meaningful and relevant parent education opportunities, creating accessible resources, and bringing awareness of the SEAC to families in Marin County.

The SEAC expressed an interest in developing written communication to be shared with families about the resources available to them when their child is found eligible for special education services.

- c. 2024 – 2025 Marin County SELPA Parent Education: Finalize Topics and Dates
A discussion will occur regarding the development of parent workshops and training opportunities for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

The SEAC discussed topics for parent workshops during the 2024 – 2025 school year.

7. SEAC Recommendations to SELPA Governing Board
Recommendations will be identified to move forward to the SELPA Governing Board for consideration.

There were no recommendations.

8. Future Planning
Topics and/or areas for future SEAC discussion(s) will be identified and/or reviewed, as needed.

The SEAC requested the Family Resource Fair and written parent communication be added to the November meeting agenda for future discussion.

Next Meeting Date: February 28, 2025 at 9:30 am at Marin County Office of Education

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned without objection at 10:37 am.

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