YUBA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

JOINT MEETING OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL and OPERATION'S COUNCIL

October 23, 2024

Chairperson:	Lora Gonzalez	
Members in Attendance:	Becky Marsolais	Kristen Nottle-Powell
	Patrick Brose	Lauren Link
	Craig Guensler	Rusty Gordon
	Chris Mahurin	Angela Gouker
	Rob Gregor	
	Jeff Roberts	
	Roxanne Brown	
Visitors in Attendance:	Aaron Thornsberry	

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

Lora called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. She also led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

2.0 Roll Call of Members of Superintendents' Council and Operations Council

2.1 Voting representatives for Superintendents' Council:

Becky Marsolais - California Montessori Project
Patrick Brose - Camptonville Union Elementary School District
Chris Mahurin - CORE Charter School
Rusty Gordon for Roxanne Brown - Marysville Joint Unified School District
Jeff Roberts, Ed.D - Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Lauren Link for Nicole Newman – Wheatland Union High School District
Craig Guensler - Wheatland Elementary School District
Rob Gregor - Yuba County Office of Education

Absent: Louise Miller - YES Charter Academy
Nicole Newman – Wheatland Union High School District

Voting representatives for Operations Council:

Patrick Brose - Camptonville Union Elementary School District
Chris Mahurin for Kimberly BentonWolfgram – CORE
Rusty Gordon - Marysville Joint Unified School District
Jeff Roberts, Ed.D for Toni Vernier – Pumas Lake Elementary School District
Angela Gouker - Wheatland Elementary School District
Lauren Link - Wheatland Union High School District
Kristen Nottle-Powell, Ed.D - Yuba County Office of Education

Absent: Kimberly BentonWolfgram - CORE
Toni Vernier – Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Eve Domingo - YES Charter Academy

2.2 Recognition of Visitors

Lora welcomed Aaron Thornsberry as a visitor to the meeting.

3.0 Public Comment (Non-Agenda and Agenda Items) to Come to the Attention of the SELPA Governance Council

No public comment.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Approve Agenda of the October 23, 2024, Superintendents'/Operations Council Agenda

Superintendent Craig Guensler moved to approve the agenda. Superintendent Jeff Roberts seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

4.2 Approve Minutes from the September 25, 2024, Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting

Superintendent Craig Guensler moved to approve the minutes. Superintendent Jeff Roberts seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of the September 25, 2024, Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

5.0 Legislative Updates

5.1 AB 438 – New Postsecondary Goals and Services for High School Students

Lora shared a brief summary of AB 438. The legislation was attached to the agenda. This legislation amends the Education Code to include new requirements for postsecondary goals and transition services in high school special education students' IEPs. Details can be found in the bill and will go into effect July 1, 2025.

5.2 AB 1938 – DHH Full Language Access Needs in Inclusive Environments

Lora shared a brief summary of AB 1938, a bill that was sponsored by Assemblymember Gallagher and signed by Governor Newsom. This legislation requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to consider the full language access needs of deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind students when implementing inclusion and universal design for learning (UDL) initiatives. Details can be found in the bill, and it will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

6.0 SELPA Regional Program Transfer Update

Lora informed the council that the SELPA received two notices, one from MJUSD and the other from YCOE, stating that both local education agencies are withdrawing their request for program transfers. Both Superintendent Gregor and Rusty Gordon then addressed the council.

6.1 MJUSD

Rusty Gordon stated that the pause in program transfer is meant to support their district in working with YCOE to figure out the best processes and procedures before moving forward with the program transfer. MJUSD is looking forward to coming to an agreement regarding facilities with YCOE in the future. Superintendent Brose wanted to clarify procedures about whether this is a pause or revocation of the requests. Superintendent Gregor and Rusty Gordon affirmed that it was a complete

withdrawal of their prior requests to give time for both LEAs to come together and make a plan for the K-5 program transfer.

6.2 YCOE

Superintendent Rob Gregor shared that the withdrawal of YCOE's program transfer request is a great opportunity to push pause and work collaboratively with MJUSD. He shared that it would allow time for both LEAs to build a unified plan. He also stated that it will help to build relationships with parents and all members of the community. Superintendent Guensler clarified on whether the transfer would be for K-2 or K-5. Superintendent Gregor said it would be for K-5 grade levels.

7.0 SELPA Finance

7.1 End of 2023-24 Fiscal Year Reporting

Aaron Thornsberry thanked each LEA for turning in their MOE forms. He shared that each LEA passed their Maintenance of Effort (MOE) tests, and YCOE will be submitted all end-of-year reports to CDE by November 15, 2024.

7.2 First Interim due Dec. 15, 2024

Aaron Thornsberry reminded the council that MOE monitoring for the current year's budget will take place on December 15, 2024, during the first interim reporting period.

8.0 Low Incidence Budget and Requests

The October 2024 low incidence requests and budget were linked to the agenda. Lora discussed the Low Incidence requests, amounts, and the current budget, showing a difference of $8,670.14 between the total amounts of the requests versus the available L.I. funding. Superintendent Brose mentioned that many of the requested items can be found for less money if researched online. He stated that more information is necessary about each item (e.g., model number and student needs) in order to make an informed decision about which items to approve.

Lauren Link shared that it would be beneficial if the council revisits how funds are allocated. She also shared that the historical practice of approving items on a "first come, first serve" basis is not a viable practice moving forward given the limitation of low incidence funding available for purchases.

Superintendent Brose made a motion to only approve the adjusted amount for the HP ProBook since it was approved at last month's council meeting, and table the remaining items pending additional information from the requestors. Lora recommended that the Operation's Council hold a special meeting to discuss the new format for sharing the additional requested information recommended by Superintendent Brose. Additionally, the Operation's Council will work to identify which items to approve. Superintendent Guensler indicated that in years past the funding was not an issue and that the items were universally approved. Now that the funding model has shifted, it is important to make sure that all districts benefit from the funding. He also expressed concern for high-cost items when they have not specifically seen what the provider is requesting. Rusty Gordon indicated that Directors of Special Education should be pushing back on their providers to ensure that equipment they are requesting is appropriate and at the right cost. Angela Gouker stated that typically she purchases equipment from their site funds.

Lauren Link echoed the motion to approve the additional amount to purchase the laptop that was approved during the Sept. 25, 2024 meeting; but to table the additional items pending the outcomes of the special Operation's Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

9.0 IEP Procedural Safeguards

Lora attached the CDE notification that shows an update in the IEP Procedural Safeguards. She stated that the update was at the end of the document that provides an updated list of Family Empowerment Center (FEC) Contact and Service Information.

9.1 English and Spanish

The English and Spanish versions of the updated IEP Procedural Safeguards were linked to the agenda. The English and Spanish updates can be found on the SELPA website. She will email any additional translations to the council when they become available.

10.0 Annual Private Schools Meeting Posting

Lora reminded the council that the next annual private school meeting is this Monday, October 28, 2024. She stated that the main purpose of this meeting is to address the needs of students who may require special education services while in parentally placed private schools. It serves as a child find activity. She also suggested that the operations council members attend and participate so they may address questions. She notified the council that the notice of the annual private schools meeting should be posted at all the school sites.

11.0 Non-Public Schools Facilities Update

Lora shared that Yuba, Sutter, Butte, and Colusa County SELPAs are all interested in locating a campus for an NPS agency to come into our region to operate services. The Gaither Elementary site (in Yuba City School District boundaries) was identified as one that may work for this opportunity. She named three NPS agencies that the SELPA directors are currently communicating with: Premier Educational Partners (PEP), Catapult, and Spectrum. Roxanne Brown added that Nova and Ace are two additional NPS providers who have been in business for twenty-five years, based out of Sonoma County.

Superintendent Rob Gregor mentioned that county offices are unable to operate an NPS as it is a "non-public school." Yuba County Office of Education looked into running an NPS. However, there are legal statutes around this issue. Kristen Nottle-Powell, Ed.D, further discussed that since YCOE is a public entity, it cannot run a non-public school site (NPS). She referenced information from her colleagues regarding some of the programs they had set up that were NPS-like.

Lora indicated that Sutter County is seeking a lease agreement with Yuba City Unified. Their next step is finding an NPS operator that would contract to deliver the program and services. Lora notified the council that they are welcome to visit the site. She stated that the goal is to have a facility in place by Fall 2025. She ensured the council that more information will be shared with them when it is solidified; it is still in the early stages.

12.0 CAC Parent Representatives

Lora reminded the governance council to send her the names and contact information of board approved parents for the CAC council. She also stated that she sent a copy of the brochure as a point of reference.

13.0 Teacher Residency Grant

Lora explained that the teacher residency grant is to assist districts in building relationships with universities to support the creation of a teacher certification pipeline. The funding can support all teachers (Special Education and General Education), in offsetting the cost of tuition and living expenses.

Superintendent Gregor shared that the grant is a way to welcome teachers into the classroom and assist them in receiving their credentials. Marysville Joint Unified has this grant and is working with Sacramento State University. Superintendent Marsolais shared that CMP is partnering with Sacramento State University for TK-K residents. Dr. Nottle-Powell notified the council that there are limited funds

for the grant, so it is competitive. She noted that the maximum amount to apply for is $250,000, and the funds would only cover up to eight people. She stated that current round of applications are due November 1, 2024.

14.0 CDE Monitoring and Reporting

14.1 Targeted Level III – Corrective Actions Due Oct. 28, 2024

Lora reminded the operation's council that any corrective actions based on targeted level three are due on October 28, 2024.

14.2 2024 Small LEA Cyclical Monitoring Cycle B - Due Feb. 28, 2025

Lora notified the member LEAs that the student record review, policy procedure review, and the BASICS assessment are all part of cycle B monitoring. The due date to complete these monitoring activities is February 28, 2025.

14.3 CCEE's Statewide System of Support Resource Hub

Lora shared that CCEE has consolidated all support resources on one website hub for local education agencies to view and access support information as they work to improve their districts and charters.

15.0 SELPA Professional Development

Lora attached the flyers for each training listed below. She encouraged members to register to stay informed.

15.1 The Data Advantage Series – Padlet Materials and Recording

She also mentioned that the Data Advantage Series finished this past week. The recording of the training and materials are linked to the agenda for those who missed it. That training was meant to support LEA data leads to clean up their data for Fall one reporting in CALPADS.

15.2 Assessing and Treating Anxiety in Children and Adolescence – Registration Flyer

See attached flyer for registration details.

15.3 System Improvement Leads Summit – Registration Flyer

See attached flyer for registration details.

15.4 Emotional Disability and Assessment – Registration Flyer

See attached flyer for registration details.

15.5 Legal Updates and Pro Tips – Registration Flyer

See attached flyer for registration details.

16.0 Adjournment

Superintendent Patrick Brose made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Jeff Roberts, Ed. D seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting

November 20, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. – Yuba County One Stop - Beckwourth Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebekah Edlefsen
SELPA Secretary III, Yuba County Office of Education