YUBA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

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

November 20, 2024

Chairperson: Lora Gonzalez

Members in Attendance: Patrick Brose, Chris Mahurin, Rob Gregor, Jennifer Nelson, Rusty Gordon, Toni Vernier, Lauren Link, Dr. Kristen Nottle-Powell, Ed.D

Visitor 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:

Jennifer Nelson for 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
Toni Vernier for Jeff Roberts, Ed.D – Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Lauren Link for Nicole Newman – Wheatland Union High School District
Rob Gregor – Yuba County Office of Education

Absent:
Becky Marsolais – California Montessori Project
Roxanne Brown – Marysville Joint Unified School District
Jeff Roberts, Ed.D – Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Craig Guensler – Wheatland Elementary School District
Nicole Newman – Wheatland Union High School District
Louise Miller – YES Charter Academy

Voting representatives for Operation's Council:

Patrick Brose – Camptonville Union Elementary School District
Jennifer Nelson – California Montessori Project
Chris Mahurin for Kimberly BentonWolfgram – CORE
Rusty Gordon – Marysville Joint Unified School District
Toni Vernier – Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Lauren Link – Wheatland Union High School District
Kristen Nottle-Powell, Ed.D – Yuba County Office of Education

Absent: Kimberly BentonWolfgram – CORE
Angela Gouker – Wheatland 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 November 20, 2024, Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting

Superintendent Patrick Brose moved to approve the agenda. Superintendent Rob Gregor seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

4.2 Approve Minutes from the October 23, 2024, Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting

Superintendent Rob Gregor moved to approve the minutes. Rusty Gordon seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of the October 23, 2024, Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

5.0 LEA Updates

PLESD – Toni shared that their election bonds for funding to build schools did not pass. She also shared that the number of special education students is increasing with the new housing that has been built in their district boundaries. They have a meeting with their classified and certificated union representatives next week to discuss a potential shift to year-around schooling using the track system.

MJUSD – Rusty shared that following the election, MJUSD has three new board members. He also stated that Fal Asrani's resignation has been determined to go into effect as of June 2024. He mentioned that in terms of Special Education, MJUSD is still growing.

YCOE – Kristen shared that YCOE hired a school psychologist and a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). She also mentioned that teachers, speech therapists and paraeducators are still needed. She discussed their collaboration with MJUSD around Conscious Discipline that focuses on building school families to support the inclusion of students with disabilities.

Superintendent Rob Gregor stated that following the election that there are quite a few new board members across the various LEAs. The YCOE board has not changed.

Camptonville – Superintendent Patrick Brose shared that they have newly enrolled students, a few students who transferred from "non-existent independent study programs." He asked the council if there is a reporting agency to report a student who came from an independent study program that does not exist. The council suggested that he contact CDE to address this issue.

CORE – Superintendent Chris Mahurin shared that career technical education (CTE) programs are developing at CORE. The SPED population continues to grow at almost 17%. There are two new paraeducators they are supporting to become teachers and a speech language pathologist assistant

(SLPA) who they are supporting to become a speech therapist. He shared they are looking for another paraeducator.

WUHSD – Lauren link shared that they have a five-year grant from the government that provides funds for WUHSD to develop a pipeline for MFTs, LCSWs, school counselors, and psychologists. She noted that there will be paid internships – 18 interns/yr. WUHSD is working on creating a wellness center model, hoping to have it accessible in the evenings as well. They want to create more mental health support programs. There are currently four licensed therapists. Lauren will be serving as the lead on the grant, and they will be hiring support personnel to implement the grant's objectives.

CMP – Jennifer Nelson shared that CMP is working on their Small LEA Cyclical Monitoring and Targeted Level I CIM with the SELPA. She also mentioned that due to staffing issues, some students have missed services, so she had to meet with legal advisors and put a plan in place to make up services. She thanked Lora for being so helpful, welcoming, and offering so much support. She further noted that a couple new behavior specialists were hired. CMP moved to a full inclusion model so the staff is confronted with additional challenges due to a lack of SDC programs. CMP is seeing more students with extensive support needs enroll into their program.

6.0 SELPA Finance

6.1 First Interim Reporting Considerations – Due Dec. 15, 2024

Aaron Thornsberry shared a document from the SELPA Administrators of California about preparing for first interim reporting. He suggested that the council share this document with their CBOs so they can communicate with their special education director about any necessary budget revisions, position controls and the required maintenance of effort (MOE) forms.

Lora also strongly encouraged SPED Directors to pay special attention to this document and meet with their CBOs. She mentioned that it will help them with communicating their needs around staffing, tracking students, organizing data, and building a strong relationship with their CBO. It will help them prepare for end-of-year reporting.

Lora reminded the member LEAs that first interim reporting is due December 15, 2024.

6.2 November 2024 SELPA Finance Report

The November 2024 SELPA finance report was linked to the agenda. Lora pointed out that this report includes the fiscal information across the state. She suggested that the council members pay attention to the "Exemptions worksheet" to support their work in identifying costs that can be lowered through the MOE process.

Additionally, Lora recommended to the SPED Directors that should questions arise from parents about the changes in administration at the federal level and discussions about the US Dept. of Education being abolished that they let them know that they are working with Superintendents and SELPA about forthcoming information.

7.0 Low Incidence Budget and Requests Update

Lora informed the Superintendents that this item was discussed in detail at the special meeting of the Operation's Council prior to the Superintendents' Governance Council meeting. The Operation's Council voted that the low incidence funding be used to pay for 75% of all of the low incidence requested items, and that the requesting districts cover the remaining 25%. The council also determined that it would be helpful to discuss and revisit the current funding allocation model in the January Governance Council meeting. The Operation's Council will be bringing forth recommendations for the Superintendents to

consider when making any changes to the funding model for low incidence equipment. There was no further discussion.

8.0 Non-Public Schools Facilities Update

8.1 School Site and Email Invitation – Dec. 17, 2024 @ 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Sutter COE)

Yuba City Unified has agreed to have their Gaither Elementary School campus be used as a non-public school site. Lora attached photos of the site to the agenda. She also linked an invitation for the December 17, 2024 meeting at Sutter County Office of Education where there will be a presentation by two NPS providers – Rising Star Academy and Spectrum Academy.

Superintendent Rob Gregor suggested that should a superintendent not be available to attend that they consider sending a designee from their LEA to attend the meeting to gather information and stay informed of NPS development.

9.0 CAC Parent Representatives

Lora reminded the LEAs to submit their board approved parent representative. She needs their name and contact information for the Community Advisory Committee Council. To date she only has the name of one parent representative from CORE Charter.

9.1 November 19, 2024 – Meeting Cancelled

She also noted that the CAC meeting scheduled for November 19, 2024 was cancelled because there aren't any board approved parent representatives for the meeting. She shared that the next CAC meeting date is January 21, 2025. She reminded the council that she has sent out language that could be used for their board meeting packet when seeking approval for their nomination.

10.0 NPS/NPA Master Contracts

Lora shared that this item was discussed in the Special Meeting of the Operation's Council held prior to this meeting. In summary, as a potential cost savings strategy, the SELPA Operation's Council has asked the SELPA to negotiate the NPA/NPS master contracts beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. When negotiating contracts at the SELPA level, it gives more leverage to potentially lower costs rather than each LEA negotiating on their own. She further stated that member LEAs will remain responsible for their individual service agreements (ISAs). The Superintendents' Governance Council members in attendance agreed. She will reach out to those who did not attend to inform them of this requested action moving forward.

11.0 CDE Monitoring and Reporting Due Dates

11.1 CALPADS Fall 1 LEA Certification – Due Dec. 13, 2024

Lora suggested that SPED Directors connect and communicate with their CALPADS Data Coordinators and Data Technicians to ensure that there are no errors in their CALPADS Fall 1 LEA Reports that are to be certified by December 13, 2024. CALPADS will reopen the reports to LEAs on December 14, 2024 for any revisions or amendments. The SELPA is to certify all LEA certified reports by January 24, 2025.

12.0 SELPA Professional Development

Lora shared that WUHSD requested training in "Strategies to Support Students with Autism." The training will be provided by YCOE's Paula Ramsay, who serves as the SELPA CAPTAIN/PENT representative, on December 6, 2024 at WUHSD from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Lora also provided the flyers for each of the SELPA Association trainings listed below.

Lora reminded the governance council that if any member LEA needs specific professional development trainings to please contact her and she will get it organized.

12.1 System Improvement Leads Summit – Registration Flyer
See attached flyer for registration details.

12.2 Emotional Disability and Assessment – Registration Flyer
See attached flyer for registration details.

12.3 Legal Updates and Pro Tips – Registration Flyer
See attached flyer for registration details.

13.0 Adjournment
Superintendent Patrick Brose made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Rusty Gordon seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:21.

NEXT MEETING:

Joint Superintendents'/Operation's Council Meeting
January 22, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. – Plumas Lake Elementary School District Office – Board Room.

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