YUBA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

OPERATIONS COUNCIL MEETING

August 28, 2023 - Zoom Meeting

Chairperson:	Lora Gonzalez	
Members in Attendance:	Kimberly BentonWolfgram	Patrick Brose
	Eve Domingo	Angela Gouker
	Shevaun Mathews	Kristen Nottle-Powell
	Joanna Pastor	Toni Vernier
Others in Attendance:	Chris Mahurin, CORE Charter School	
	Nicole Newman, Wheatland Union High School District	

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call of Members of Operations Council

Joanna Pastor - California Montessori Project
Patrick Brose - Camptonville Union Elementary School District
Kimberly BentonWolfgram - CORE Charter School
Shevaun Mathews - Marysville Joint Unified School District
Toni Vernier - Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Angela Gouker - Wheatland Elementary School District
Nicole Newman for Lauren Link - Wheatland Union High School District
Eve Domingo - YES Charter Academy
Kristen Nottle-Powell - Yuba County Office of Education

3.0 Recognition of Visitors

The following visitor participated in the meeting:
Chris Mahurin, CORE Charter School

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

No public comments came to the attention of the council.

5.0 Introduction of New Special Education Administrators

Lora welcomed and introduced new Special Education Directors to the Operations Council: Joanna Pastor (CMP), Kimberly BentonWolfgram (CORE Charter School), and Kristen Nottle-Powell (YCOE). Lauren Link (WUHSD) was not in attendance.

6.0 Low Incidence Budget and Requests

Lora reviewed the 2023-24 Low Incidence Budget that was attached to the agenda. The current budget balance is $50,195.70.

Seven requests were brought to Operations Council for approval:

▪ Chromebook for WHS student	$279.75
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▪ Communication device and accessories for MJUSD/VS student	10,813.10
▪ Switches for MJUSD/Virginia School student	635.92
▪ Rifton chair for MJUSD/Virginia School student	4,801.08
▪ Tomato Sitter for MJUSD/Virginia School student	1,576.35

Requests totaled $18,665.70. Shevaun Mathews moved, Eve Domingo seconded to approve the Low Incidence requests. The motion carried with a no vote from Camptonville Union Elementary School District and one district abstaining due to non-attendance at time of vote.

Patrick Brose, Camptonville, questioned the large number of costly equipment requests submitted by Virginia School which impacts the LI budget early in the school year. Patrick would like to see an inventory list of LI equipment and a list of available equipment.

7.0 LEA Updates and Expectations

LEAs shared concerns regarding staffing shortages. Special Education Directors were encouraged to check the status of nonpublic agencies delivering special education services. The committee agreed that virtual/contracted services are much more expensive than services provided by district employees.

8.0 Updated SELPA Level II Referral Procedures

The updated Level II Referral Procedures were attached to the agenda. Lora reviewed the procedures for the new Special Education Directors. The updates reflect new administrative contacts.

9.0 Alternate Pathway to a Diploma

9.1 CDE Letter

An August 25, 2023 letter from CDE regarding A New Pathway to a High School Diploma for Students with Disabilities was attached to the agenda. Lora shared that A.B. 181 went into effect in June 2022 and was amended by S.B. 114 in July 2023. LEAs should be offering this pathway for all students who qualify.

9.2 Sample Board Policy and Graduation Requirements

Sample language on graduation requirements from Santa Clara Unified School District was attached to the agenda. Lora stated that this sample language is to support districts in knowing how to address policy around course requirements, exemptions from district adopted graduation requirements, and retroactive and honorary diplomas. Nicole Newman stated that WHS will use the California School Board Association's policy.

9.3 Training Opportunity

Lora shared a training flyer on Understanding Alternate Pathway to Diploma which will be held on September 15th and 19th. The flyer was attached to the agenda.

10.0 Alternate Assessment Decision-Making Tool for California

An Alternate Assessment Decision-Making Tool for California was attached to the agenda. Lora encouraged LEAs to use this tool when making the decision for student participation in the California Alternate Assessment (CAA).

11.0 SPED Data - CALPADS SPED File Redesign + SEIS Updates + Q&A

Lora shared the newly released CDE BOX file containing the recent CALPADS training PowerPoint and materials from the Special Education File Redesign. Please familiarize yourself with the content to support your data team. Lora also shared a memo from SEIS on upcoming trainings regarding changes in SEIS that support the CALPADS SPED File Redesign. Documents were attached to the agenda including CALPADS Redesign Training Questions and Responses.

12.0 IEP Goal Quality Rubric

Lora shared a scoring tool created by the SELPA System Improvement Leads (SIL) to support Special Education Directors in reviewing IEP goals for quality. The tool may be used to support case managers in developing well written IEP goals.

13.0 2024-25 SELPA Local Plan Development/Review Timelines

The timeline for reviewing the current Local Plan Sections B, D and E was attached to the agenda. The governance section will be reviewed and updated where necessary this year. The development timelines for the Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan were also attached to the agenda.

14.0 CDE Monitoring - CIM Step 2 (Root Cause Analysis) Due September 29, 2023

Lora reminded representatives working in the Stepwell System to complete Step 2 by September 29, 2023. Please contact Lora if support is needed.

15.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting
September 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
Yuba County One Stop - Beckwourth Room

Respectfully submitted,
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