YUBA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

JOINT MEETING OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL and OPERATIONS COUNCIL

December 18, 2023

Chairperson:	Lora Gonzalez	
Members in Attendance:	Brett Barley (virtual)	Kimberley BentonWolfgram
	Patrick Brose (virtual)	Rob Gregor
	Craig Guensler	Lauren Link
	Chris Mahurin	Shevaun Mathews
	Louise Miller	Jennifer Passaglia
	Joanna Pastor (virtual)	Aaron Thornsberry
	Toni Vernier	
Others in Attendance:	Jay Trujillo, MJUSD Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services	

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

Voting representatives for Superintendents' Council:

Brett Barley - California Montessori Project
Patrick Brose - Camptonville Union Elementary School District
Chris Mahurin - CORE Charter School
Shevaun Mathews for Fal Asrani - Marysville Joint Unified School District
Toni Vernier for Jeff Roberts - Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Craig Guensler - Wheatland Elementary School District
Lauren Link for Nicole Newman - Wheatland Union High School District
Louise Miller - YES Charter Academy
Rob Gregor - Yuba County Office of Education

Voting representatives for 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
Craig Guensler for Angela Gouker - Wheatland Elementary School District
Lauren Link - Wheatland Union High School District
Louise Miller for Eve Domingo - YES Charter Academy
Rob Gregor for Kristen Nottle-Powell - Yuba County Office of Education

3.0 Recognition of Visitors

Jay Trujillo, MJUSD Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

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

No public comments were brought to the attention of the Council.

5.0 Approve Minutes of the September 18, 2023, Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting

Brett Barley moved, Rob Gregor seconded to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023, Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting. The motion carried with two districts abstaining due to attendance conflicts.

6.0 Approve Minutes of the October 23, 2023, Operations Council Meeting

Shevaun Mathews moved, Lauren Link seconded to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2023, Operations Council Meeting. The motion carried with three districts abstaining due to attendance conflicts.

7.0 Low Incidence

7.1 Budget

The Low Incidence Budget was attached to the agenda. The budget has a balance of $5,935.80.

7.2 Request

One LI request was submitted for approval:

- Portable video magnifier for MJUSD/McKinney student $4,237.99

Craig Guensler moved, Lauren Link seconded to approve the Low Incidence request. The motion carried unanimously.

Patrick Brose asked that the LI Request Summary list the make and model of item to be considered for approval.

7.3 Equipment Inventory

The Low Incidence Equipment Inventory for items purchased between the 2018-19 school year and August 2023 was attached to the agenda.

8.0 Brown Act and SELPA Meeting Calendar Revision

An updated SELPA Meeting Calendar was attached to the agenda. Lora learned from a legal representative that Operations Council must follow Brown Act rules and cannot be formed as a committee. The updated calendar showed this change in meetings.

Craig Guensler moved, Rob Gregor seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Yuba County SELPA Meeting Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

9.0 Fiscal Updates and Monitoring

9.1 6546 State Mental Health Apportionment Update - Charters as a School of the LEA

Aaron Thornsberry shared that this is the first year mental health funding will be going directly to districts including independent charter schools. Authorizing LEAs must allocate mental health funding to their dependent charters.

9.2 3327 Federal Mental Health Federal GAN Update - Charters and MOE Implications

With mental health funding going directly to LEAs and independent charter schools, MOE issues may arise. Aaron stated that Yuba County SELPA should not have any issues.

9.3 2023-24 Federal Grant Award Notifications (GANS) Update (February 2024)

The California Department of Finance is working on timely distribution of Grant Award Notification Letters. Award notifications are expected to be received in February.

9.4 Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) Inquiry

Brett Barley asked districts how they are accommodating special education students in ELOP. Several districts shared solutions including transportation, 1:1 assistants, training, behavior assistants and extra staff support.

9.5 First Interim Reporting - 2022-23 Subsequent Yearly Tracking Forms

Subsequent Yearly Tracking Sheets were linked to the agenda. Aaron shared that he will send the excel spreadsheet to CMP, CORE and YES Charters. Please monitor throughout the year.

9.6 SELA Finance Report - November 2023 and December 2023

The November 2023 and December 2023 SELPA Administrators of California Finance Committee Reports were attached to the agenda.

10.0 MJUSD Program Transfer Revised Request, Study and Assurances

MJUSD's revised Program Transfer Request was linked to the agenda as well as the MJUSD Program Transfer Study by School Services of California and the Yuba County SELPA Program Transfer Assurances Documentation.

MJUSD originally intended to take back all Kindergarten-age 22 students currently enrolled in YCOE programs with the exception of students attending Virginia School. The revised transfer request states that they only intend to take back the intermediate through college programs (6 classrooms) at this time. Assurances have been adjusted accordingly. MJUSD has distributed employment offers within timelines. MJUSD is currently working with Yuba College regarding classroom space and MOUs.

11.0 Staffing Challenge Strategies

A SELPA Association document titled Strategies/Ideas Generated on 10-04-23 was attached to the agenda. The document shares a list of staffing shortage challenges and strategies.

11.1 FCMAT Special Education Efficiency Tool

The link to FCMAT Special Education Efficiency Tool was linked to the agenda. This efficiency tool was used by School Services of California to complete the MJUSD study. Lora encouraged LEAs to use the tool to study where staffing issues could be addressed when streamlining programs.

11.2 Using the FCMAT Special Education Efficiency Tool Presentation

The FCMAT Special Education Efficiency Tool PowerPoint was attached to the agenda. This contains directions on how to use SEET.

12.0 Alternate Pathway to Diploma Update

Lora met with representatives from MJUSD, WHS, CORE and YCOE prior to this meeting. All districts are working on getting the pathway to a diploma implemented.

12.1 State SELPA Association Training for LEAs - Recording and Slide Deck
The SEEDS Alternative Pathway Course of Study video and hardcopy presentations were attached to the agenda.

13.0 Federal and State Legislation Updates
The SELPA Administrators November 2023 Legislative Update PowerPoint was linked to the agenda.

13.1 Federal: HR 4519 and S 2217 - IDEA Full Funding Act - Congressman LaMalfa Meeting
HR 4519 and S 2217 bills were attached to the agenda. Congressman Doug LaMalfa sees the need for full federal funding of special education and has signed on in support of the bill. Lora encouraged superintendents to write letters to senators regarding this issue and will share a letter template.

13.2 State: AB723 - Pupil Placement of Foster Youth with IEP - NPS as School of Origin
AB723 regarding foster youth placement was linked to the agenda. This recent legislation states that current district of residence may be required to keep a foster youth in their school of origin regardless of distance from district.

13.3 State: SB274 - Keep Kids in School and Lozano Smith Client News Brief
SB274 was attached to the agenda as well as the Lozano Smith Client News Brief. Lora encouraged the council to review.

14.0 Case Law - What's New for ESY
AALRR's What's Next for ESY presentation was attached to the agenda. Parents are starting to request more than 20 days of Extended School Year. Districts must provide it if the IEP team deems it necessary for the student.

15.0 CDE Memorandum on Special Education Assessment of African American Students Responses

15.1 CASP's Response to Letter, F3's Jan Tomsky's Response and AALRR's Presentation
CASP's Response to Letter, F3's Jan Tomsky's Response and AALRR's Presentation were linked to the agenda. Responses state that nothing has changed regarding assessment of African American students.

16.0 2024-25 SELPA Local Plan Development/Review Timelines

16.1 Local Plan Section B - Preview Recommended Revisions
Section B of the Local Plan was attached to the agenda as well as a chart of recommended revisions. Lora will meet officially with the Local Plan Committee in January. The committee must consist of a superintendent, CBO, special education administrator, general education teacher and a special education teacher.

17.0 CDE Monitoring Update

17.1 Small LEA Monitoring - Prong II File Reviews in Discrepancy Area(s)
Small LEAs may be contacted for Prong II file reviews only in the area of discrepancy.

17.2 LEAs in Targeted Level II Status - Padlet, CIM Plan Progress Monitoring - Twice a Year
Progress monitoring will happen twice a year in Target Level II status.

17.3 LEAs in Targeted Level III Status - Padlet, CIM Plan Progress Monitoring - Quarterly
Progress monitoring will happen four times a year in Target Level III status.

17.4 2024 LEA Annual Determination Letters - March 2024 Release
Annual Determination Letters are expected in March 2024 and will lay out annual monitoring activities.

18.0 Supporting Inclusive Practices Inclusion Conference
The link to register for the SIP Conference was attached to the agenda. The virtual conference is scheduled for May 9 and 10, 2024.

19.0 SELPA Professional Development Opportunities
A 2023-24 SELPA Training/Engagement Opportunity padlet was attached to the agenda.

Below is a list of noteworthy upcoming professional development opportunities:

19.1 Early Childhood Special Education - Assessment Practices, Child Find - Various Dates
Small LEAs (100 or less IEPs) will begin a two-year monitoring cycle beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

19.2 Patterns of Strengths and Weaknesses for School Psychologists - February 13, 2024
A Stepwell and Student Record Review May 2023 PowerPoint was attached to the agenda.

19.3 Classroom 180 - The Language of Trauma - February 20, 2024
Padlet resources were attached to the agenda.

19.4 Universal Screening for Reading Difficulties and Dyslexia - April 15, 2024

20.0 Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting
January 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. - Yuba County One Stop - Beckwourth Room

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lockwood (for Lora Gonzalez)
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