

SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATING AGENCY

MARCH 19, 2020

10:00AM-12:00PM

Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Board Room
400 Encinal Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

APPROVED MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:05am

2.0 Roll Call

Bonny Doon x
DELTA Charter x
Live Oak Elementary School District x
Happy Valley Elementary School District a
Mountain Elementary x
Pacific Elementary School District x
Pacific Collegiate x
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District x
Santa Cruz City School Districts x
Santa Cruz County Office of Education x
Scotts Valley Unified School District x
Soquel Union Elementary x

3.0 Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (Turnbull/Heffner)
11-0
1-Absent

4.0 Public Comment for Open Session

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None.

5.0 Approval of January 23, 2020 Minutes

M/S/C (Turnbull/Heffner)
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6.0 Reports

a. Sr. SELPA Director

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Presenter: Jessica Little

All CAC events have been cancelled at this time. Legislative action day has been rescheduled to September 30th and the resource fair has been rescheduled to October 7th. All compliance monitoring is still required. DINC report has been received and the SELPA office will work with districts data specialists to correct. CALPADs will collect data at the end of the school year. AB602 funding has increased slightly. The base funding has increased for next year and will benefit our SELPA. ERHMS dollars may be used for students not on IEPs. More to come on that. Preschool funding will continue as before for one more year.

b. SEC Directors

Presenter: Carrie Moyer

SEC met yesterday and the directors reviewed COVID update and watched the CDE update. SEC is working on creating service tracking methods, job alike weekly zoom meetings. Yvette is creating information for case managers via SEIS and will post current information, updates to changes to procedures and process.

c. Operations Council

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Presenters: Jessica Little, Sharlene Ames, Chris Schiermeyer, Kris Munro, Stacy O'Farrell, Maria Reitano, Mary Hart, Deven Wood, Michelle McKinny, Carrie Moyer, Scott Turnbull, Lynette Hamby, Mary Navas

Operations Council met and reviewed guiding principles. Each member reviewed a slide from the Operations Council slideshow. They reviewed costs analysis information from regional services and programs, how Specials Education dollars are distributed and received. Operations Council noted that SLV is disproportionately affected but the current funding model. Ops had decided to look at that more closely.

7.0 Items scheduled for Public Hearing

a. NSCC SELPA Local Plan First Reading

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The CDE's approval of a SELPA local plan is based on the capacity of the LEA or LEAs to ensure that special education programs and services are provided to all students with disabilities within the SELPA's identified geographic area and, whether the local plan adheres to the related provisions of special education law. Approval shall be based on the capacity of the SELPA to ensure special education programs and services are provided to all students with disabilities, and whether the local plan,

- adheres to the guidelines established pursuant to *EC* Section 56122 for the development of a local plan;
- includes all of the required components associated with a local plan as detailed in special education law; and
- meets requirements for size and scope.

SELPAs are not authorized to implement an initial local plan until the entire plan, including Sections B–E, has been approved by the CDE.

Notice of the public hearings must be posted in each school participating in the local plan at least 15 days before LEA and SELPA hearings. Public hearing dates must be documented in Section

A and submitted to the CDE with Section B (*EC* sections 56122, 56140, 56195 et. seq., and 56205).

No comment.

8.0 Items scheduled for Discussion

a. Santa Cruz City Schools SAIL Program Projections Update

HANDOUT

Presenter: Stacy LaCagnin

Projections for next year were shared. The elementary program will be reduced by one classroom and the rest will remain the same.

b. Santa Cruz County Office of Education Special Education Program Projections Update

HANDOUT

Presenter: Deven Wood

The projections show that all of the Autism programs are at capacity of 50 next year with the same staffing. SECA discussed what the plan is once programs are at capacity. SV shared that there is a greater need for students with autism. Ms. Morgenstern suggests the Morgan Center model COE uses be revisited. Ms. Munro voiced support for the model and shared her support noting it has helped districts in staying out of litigation, and suggests combining age groups. Ms. Wood noted that combining age groups would depend on the site, since law says students must be with their developmental appropriate peers.

COE is at capacity in their preschool Autism program and in response will be opening another preschool program to accommodate the influx of students next year.

SH projections are projected to start with a total of 25 students across the program. Cabrillo post senior program will have 34 enrolled. The COE will be closing of one middle school SH classroom.

9.0 Items scheduled for Presentation

a. 2019-20 2nd Interim update/COE Special Education Regional Program Budget

Presenter: Mary Hart

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The Santa Cruz County Office of Education presents the estimated cost of the Regional Programs run by the COE included in the COE's 2nd Interim Budget. Revenues and Expenditures have been adjusted to the most recent information regarding the programs.

b. 2019-20 Status Update and 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget California Children's Services Medical Therapy Unit

Presenter: Mary Hart

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The SELPA's member districts are responsible for the operating and facility costs of the Medical Therapy Unit housed at the COE's Chrysalis Center. This budget and each district's fiscal responsibility will be presented.

10. Items scheduled for Action

a. Election of 2020-2021 SECA Chair

Presenter: Laurie Bruton

Laurie Bruton was nominated to continue as chair.
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1-Absent

b. Election of 2020-2021 SECA Vice Chair

Presenter: Laurie Bruton

Eric Gross was nominated to continue as vice chair.
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c. Approve 2020-2021 SECA Meeting Dates

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Presenter: Jessica Little

The SELPA will present proposed SECA meeting dates for the 2020-2021 school year.

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d. Approval of 2019-2020 SELPA 2nd Interim Report Financial Report and Budget Revision

Presenter: Rebecca Olker

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The state requires that the 2nd Interim Financial Report for fiscal year 2019-2020 be submitted to the COE by March 15, 2020. This report reflects revisions to the 1st Interim budget based on current projections, and displays the SELPA's ability to meet its financial obligations in the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years.

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11. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of 2019-20 Warrants: January 2020 – February 1, 2020

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12. Future Agenda Item(s)

Program and staffing review. And process of elevated personnel.

13. Adjournment

Next SECA meeting May 21, 2020
Meeting adjourned at 11:39am.

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