SAN MATEO COUNTY SELPA GOVERNING BOARD

SELPA Governing Board
Tuesday, October 15, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

San Mateo County Office of Education
101 Twin Dolphin Drive
Redwood City, CA 94065
Arroyo & Butano Rooms

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Board Member Michael Milliken, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL
   Board Members Ronan Collver, Nancy Magee, Michael Milliken, Heather Olsen, Shawnterra Moore, Terry Deloria, and Audra Pittman were present. Board Member Louann Carlomagno arrived at 9:53 a.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA
   Information concerning the consent items listed below was sent to each Board Member prior to the meeting for their review. The items are approved as one action item. If there is a question or concern regarding a particular item from a Board Member or a member of the audience, that item may be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

3.1 Approval of Agenda for October 15, 2019
3.2 Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2019
3.3 Acceptance of Meeting Schedule for SELPA Governing Board Meetings
3.4 Final 18-19 Mental Health Allocation and 19-20 State Allocation Amounts
3.5 Resource documents for LEAs related to Behavior Emergency Reporting Sample General Ed form
   Board Member Michael Milliken asked Board Members if they needed an explanation on item 3.4 Final 18-19 Mental Health Allocation and 19-20 State Allocation Amounts for a brief overview from Anjane Pelletier, SELPA Associate Superintendent. Board Members asked to pull out item 3.4 of the agenda for the overview. Board Member Milliken asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented;

   Board Member Audra Pittman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented and Board Member Nancy Magee seconded it. Board Members Ronan Collver, Nancy Magee, Michael Milliken, Heather Olsen, Shawnterra Moore, Terry Deloria and Audra Pittman approved the consent agenda as presented; motion passed unanimously. Board Member Louann Carlomagno was not present.

   Board Member Michael Milliken stated that item 3.4 was going to be moved into the Action Items section for its overview.

4. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Anyone wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items may do so at this time. Please complete a speaker card and submit to the Board for your name to be called. Speaker cards are located at the back of the room. Persons wishing to address the Board on agenda items should complete a speaker card and submit to the Board so that their name can be called at that time. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on any agenda or non-agenda item.

Mr. Steven Davis asked to address the Board. Mr. Davis stated that he’s a parent from a special education student from the San Mateo-Foster City School District and that he needed to address three things: 1) Mr. Davis asked the Board and the SELPA to direct the districts to properly staff their current Community Advisory Committees since it’s required by Ed Code to have them and to get regular reports about their activities; 2) he pointed out that part of the problem why parents don’t want to participate is that they don’t feel that CAC is a meaningful entity. If parents can be part of a school board, why they cannot be part of the SELPA Board? Adding a parent to the SELPA Board, with voting rights or not, would be beneficial to provide ideas, voice parents’ opinions and concerns about their children’s education. And 3) he referred to the last five years of PIR data which resulted in the increase of low academic performance and numbers of suspensions, making these a bad reflection of the county’s attainable goals. Mr. Davis finished by asking Board Members and the SELPA to take affirmative and proactive actions on the CAC.

Board Member Michael Milliken thanked Mr. Davis for his comments and stated he and the SELPA Associate Superintendent had talked about different ways to promote more awareness and participation for CAC throughout the county and that they’ll take into consideration his ideas for future meetings.

5. ACTION ITEMS

3.4 Final 18-19 Mental Health Allocation and 19-20 State Allocation Amounts

Board Member Michael Milliken stated that this is the item that was pulled off from the consent agenda earlier. He asked the SELPA Associate Superintendent, Anjanette Pelletier, to provide an overview. Ms. Pelletier gave a summary overview of the funds SELPA gets from the CDE, the federal grants and how these are utilized to pay for mental health services of students receiving services from NPSs. She also stated that SELPA tracks the expenses on a monthly basis and provides districts with updates at the administrators’ meetings. She provided a spreadsheet with final numbers from 2018-19 and information about the amounts that SELPA will get for 2019-20. She stated that the federal allocation for 2019-20 has decreased from prior year due to declining ADA numbers and pointed out that SELPA will continue to provide consultation, networking and program support to LEAs that request assistance.

Board Member Michael Milliken called for a motion to approve the Final 2018-19 Mental Health Allocation and the 2019-20 State Allocation Amounts. Board Member Audra Pittman made a motion to approve the Mental Health and State Allocation Amounts as presented; Board Member Shawnterra Moore seconded it.

Board Members Ronan Collver, Nancy Magee, Michael Milliken, Heather Olsen, Shawnterra Moore, Terry Deloria and Audra Pittman approved action item #3.4; motion passed unanimously. Board Member Louann Carlomagno was not present.
5.1 Approve updated Independent Educational Evaluation Policy
The Associate SELPA Superintendent stated that she got input about an updated Independent Educational Evaluation Policy at the Administrators’ Council meeting of September 13, 2019. The purpose was to update resources for timelines, contracting and providing Independent Educational Evaluations at the request of parents. The updated policy also includes helpful forms for LEAs to consider for use.

Board Member Michael Milliken called for a motion to approve the updated IEE Policy. Board Member Ronan Collver made a motion to approve the updated IEE Policy as presented and Board Member Nancy Magee seconded it. Board Members Ronan Collver, Nancy Magee, Michael Milliken, Heather Olsen, Shawnterra Moore, Terry Deloria and Audra Pittman approved it; motion passed unanimously. Board Member Louann Carломagno was not present.

5.2 Approve updated Parentally Placed Students – Private School Policy
The Associate SELPA Superintendent stated that adjustments were made to ensure there is clarity on communication and references to updated resources related to compliance, timelines, and communication with private schools located within San Mateo County to ensure parentally-placed eligible children get access to special education services. We have been looking into updating this policy over a period of several months and consulted with Administrators’ Council and County Counsel Kathy Meola before she left her position to make sure we’re in alignment with both federal and state laws.

Board Member Michael Milliken called for a motion to approve the updated Private School Policy. Board Member Nancy Magee made a motion to approve the updated policy as presented and Board Member Ronan Collver seconded it. Board Members Ronan Collver, Nancy Magee, Michael Milliken, Heather Olsen, Shawnterra Moore, Terry Deloria and Audra Pittman approved it; motion passed unanimously. Board Member Louann Carломagno was not present.

6. UPDATES
6.1 Update on New Local Plan Template document and Timeline for Completion by June 30, 2020
The SELPA Associate Superintendent stated that the most recent local plan was updated in 2016, but recently with the passing of AB1808 in July 2019, new requirements for SELPAs and COEs were added. These requirements are: 1) Superintendent to consult with SELPA Administrator to confirm Local Plans and LCAP are aligned; 2) a template be developed for Local Plans; 3) County Superintendent to approve Local Plan; 4) Local Plan to be reviewed every three years; and 5) to be posted to LEA, SELPA and COE internet websites.

All content for the new Local Plan template must be submitted to SELPA by June 16, 2020 and final documents will be submitted to the CDE by June 30, 2020. As of July 1, 2020, the requirement to post the local plans on the websites for the SELPA, all districts and COE goes into effect.
Special Education Local Plan Area

6.2 SELPA Update
The SELPA Associate Superintendent gave a summary update of the activities or programs she was or has been currently working on.

6.3 Board Member Comments
There were no comments from the Board Members.

6.4 County Superintendent’s Report
Board Member Nancy Magee, County Superintendent of Schools, provided an update of SMCOE programs/events.

7. SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION
7.1 Staff from SMCOE will present an Update on the Special Olympics Program
The SELPA Associate Superintendent introduced staff from the San Mateo County Office of Education; School Partnerships Program, Roselle Loudon, Events Coordinator/Specialist and Cathy Domanski, Business Partnerships Program from Special Olympics. Both Roselle and Cathy provided a presentation about the program’s activities, events, and funding dedicated to Special Olympics.

Mr. Steven Davis addressed the Board; he stated his son has autism and his disability was invisible to him until he was diagnosed. He stated that the Special Olympics presentation was awesome and wanted to address two things: 1) we need to start educating people about special education early and emphasize it. In the video presentation, you showed high school students who stated they have never seen a kid with disabilities and it makes me wonder why that has not yet been addressed. In addition, by looking at the data, one third of our kids has a disability and is in segregated classrooms. And 2) for the first time, my kid is now in general education and is doing better because he’s interacting with kids with no disabilities who treat them like any other kid. This is the kind of environment in which SPED kids should be experiencing instead of segregating them. That’s what we have to change to make a difference in their education and personal lives.

8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION
8.1 Public Employee Evaluation and Goal Setting under California Government Code Section 54957(b). Title: Associate Superintendent, SELPA
Board Member Michael Milliken adjourned the meeting to closed session at 10:33 a.m.

9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
9.1 Report Action from Closed Session – There was no report from closed session.

10. ADJOURNMENT
Board Member Michael Milliken adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. All Board Members voted in favor.

Next SELPA Governing Board Meeting – December 17, 2019