

SUPERINTENDENT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY COUNCIL

January 21, 2021 ~ Via ZOOM at 9:00 AM

Voting Members Present: Luke Biesecker Gayle Conway Chris Hartley
Craig Kimball Tom Kissinger Michael Quinlan
Glen Senestraro Stephanie Steffano-Davis
Fred VanVleck DeAnn Waldvogel

Voting Members Absent: Beth Anderson Heidi Moore-Guynup Brooke Davis

Non-Voting Members Present: Mindy Fattig

Guests Present: Nichole Dollarhide Chris Hill Carol Ingram
Haley Jones (Proxy) John Leonard Heather Quigley-Cook
Michelle Roslosnik Trish Sorci Laura Walker
Corey Weber

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Michael called the meeting to order at 9:03.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

None

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 November 19, 2020

A motion was made by Glen and seconded by Chris to approve the minutes with correction on Item 5.5

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Director's Report

Mindy shared with the committee her upcoming presentations at state level and the workgroups she is participating in along with topics of Comp Ed standards, Medi-Cal funds and available grants. She reported the CAPTAIN grant received has helped create a collaboration with SELPA, HCOE and Eureka City Schools for early interventions with the hopes of opening additional preschool sites in the SELPA.

The SELPA applied and received an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) grant focusing on parents prior to OCR. A portion of the funds will be used to revamp the SELPA website with easily accessible parent information and guidance along with guidance and professional development to the participating LEAs.

Heather Quigley-Cook updated the council on the increase of ERICS referrals especially related to heightened anxiety with students returning to school. She reminded the group that SELPA is still offering Mental Health group counseling to both general and special education students.

Laura Walker shared upcoming and ongoing professional development links for state, local and SELPA.

5.2 Ad Hoc Reports

5.2.1 Facility Ad Hoc Report

Glen shared that Ad hoc has looked at two buildings with adjacent to Eureka City Schools. The adjacent building sold quickly and the other was not appropriate for SELPA. Chris shared that the lease on the current office space will expire July 1 and the current owner wishes renew the lease and then sell the property. Our offer of a one-year lease with an out option was refused but he did indicate that he was open to offers prior to putting it up for sale if we wished to make an offer. The Ad Hoc members (Fred, Glen, Michael, Chris & Mindy) shared there are not a lot of commercial properties available but they will continue the search and if anyone is aware of a potential property please let them know.

5.2.2 Fiscal Ad Hoc Report

The Ad Hoc met January 8th with no recommended action. They reviewed possible budget deficits in the Behaviorists/BSA budget with the closure of schools and reduction of chargeback services by Behaviorists and assigned BSAs. The budget will remain under review by Mindy and Carol with updates through the balance of the year. The hope is to recover the funds or use carryover to cover most of the deficit without the need to do layoffs of staff. They will plan to meet in February with a list of topics provided by the council.

5.3 Legislative Advocacy Updates

Mindy shared current assembly bills with the council and added that with COVID the reduction of Bills they are watching at the state level. Fred shared news regarding advocacy for getting vaccines completed.

5.4 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Report

No report. Next meeting to be determined.

6.0 COMMUNICATIONS

None

7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Revisions for 2020/21

- ✓ Budget Proposals for 2021/22
- ✓ Local Plan – School Board Approval
- ✓ TLC contribution continuation
- ✓ Add On-Going COVID topic to agenda – “LEA Services provided during COVID”

9.0 COMMENTS

None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00. The next meeting will be February 25, 2021