

SUPERINTENDENT SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY COUNCIL

March 18, 2021 ~ Via ZOOM at 9:00 AM

Voting Members Present: Luke Biesecker Brooke Davis Gayle Conway
Chris Hartley Haley Jones (Proxy) Craig Kimball
Tom Kissinger Michael Quinlan Glen Senestraro
Stephanie Steffano-Davis Fred VanVleck

Voting Members Absent: Beth Anderson DeAnne Waldvogel

Non-Voting Members Present: Katie Cavanagh Mindy Fattig

Guests Present: Raven Coit Chris Hill Carol Ingram
John Leonard Heather Quigley-Cook
Michelle Roslosnik Trish Sorci Laura Walker
Corey Weber

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Michael at 9:02 AM.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

None

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 February 25, 2021

A motion was made by Luke and seconded by Chris to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried with all in favor who replied and no reply from Steffano-Davis.

AYES: Senestraro (Proxy), Biesecker, Davis, Conway, Hartley, Jones, Kimball, Kissinger, Quinlan, Senestraro and VanVleck

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Director's Report

Reopening of Schools - Mindy shared with the committee that SELPA is receiving an increased amount of calls and emails and will continue to provide support to families and districts during the reopening phase.

Service Provider Meetings - Mindy continues to hold the bi-weekly Service Providers meetings. The attendance and feedback has been positive so they will continue for the balance of 2020/21 and may through next year as well.

Beyond SST - Heather is working with SEIS on a reduction in rates. The hope is by adding adjacent SELPAs to our contract it will lower the fee to all the districts. Heather will report at the April Policy Council meeting.

Preschool Grant - Mindy continues to work at both the state and local level to create inclusive preschool programs. She expressed appreciation to Eureka and HCOE on their collaborative work locally. She also presented at the CA State Board of Education meeting yesterday, at the

request of the CA State Special Education Director, highlighting the work in Humboldt County on inclusive preschools and collaboration between grant partners and outside agencies.

SEAAC – The committee will meet this afternoon with a few topics including the new SEIS data dashboard. Mindy shared with the Policy Council the dashboard, EDDS on SEIS, which the LEAs now have access to with the usual SEIS login. She encouraged the Superintendents to look at the data and explained its uses. Mindy will send out more information following the council meeting.

June Meeting – Mindy asked to schedule a June meeting in case the budgets need revisions again. June Policy Council Meeting scheduled for June 17.

Fiscal Ad Hoc – Mindy and the council members encouraged the districts to have their Business Manager join the Fiscal Ad Hoc. Teresa will send the invite to the Superintendents to share with their Business Managers. If anyone wishes to participate, let Mindy know and an invite will be sent directly.

5.2 Ad Hoc Reports

5.2.1 Fiscal Ad Hoc Report

The Ad Hoc met Tuesday to discuss the budgets presented to the council today.

Moving forward the Ad Hoc will review:

- Motor Pool, which Mindy thanked Corey and Chris for reducing the allocation for 2020/21 for a savings of nearly \$40,000.
- Behaviorist Bank of hours for LEA
- SELPA building purchase
- Mental Health funding and scenarios of use
- RTC reimbursement formula
- TLC support

5.3 Legislative Advocacy Updates

Mindy updated the council with a few bills the state SELPA and Mindy are keeping an eye on.

- AB 552 Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership Program.
- AB 555 Special education: Assistive technology devices
- AB 586 Pupil health: mental health services: funding
- SB 237 Special Education: dyslexia risk screening
- SB 692 LCAP: least restrictive environment added to dashboard

Mindy is also working with Tanya Lieberman through the State SELPA Association on a bill regarding learning loss mitigation and ADR. Bill should be out in the next week or so.

5.4 SELPA Budgets

5.4.1 2020-21 Budget Revisions

Carol reviewed the budgets with the council, explaining the new format and revisions including Low Incidence increase in funding to offset the chargeback to the LEAs, and Mental Health funds. Mindy reminded the council that COVID closures caused a tremendous reduction of services out to the district and therefore the budget took a hit covering the mental health staff. She encouraged LEAs to reach out to SELPA if they

need support during the reopening's. If interested, contact Mindy and she will provide assistance with staff availability and coding appropriately.

A motion was made by Glen and seconded by Tom to approve the 2020/21 Budget revisions. The motion carried with all in favor of those who replied. There was no reply from Steffano-Davis.

AYES: Senestraro (Proxy), Biesecker, Davis, Conway, Hartley, Jones, Kimball, Kissinger, Quinlan, Senestraro and VanVleck

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5.4.2 2021-22 Budget Projections

Carol reviewed the budgets with the council, including the formula for hourly rates on the Behaviorist and BSA when contracted to the LEAs. Mindy explained that for these chargeback programs, Del Norte is not including in the allocation of a bank of free hours and nor are they part of the OTT charges that fund that program as it is Humboldt Only OTT so there is not contribution to the chargeback programs by Del Norte that only Humboldt County schools utilize. A thorough review is in process to see if the RTC set aside amount should be lowered to increase local supports. This will be part of the upcoming Fiscal Ad Hoc agenda, as well as requested by Glen that Fiscal Ad Hoc look at increasing fiscal support to incentivize districts to open/operate a regional TLC program.

A motion was made by Craig and seconded by Brooke to approve the projected 2021/22 budgets. The motion carried with all in favor of those who replied. There was no reply from Steffano-Davis.

AYES: Senestraro (Proxy), Biesecker, Davis, Conway, Hartley, Jones, Kimball, Kissinger, Quinlan, Senestraro and VanVleck

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5.5 LEA Services Provided During COVID

Mindy explained that she was asked to add this item as an ongoing agenda allowing time to discuss services during COVID closures. There were no questions or comments from the members.

6.0 COMMUNICATIONS

Chris shared with the members that the Grand Jury report from several years ago has been passed on to the state Attorney General. While HCOE and SELPA both responded that the report was unfounded and inaccurate, the past Grand Jury members felt the need report again. If there is any further action regarding the report he will pass along to the council.

Chris praised the council and SELPA regarding the effective response to the SELPA internal Review completed several years ago. He stated that the two areas of greatest concern were the development of clearer fiscal reporting and increasing MTSS among the county and SELPA. Both of which he feels were accomplished. At some point, when things settle, it would be good to look at the review once again to see if the recommendation have been met.

7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Community Advisory Committee Report
- Facility Ad Hoc Report
- Updated SELPA Policies
- LEA/SELPA/State Reporting Timelines
- Policy Council Officer Nominations
- Policy Council Meeting Schedule 2021-22
- Annual Service & Budget Plan Approval
- Local Plan – LEA/County Board Approval
- Beyond SST Updates – Heather Quigley-Cook
- June Meeting, 17th at 9:00 AM Schedule
- TLC increase of incentives – Glen Senestraro

9.0 COMMENTS

None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:28. The next meeting will be April 22, 2021.