

SUPERINTENDENT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY COUNCIL

April 22, 2021 ~ Via ZOOM at 9:00 AM

Voting Members Present:	Luke Biesecker Chris Hartley Michael Quinlan Stephanie Steffano-Davis	Brooke Davis Haley Jones Glen Senestraro	Gayle Conway Tom Kissinger Fred Van Vleck DeAnn Waldvogel
Voting Members Absent:	Beth Anderson Heidi Moore-Guynup	Craig Kimball	
Non-Voting Members Present:	Katie Cavanagh	Mindy Fattig	
Guests Present:	Nichole Dollarhide Heather Quigley-Cook Trish Sorci	Carol Ingram	Laura Walker Michelle Roslosnik

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Michael at 9:01 AM.

**2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA**

None

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 March 18, 2021

A motion was made by Gayle and seconded by Brooke to approve the minutes as read.  
The motion carried with all in favor.

AYES: Senestraro (Proxy), Biesecker, Davis, Conway, Hartley, Jones (Proxy),  
Kimball, Kissinger, Quinlan, Senestraro, Steffano-Davis, Van Vleck  
and Waldvogel

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3.2 April 8, 2021 (Special Session)

A motion was made by Luke and seconded by Chris to approve the minutes as read.  
The motion carried with a majority and one abstention.

AYES: Senestraro (Proxy), Biesecker, Conway, Hartley, Jones (Proxy),  
Kimball, Kissinger, Quinlan, Senestraro, Steffano-Davis, Van Vleck  
and Waldvogel

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Davis

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**5.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

5.1 Director's Report

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Local Plan – Mindy reminded the members to have their respective boards approve and send certificate to the SELPA office by end of May.

Mindy shared that she is in a State Work Group discussing governance structure with 32 districts statewide selected to participate. One of those chosen was Arcata. A report of outcomes will be shared next year.

April 19<sup>th</sup> the SELPA Special Education Spring Meeting was held. Mindy said the attendance was great with pertinent and timely information shared. For those interested, the Power Point Presentation is now posted on the Humboldt – Del Norte SELPA website resource section.

Five Year Reporting for LRE –

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) SELPA Grant – Mindy shared more news about the SELPA website progress and setting up an expanded ADR Professional Development platform will be rolled out this fall.

Statewide Inclusive practices – Mindy reported that seven districts have reached out asking for assistance with their special education departments. Mindy will be creating a community of practices and guidelines next year. SELPA, the county and districts will be collaborating with Kevin Schaefer at Supporting Inclusive Practices.

### 5.2 Ad Hoc Reports

#### 5.2.1 Fiscal Ad Hoc Report

Carol Ingram reviewed the topics of discussion and items moving forward for more information and discussion. Three primary topics, Facility Purchase, Behaviorist Rate and Bank of hours and LI funds. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>.

1. SELPA Facility Purchase – The Ad Hoc discussed purchase options and asked for additional information on a 50%, 75% & 100% OTT funding be provided at the next Ad Hoc meeting for review.  
No recommendation until further review. Will present to Policy Council at May Meeting.
2. Behaviorist hours and rate(s) - The current rate seems overly complex and not beneficial to all LEAs. The Ad Hoc feels that it needs further information to include a list of LEAs using the bank of hours and review of contract/services.  
No recommendation until further review. Will present to Policy Council at May or June meeting.
3. Low Incidence funding increase and its use – The Ad hoc would like to further explore best use of these funds and requested a list of LEAs using LI services and/or equipment. Possible options would be to reduce OTT costs by covering Low Incidence staff costs and/or a pool of funds be set aside for high costs.

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No recommendation until further review. Will present to Policy Council at May or June meeting.

### 5.2.2 Facility Ad Hoc Report

Mindy said that we are still in the property search with some viable options. The current lease expires June 30<sup>th</sup> so hoping a decision is made soon.

### 5.3 Legislative Advocacy Updates

Mindy reviewed upcoming bills with sponsorship from the State SELPA. She will send updates to the LEAs.

#### Supporting Bills –

- AB967 COVID Special Ed Fund
- AB126 Family Empowerment Center
- SB639 Special Ed minimum wage

#### Interest Bills –

- SB328 – Rural Schools updated
- AB552 – SELPA Bill
- AB555 – Special Ed AT equipment exchange between SELPAs
- O'Donnell Bill – Mental Health
- SB – Dyslexia Risk Screening
- SB692 – LCAP LRE added to dashboard and part of outcome measures

### 5.4 Beyond SST Update – Heather Quigley-Cook

Heather answered questions from the committee who agreed it was beneficial to the districts to begin the program. Heather will set up SEIS trainings and assist districts where needed to implement the program before the end of the year so that we can begin next school year. A motion was made by Stephanie and seconded by Luke to move forward with a 3-year SELPA-wide contract through June 30, 2024. The motion carried with all favor.

AYES: Senestraro (Proxy), Biesecker, Davis, Conway, Hartley, Jones (Proxy), Kimball, Kissinger, Quinlan, Senestraro, Steffano-Davis, Van Vleck and Waldvogel

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

### 5.5 LEA Services Provided During COVID

Mindy reported that schools are beginning to reopen with a wide range of settings. Mindy is putting together resources on how to measure learning loss and mitigation. She is encouraging district to be proactive in meeting with families to come up with a plan for learning loss mitigation services.

## 6.0 COMMUNICATIONS

None

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**7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mindy will be somewhat off calendar for the next week.

**8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Updated SELPA Policies (yearly)
- Policy Council Officer Nominations/Approval
- Policy Council Meeting Schedule 2021/22
- LEA/SELPA/State Reporting Timelines
- Annual Service & Budget Plan Approval
- Local Plan – LEA/County Board Approval
- TLC increase of incentive – Glen Senestraro

**9.0 COMMENTS**

None

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM. The next meeting will be May 20, 2021.