Superintendents’ Council Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)
Open Session:
September 12, 2022 - 8:30 AM

PRESENT
Matt Best, Superintendent, Davis Joint Unified School District
Christina Goennier, Designee, Esparto Unified School District
Phoebe Girimonte, Winters Joint Unified School District
Garth Lewis, Superintendent, Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE)
Patrick McGrew, Assistant Superintendent, Yolo County SELPA

ABSENT
Cheryl Hildreth, Superintendent, Washington Unified School District
Elodia Lampkin, Superintendent, Woodland Joint Unified School District

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 CONSENT

2.1 Approval of September 12, 2022, Agenda
2.2 Approval of May 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes
2.3 Approval of 2022-2023 Calendar of Meetings

Superintendent Best made a motion to approve the September 12, 2022, agenda; May 2, 2022, meeting minutes; and the 2022-2023 calendar of meetings.

Superintendent Goennier seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 4
Absent: 2 (Hildreth and Lampkin)
Noes: None
Discussion: None

3.0 RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/STAFF

There were no visitors, staff was welcomed by the council.
4.0 Yolo SELPA Business

4.1 Discuss Behavior Emergency Response Reporting
Assistant Superintendent McGrew presented the Behavior Emergency Response (BER) Form to the council. The form will be presented for approval by the Program Administrators Committee (PAC) at their next meeting. If approved by PAC it will be presented to the Superintendents’ Council for their approval in the November meeting. The form documents when a student has been restrained due to them being a danger to themselves or others. The form is used for special education and general education students. Currently all six LEAs use the same positive behavioral training, which is the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), Nonviolent Crisis Intervention NCI training. A copy of the BER report is provided to the parents, the district office where the incident occurred, and to the SELPA. A training plan on how to use the form will be further discussed at the Program Administrators Committee (PAC) meetings.

4.2 Discuss Compliance & Improvement Monitoring (CIM) for 2022-2023
Assistant Superintendent McGrew reported that the districts and the SELPA are doing well in the CIM. The items that the State and Federal government monitor have varied in the past but during the pandemic, CDE decided to focus on the completion of initial and program review assessments and individualized education program (IEP) meetings. CDE is also focusing on disproportionality in areas of suspensions and expulsions, and identification by race and ethnicity. Districts in the Yolo SELPA have been in and out of disproportionality in the past few years. It is recommended that special education, and general education staff in each district collaborate to be proactive to avoid future disproportionality by looking at past patterns.

4.3 Review 2022-2023 Professional Development Calendar
Assistant Superintendent McGrew brought to the council’s attention the professional development offerings from the Yolo County SELPA. The calendar is located on the YCOE website, under the SELPA tab. Yolo County SELPA does its best to offer a wide range of trainings at a variety of times to accommodate the staff who attend them.

4.4 Review CAC Calendar and Roster
Assistant Superintendent McGrew presented the council the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) calendar and roster. The first meeting will be tonight, and the roster will be reviewed by the committee. This committee provides in-service training offerings for parents. People who are interested in being on the committee can nominate themselves or can be nominated by others, and then the respective district’s board will approve their place in the committee during a board meeting. Assistant Superintendent McGrew shared the available member positions per district with the council.

5.0 SELPA Director Report
5.1 State SELPA Fiscal and Legislative Report
Assistant Superintendent McGrew reported out to the council news on AB 181. The bill includes several items. One important item is the new diploma pathway for students with special needs, specifically with significant cognitive disabilities. There are many questions regarding the pathway that have not been answered. Assistant Superintendent McGrew will be attending a training hosted by CDE tomorrow, that should clarify some of those questions. What is known now is that the pathway is for students who take the California Alternative Assessment (CAA) and complete the coursework requirements. The coursework requirements have yet to be determined by the State. Unlike a typical high school diploma, this diploma will not end the students’ special education services.

Another important item included in the AB181 was revised Ed Code regarding independent study and students with special needs. The revision was a language change that requires districts to hold an individualized education program (IEP) meeting to thoughtfully consider if the student’s needs can be served in independent study.

Assistant Superintendent McGrew shared an update on the Learning Recovery Funds. Funds have been distributed to the districts based on average daily attendance (ADA) and are to be spent in a year. The discussion on how the funds are expended is taking place at the joint PAC and CBO meetings. Superintendent Best and Superintendent Goennier shared how they have been expending their funding. Please contact the SELPA if there are any questions on how to expend the Learning Recovery Funds.

Assistant Superintendent McGrew also shared an update of the Dispute Prevention and Resolution Funding that will need to be expended by September 30, 2023. Reimbursement for travel and conference for districts that plan to send staff to the CASP Convention in October and the ADR Conference in March were offered.

6.0 Adjournment

Superintendent Lewis asked for a motion to adjourn. 9:50 a.m.

Superintendent Goennier made a motion to adjourn.
Superintendent Best seconded the motion.
Discussion: None

The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Discussion: None
Absent: 2 (Hildreth and Lampkin)

Superintendent Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
November 7, 2022, 8:30 AM
Yolo County Office of Education

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Barajas, Administrative Assistant