

Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area
Governance Council
MINUTES

Friday, August 23, 2019

Members Present *Representative

Mr. Terrence Davis
Dr. Maria Gander
Dr. Doug Kimberly, Past Chair
Dr. Steve Kennedy
Mr. Patrick Kelley, Zone 1 Representative
Dr. Sandra Lyon, Chair & Zone 5 Representative
Ms. Jean Marie Frey
Mr. Grant Bennett
Mr. Trevor Painton
Mr. Mike McCormick, Vice Chair

Beaumont Unified School District
Coachella Valley Unified School District
Lake Elsinore Unified School District
Menifee Union School District
Murrieta Valley Unified School District
Palm Springs Unified School District
Perris Elementary School District
Perris Union High School District
Romoland School District
Val Verde Unified School District

Members Absent

Dr. Allan Mucerino
Mr. Robert Guillen
Ms. Sue Scott, Zone 6 Representative
Mr. Scott Bailey
Dr. Christi Barrett
Mr. Elliott Duchon, Zone 4 Representative
Dr. David Pyle, Zone 3 Representative
Dr. Charles Bush
Dr. Judy White, Standing Member
Mr. Santos Campos
Ms. Diane Perez, Zone 2 Representative
Ms. Laura Badillo
Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer

Alvord Unified School District
Banning Unified School District
Desert Center Unified School District
Desert Sands Unified School District
Hemet Unified School District
Jurupa Unified School District
Nuvview Union School District
Palo Verde Unified School District
Riverside County Office of Education
Riverside County Education Academy
San Jacinto Unified School District
Santa Rosa Academy
Springs Charter Schools

Governance Council Liaisons

Dr. Zhanna Preston (Murrieta Valley USD)

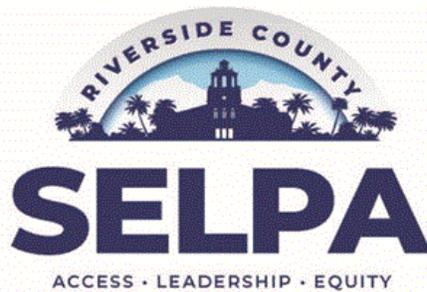
Coordinating Council Chair

Riverside County SELPA Team Members

Leah Davis, Executive Director
Angie Lopez, Secretary

1. Call to Order

Sandra Lyon, Governance Council Chair



The Governance Council Meeting was called to order at 12:16 pm on Friday, August 23, 2019.

**2. Welcome and Introductions
Director**

Leah Davis, RC SELPA Executive

Public Comments

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3 and Education Code Section 35145.5, any person wishing to speak to any item on the agenda, or any other relevant matter, will be heard at this time. Each person will have a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Governance Council

Action Items

3. Approve Minutes from May 17, 2019 Governance Council Meeting (Attachment 3)

That the Governance Council approve the minutes from the May 17, 2019 Governance Council Meeting as presented.

It was moved by Patrick Kelley and seconded by Steve Kennedy that the minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried 9 / 0 / 1

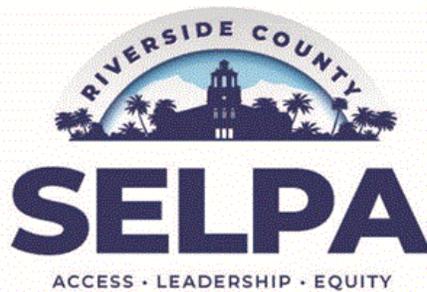
Discussion and Information Items

4. 2020-2021 Program Transfer Requests (Attachment 4)

LEAs considering program transfer can have an impact on neighboring districts. Pam Bender and Chris Haney will be meeting with LEAs that request program transfers, and will discuss what it entails. November GC meeting RC SELPA will bring back a final list, as an action item.

5. Compliance Monitoring Updates

- PIR- all plans were submitted in a timely manner. Received notification that CDE is in possession of all PIR plans. Awaiting feedback from CDE. Directors have been advised to begin implementation of PIR plans.
- Disproportionality- Two processes have been notified in the last week.
 - Prong II- Eleven LEAs have been identified.
 - Self-Study -require SpEd department to do a student file review. Number of LEAs that have been identified, has decreased.
 - Comprehensive review- Two districts are in Comprehensive Review.



- Specialty Review- Beaumont has been selected for Specialty Review. The last specialty review in the state was around restraint and seclusion.

6. Executive Director Job Description

Executive Director would like to revise the job description. Job description lists nine job duties, and only two are currently relevant. Two are also a cause of concern.

- Will coordinate for due process
- Executive Director will coordinate ESY.

Lake Elsinore's Superintendent is contracting with Ed Collin and Associates to revise job descriptions. He will work with SELPA's Executive Director to revise job description.

7. SELPA Systems Improvement Lead Updates

Riverside County SELPA in partnership with West San Gabriel SELPA and El Dorado SELPA, have their Improvement Facilitators working on building out data tools. Riverside County's Improvement Facilitators are identifying high-level practices, and improving outcomes. SELPA's Executive Director along with the SIL team had the opportunity to present on dashboard data at OSEP, in Kentucky.

There will be a total of 10 trainings statewide. Including Students with Disabilities in the LCAP, will be presented in Beaumont on November 21, 2019, by SSC along with SIL.

8. SELPA Personnel Updates

- Director-Ricky Alyassi; recruited from Romoland, where he was the Director of SpEd for 12 years.
- ERMHS Coordinator-Jeremy Stevens; promoted from SELPA's ERMHS Case Manager.
- Added three Improvement Facilitator's
 - Shannon Goodbeau-Gorlick from Romoland
 - Jordan Hulstrom from Hemet
 - Ashely MacGavin from Beaumont.
- Secretary II-Vanessa Soliz; from long-term clerical substitute.

9. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Updates

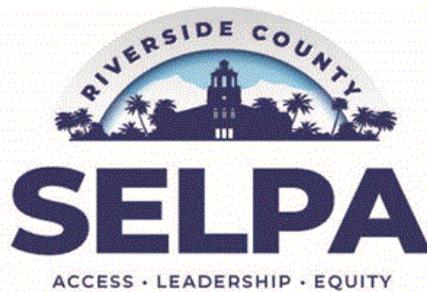
CAC Executive Board would like to promote parent engagement in a productive manner. There is an additional parent group that calls themselves, "The Parent Coalition".

Executive Director met with one of the parent advocates and 22 other parents, all Spanish speaking. Thirteen of our districts were represented in this group. They have requested that all IEP documents be translated within 10 days of the IEP, and would like a parent group at every district. Parent Coalition were invited to attend CAC meetings.

10. Non-Public School and RTC Updates

a. Master Contract Rates

Negotiations are complete. Several Non-Public Schools requested COLA for related services. Riverside County SELPA negotiated along with San Bernardino County SELPA across all NPS.



b. CDE Oversight and Compliance Monitoring

Specialty review-anticipate that monitoring will be for LCI and NPS attendance. As Compliance Monitoring continues, every other week CDE will be on site at NPS for reviews. Red Rock RTC was closed this summer.

c. SELPA-wide NPS needs

Currently in discussion with Desert Sands and Oak Grove Institute. To add a NPS location to the desert. SELPA continues to recognize the need SELPA-wide. SELPA's Executive Director just met with Pam Bender, to talk about what it look like to partner with RCOE.

d. Tier 3 Mental Health Expenditures

Tier III MH hand-outs showing the increase in RTC students. There has been an increase from an average of five to nearly 20 students. The pattern shows an increase in students annually. When Mental Health changed from county to district Mental Health, it was decided that Tier III services would be allocated from federal funds. Tier III services include WRAP around services and RTC placements (only room and board, not educational fees). SELPA believes those federal dollars are not enough to cover future expenses. The allocation plan needs to be changed. An Allocation Committee was formed to work on Tier III funding issues.

1st annual Mental Health Conference- November 7-8, 2019. Keynote speakers are Steve Perry and Josh Shipp. Registration is now open.

11. Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education and State SELPA

Highlights

a. Legislative Updates

Jeff Baca reviewed with Superintendents during Superintendent's meeting.

- Portonino gutted his translation bill. Waiting for it to hit appropriation.
- Frazier Bill-NPS school bill around oversight. Notes fees. Unclear on what "fees" are.

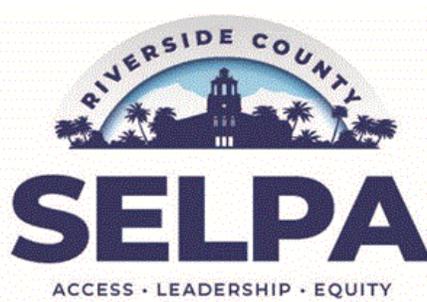
b. Fiscal Updates

Budget trailer bill- around COLA and Preschool money. Districts need to see that money at least once.

c. Program Updates

This year all SELPAs are required to revise their Local Plan. Will reach out to district members to rewrite plan, and form a committee. For finalization, will have to go out to all 26 LEAs Governing Boards. Needs to be ready by the end of the year.

CASEMIS is no longer. All new data submission will go through CALPADS. Necessity for CALPADS tech to be in communication with SpEd folks. New system will require data to be certified.



SELPA Data Specialist is now hosting Data Governance days. SELPA is encouraging Directors to attend.

12. Governance Council Chair Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

It was moved by Terrence Davis and seconded by Doug Kinberly that the Governance Council Meeting be adjourned at 1:09 pm on Friday, August 23, 2019.