



San Joaquin County SELPA

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 22, 2023

Minutes

PRESENT: Frank Souza, Steve Payne, Deanie Coleman, Wendy Frink, Brandie Brunni, Jennifer Pool, John Saylor, Alyssa Wooten, Monica Vallerga, Nelarie Romo, Susan Scott, Lisa Mazza, Austin Noguera, Justin Albano, Staci Johnson, Jamie Hughes, Roger Goatcher (Proxy)

ABSENT: Nellaine Kilgore, Thomas Crocker, Jody Burriss, Sean Brown

I. CALL TO ORDER: Brandie Brunni called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

III. COMMENTS: There were no comments from the audience.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Finance Report – Brandie

ADR and Learning Recovery funds need to be encumbered by June 30th, with final expenditures by September 30th.

- U.S. headline inflation slowed for the seventh consecutive month to 6.4% year-over-year in January 2023, down from 0.1% from December and from the peak of 9.1% June 2022. Core inflation (which excludes food and energy) decelerated to 5.6% down 0.1% from December.
- Food inflation slowed slightly from 10.4% to 10.1% but remained elevated, while energy inflation increased from 7.3% to 8.7% year-over-year due to the increase in gas prices. Shelter (measures rent) rose from 7.5% to 7.9%, but has a six month lag so does not reflect recent declines in rent.
- U.S. unemployment rate decreased .1% to 3.4% in January 2023, the lowest level since 1969
 - The labor force increased by 866,000, a 0.1% increase to 62.4% in January which is 0.9% below the February 2020 rate of 63.4%
 - 517,000 nonfarm jobs were added in January 2023, with 10/11 sectors gaining jobs, while information lost 5,000 jobs. This was the largest job gain since July 2022
- California unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.1% in December 2022.
 - There were 293,300 (1.6%) fewer employed and 313,600 (1.6%) fewer persons in the labor force in December 2022 than the February 2020 rate.
 - 16,200 nonfarm jobs were added in December with 9/11 sectors gaining jobs.

Trade, transportation and utilities lost 11,100 jobs, and information lost 6,100 jobs in December.

- Statewide median price of existing homes decreased to \$774,580 in December, down 0.4% from November and 2.8% from December 2021.
- Sales of existing single-family homes increased to 240,330 units in December 2022 up 1.1% from November and down 44.1% from December 2021
- General Fund agency cash receipts for the first seven months of the 2022-2023 fiscal year were \$3.322B below the 2023-24 Governor's Budget forecast of \$105.011B. This is due to a \$2.002B shortfall in January cash receipts, \$1.327 shortfall in December cash receipts, and minor revisions to receipts in prior months.
- The Governor's Budget monthly cashflow reflects the expected impact of delayed payment and filing deadlines for Californians in 41 counties to May 15 due to recent winter storms and flooding. This impacted 2022 fourth quarter personal income tax estimated payments that were initially due in January, adding significant uncertainty to interpreting January estimated payments cash results. Deadlines for various March and April payments for personal income tax and corporation tax were also shifted to May 15.
- Personal income tax for the first seven months of the fiscal year were \$3.437B below the forecast of \$65,265B.
- December and January withholding receipts were \$1.311B below forecast cumulatively. It is unknown to what extent taxpayer behavior differed from the Governor's Budget due to the delayed payment deadline. Sales and use tax cash receipts for November were \$1.2B above the forecast and \$210M above the 14.04B forecast for the first five months of the fiscal year.
- Corporation tax receipts for the first seven months of the fiscal year were \$204M above the forecast of \$16.910B. Corporation tax receipts for January were \$1.073B above forecast year-to-day, including a \$545M shortfall in January.
- Sales and use tax cash receipts for the first seven months of the fiscal year were \$128M below the forecast of \$18.934M.

2. 22-23 P1 Certification AB602 - Austin

Assumptions

- COLA - 6.56% COLA - Brought up to State Target of \$820
- Updated Projected ADA - PER DISTRICT greater of CY, PY, PPY
- Updated AB602 Calculations
- District LCFF Transfer based on LCFF per ADA methodology
- Special Education Taxes based on CY

3. 21-22 Annual Certification AB602 - Austin

Assumptions

- COLA - 4.05% COLA
- Updated Projected ADA - SELPA ADA
- Updated AB602 Calculations
- District LCFF Transfer based on LCFF per ADA methodology
- Special Education Taxes based on CY

4. Additional SELPA ADR Dollars Update - Austin

Austin reviewed the ADR grant, and reaffirmed that it is a two part grant, Learning Recovery and ADR. Options for spending were discussed as well as existing available balances per district.

5. SELPA Governing Council Update - Brandie

Brandie reviewed the process for state and federal mental health dollars for the 23-24 school year, with a reminder that they will go directly to districts.

- ALL federal funds will be used to fund CARES and Residential Placements
- State MH dollars will be utilized to fund County Programs (BELIEVE!) that is related to mental health
- This "excess cost" will be journaled at the end of the year based on ADA - NOT pupil count.

6. Local Plan Update - Brandie

- Editing page by page with committee
- Will finish edits at next meeting
- Final meeting on zoom to finalize draft
- May 5th draft plan will be sent to CAC
- By May 26th plan must be posted at each district site
- June 5th Governing Council Public Hearing and Action

7. Annual Determination Letter - Brandie

Brandie reviewed annual determination letters with superintendents so they would know what to expect. Provided a chart that shows what SELPA staff will support each district. Timelines of the process were shared.

8. Aligning Differentiated Assistance and CIM - Deanie/Lauren

Alignment Steps for Differentiated Assistance and Special Education Monitoring were shared.

- Understand and access State Performance Plan Indicator (SPPI) data
- SPPI Guide
- System Improvement Leads - Improvement Data Center
- Determine alignment of CIM indicators and DA indicators (academics, suspension, graduation)
- Create a plan for CIM districts in DA; DA districts in CIM to avoid duplicative efforts
- Take into consideration improvement plans related to eligibility that are in place
- Include Instructional Services and SELPA colleagues in DA and CIM meetings with districts
- Add additional data analysis questions specific to SWD for districts in DA
- Co-present/collaborate with Instructional Services and SELPA colleagues in LCAP trainings

9. 2023 - 2024 County Programs Review - Monica

Monica Reviewed the plans and projections for classes next school year including what may need to be shifted in 23-24 so that the county will have appropriate capacity to serve students. Districts reviewed ongoing development of programs to serve students with moderate needs. The COD agreed on a plan of action for the 23-24 school year to be reviewed for input by the SJC SELPA Governing Council. The county will continue the mission of serving students with the most intensive needs with an equitable education.

10. County Programs Update - Monica

- 22/23 Referrals to date: 428
- 21/22 Referrals to date: 483
- Referrals during the month of February: 33
- Instructional Assistant vacancies: 36
- Teacher vacancies: 3
- ESY Dates: 6/6-7/3, 8:30-12:30

11. LI Update – Justin

- Current budget for 2022-2023 School Year: \$1,850,830.30.
- Current number of LI requests approved for 2022-2023 school year: 62
- Pending Requests: 0
- 62 total requests
- April 15, 2023 will be the last day to submit LI requests that will be processed for the 2022-2023 school year.

12. CALPADs Update – Susan/Staci

- EOY coming soon - run preventative searches now to decrease errors
- End-of-Year (EOY) 1 – 4 submission window will open May 8, 2023, and:
 - Initial certification deadline is July 28, 2023 (only LEA-level approval needed)
 - Amendment window ends August 25, 2023 (SELPA-level approval for EOY 3 and 4 required)
- CALPADS quarterly update highlights
 - Redesign will be rolling out in the Sept 2023
 - EOY 4 training will begin late April/early May 2023
 - Dashboard being release sooner
 - New Pathway to HS diploma - new exit field next year
 - Parent full approval data only pushed up
 - New reports coming
 - Training for Sped Data coordinators

13. CPI to ProACT - Susan

- SJCOE shifting from CPI to ProACT
- Survey of directors preference for supporting LEA staff to either transition to ProACT or continue to instruct CPI

14. CARES Update – Susan

- Current Cases - 8 cases
- Referrals - 11

15. WorkAbility Update – Frank

- 103 students currently employed
- Original grant goal of 92 met and exceeded

16. Alternative Diploma Guidance - Frank

Must be a student with significant cognitive disabilities, take the alternative assessment, and meet state standards of minimum course work including algebra in order to qualify at this time. Some LEAs are getting a waiver for Algebra, this is possible per the CDE website. Directors had questions regarding a student opting out of the CAA and still being eligible. Frank will continue to follow and update with new guidance as he receives it.

17. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

- Inadvertently, the Text-to-Speech field was removed and was replaced with a new field, Text-to-Speech Stimuli and Items - resulted in data loss. A recommendation to find the group of students that had Text-to-Speech selected is to view a TOMS report in SEIS that was generated prior to 12.22.2022.
- If Text-to-Speech should be selected for ELA and Math, ONLY select the accommodation Text-to-Speech items (ELA) and stimuli and items (math) in both areas - to get the correct value in the TOMS report. Do not make this selection if Text-to-Speech will only be selected for ELA or Math. - this will be changed for next year to prevent confusion.

18. Workshops/Trainings – Program Specialist

Data was shared in regards to training already held in March.

Upcoming trainings:

- ECE Bridge Credential 3/30 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Fresno Diagnostics: Autism Spectrum Disorders from A to Z: Assessment to Zany Conversation 4/10 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- ECE Bridge Credential 4/19 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
- Psych/Mental Health Roundtable: Spring Social Emotional Collaborative 4/25 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Information was shared from the PENT Annual Forum

- 155 attendees
- Topics included:
 - Selecting & Adapting Mental Health Interventions
 - Mental Health or “Just Behavior?” Assessment and Intervention Strategies
 - Practical Tier 1 Tips & Tools
 - The role of anxiety and how it impacts student lives

19. 2023 - 2024 Staff Development Survey

The survey will be sent out to directors to see what training districts want for the next year and how they would like them facilitated. Justin reviewed a preview of the survey and asked for input.

20. CAC Update – Justin

- Currently added two parent voting members from Manteca USD.
- Various voting membership positions are still available, including parents and educational representatives.
- Plan on updating the CAC resource guide for next school year.
- Next CAC meeting will be held on May 11, 2023 and will be discussing how to provide support with challenging behaviors.

21. ADR Update – Justin

- ADR grant documentation requires more specific information
- A monthly survey will be provided to Directors regarding information in relation to due process filings, settlement agreements, mediation only requests, as well as IEP or Resolution meetings facilitated by SELPA using ADR strategies to resolve conflict in individual cases.

22. Learned Strategies from ADR Conference - ADR Attendees

How to understand the impact of questions on families and how it makes them feel in order to ask questions appropriately.

Great parent led panels where experienced SPED parents partner with incoming SPED parents to help guide them through the educational process.

Qualities of great leaders, problem solving mindset, good listener, life long learner.

23. DCC Dyslexia Forums - Thomas/Brandie

Postponed until April 26, 2023 meeting

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

Minutes: On a motion from John Saylor second by Nelarie Romo The SJC SELPA Council of Directors approved the minutes from the February 15, 2023, meeting as presented.

AYES: All
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The next COD meeting will be held on April 26, 2023, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.