SELPA Superintendents’ Council Meeting Minutes - UNADOPTED

February 9, 2018

In attendance: Robbie Montalbano, Kevin Monsma, David Toston, Eric Bonnksen, Annette Lane, Marcy Guthrie, Stephen Wehr, Pat Atkins, Margaret Enns, Scott Lyons, Jeremy Meyers, and guests: Robert Steponovich, SELPA Business Services Director; Tamara Clay, Director EDCOE SELPA; Amy Andersen, Executive Director of Special Services, Kale Elledge, SELPA Public Relations Coordinator and Kathleen Hall, Recording Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 11:03 am by David Toston, Associate Superintendent, El Dorado County SELPA/Charter SELPA. Meeting held online via Zoom teleconferencing platform.

Item
1. Superintendent Eric Bonnksen moved to approve agenda as presented; second by Superintendent Jeremy Meyers; motion carries.

2. A Public Hearing was opened at 11:04 a.m. and, with no comment, closed at 11:04 am.

Action Items
3. Superintendent Marcy Guthrie moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2018 SELPA Superintendents’ Council meeting; second by Superintendent Jeremy Meyers; motion carries.

Discussion Items
4. Growth Committee*

Per our Allocation Plan, the Growth Committee meets annually to consider regional and district program needs. This year, the Executive Committee requested the Growth Committee focus on capacity issues in regional programs and to consider possible reconfigurations using existing resources. Additionally, Executive Committee asked for recommendations on how to address increasing enrollment in regional classrooms long-tern (three to five years). A detailed Growth Committee Report, including the two recommendations for 2018-19, was included as Attachment 4.

Discussion was held on the Growth Committee’s recommendation to collapse the Buckeye Inclusion classroom and the Winnie Wakeley multiple abilities program and re-direct the units into one additional elementary autism class and one middle school classroom that is non-categorical. The students will likely, with appropriate support, return back to their district of residence to be included in district programs at or near their home schools. A further discussion was held on how much aide support the students currently receive and the fiscal responsibilities of the districts. Aide support currently is the responsibility of the district of residence and this responsibility will continue.
The Superintendents all recognized that this reconfiguring/reassigning does not resolve the ongoing basic capacity issue and the current situation is unsustainable. These measures will provide a short term solution to allow additional time to explore viable long-term solutions.

The second recommendation of the Growth Committee, to continue their work with expanded participation, was supported and will focus on: examining available data; narrowing the focus of the committee based on the data; including multiple stakeholder perspectives; using stakeholder input and data to perform a root cause analysis; prioritizing root causes; exploring creative solutions; and making long-term recommendations to address primary root causes. The Committee will continue the conversation and help to develop a plan that will be sustainable in future years.

Superintendent Eric Bonniksen moved to approve the Growth Committee recommendations that the Buckeye Inclusion and Winnie Wakeley programs be collapsed in the 2018-19 school year so the units can be converted into an additional elementary classroom and an additional non-categorical middle school classroom; and also to continue the work the Growth Committee has begun with expanded participation; second by Superintendent Jeremy Meyers; motion carries.

5. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned upon motion by Superintendent Marcy Guthrie; second by Superintendent Pat Atkins; motion carries.