Glenn County SELPA Governance Committee Meeting
Capay, Glenn County Office of Education, Hamilton Unified, Lake, Orland Unified, Plaza, Princeton, Stony Creek, Willows Unified

August 17, 2021 at 9:00 am
Glenn County Office of Education – Success One Conference Center
131 E. Walker Street, Orland, CA 95963

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacki Campos   SELPA Director
Jeremy Powell   Hamilton Unified School District
Korey Williams   Princeton Joint Unified School District
Nikol Baker                      Lake Elementary School
Emmett Koerperich          Willows Unified School District (Via Zoom)
Tracey Quarne                  Glenn County Office of Education
Jim Scribner                      Capay Elementary
Patrick Conklin                 Plaza Elementary
Dwayne Newman             Orland Unified School District

MEMBERS ABSENT:   Kevin Triance (Stony)

DESIGNEES PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:   Ronnie Stenquist, Judy Holzapfel, Debbie Costello, Jennifer Cox, Shirley Diaz, Dusty Thompson, Victor Perry, Lalaynia Little, Randy Jones

1.0 Call to Order:  9:01
2.0 Pledge of Allegiance
3.0 Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call
4.0 Approve June 15, 2021 SELPA Meeting Minutes:  Jim Scribner (Capay) moved to approve as presented. Seconded by Korey Williams (PJUSD). All in favor. Minutes approved as submitted.
5.0 Discussion/Action Items

5.1 Facilities Matrix: annual review of the facilities matrix for districts: Jack Campos (GCOE) shared the facilities matrix. The Governance requested an annual review each August to review with superintendents and provide any updates. One clarification about the regional program building that is on WHS campus, currently GCOE provided the supplies and WHS custodian does the cleaning. Jacki asked if it is possible for WHS to provide supplies and the room will be added to the regional host credit for WUSD. Debbie Costello (WUSD) on behalf of WUSD agrees. Lake Elementary has underwent modernization, it was not clear before which building belonged to GCOE as there was no paperwork. It has now been established that Lake School owns all buildings at Lake School. Dwayne Newman (OUSD) asked when the lease is up on the Therapy unit at Mill St. The lease ends June of 2022. Jacki stated the hope to renew the lease as the students and families served there are very happy with the new therapy center. Debbie Costello (WUSD) would like room numbers added to the matrix.

5.2 California Special Education Funding Increases: overview of the changes to the state budget for special education over the summer. Jacki Campos (GCOE) shared the most notable changes for special education is the base rate per student increasing from $644 to $715 and a COLA of 4.05%. Ongoing funds for preschool, low-incidence, and additional funds for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Learning Recovery. Districts with preschool students will receive preschool funding again. In order to set district amounts, CDE is now looking at 1st grade students with disabilities not kindergarten or preschool. This money is supposed to be used for early intervening services in preschool programs and should focus on supporting inclusive settings. These funds can be used towards the cost of preschool services provided through GCOE. There is news of the possibility of Federal IDEA funding increasing.
5.3 Allocation model: *review and further discussion of the proposed changes to the allocation model.* The revised draft allocation model was presented with some of the revenue following the students who generate the revenue. Nikol Baker (Lake) appreciates the fact that we are able to have the revenue follow the student and this model provides as much clarity as possible. The difference from the adopted model is not significant for most districts. Jeremy Powell (HUSD) states the whole point of SELPA is to provide insurance to all the districts and to work together as a county to provide services. He is concerned this is moving away from the purpose of the SELPA. Jeremy feels Hamilton may need to explore the possibility of taking back services because of the costs. He would like more time to review this. Korey Williams (PUSD) appreciates the insurance aspect of the model, especially with NPS students and he sees the benefit for the mild/mod and speech services. Dwayne Newman (OUSD) would like more time to review before a decision is made. Korey further shared he feels this draft is the most equitable way of doing the allocation and that the county has worked hard on this. Nikol Baker (Lake) summarized that there is consensus that the revenue following the student has the right intent and would like to see a “both/and” model that has insurance and funds following the students. The next fiscal oversight committee meeting is scheduled for September 13th and this can be added to that agenda. Nikol reiterated special education cost are increasing statewide and nationwide.

5.4 Alternative Dispute Resolution grant: *overview of the plans for providing ADR training and support to staff and districts.* Jacki Campos (GCOE) explained the revenue we will receive from ADR grant. She shared some ideas on how to use the monies. CDE should be notifying GCOE soon with the allocation and the rules for expenditures. The SELPA needs to submit a plan on behalf of the districts on Oct 1. At the September governance meeting, we will need to discuss the plan to use the ADR and Learning Loss dollars.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Fiscal Oversight Committee: *Next meeting September 13, 2021 at 10:00 at GCOE Orland Administration Office:* Two items on the agenda for Sept 13th meeting will include items 5.3 and 5.4 from this meeting. Jim Scribner reported Capay’s first day of school is Sept 13th and is requesting to move the meeting. The Fiscal Oversight Committee team agreed to move the meeting to September 7th.

7.0 Information Items

7.1 GCOE Fiscal Report: Beginning of the school year with 8% as the target. Currently on target.
7.3 Staff/Program Updates & Changes
   7.3.1 GCOE: Need paraprofessionals. 8 Openings. Hired 18 positions this summer.
   7.3.2 OUSD: OUSD is in need of paraprofessionals.

7.4 Communications: Jacki Campos (GCOE) asked if the districts want the future meetings to be hybrid, zoom, or in person. Emmett Koerperich (WUSD) is in favor of hybrid. Nikol Baker (Lake) disagrees. She likes the convenience of a hybrid, but her attention is not in the meeting if she is at her desk. She would like to recommend we continue in person. Jim Scribner (Capay) likes that the public has access to the meeting with a zoom option. The committee agreed there needs to be a zoom option for the September governance meeting.

8.0 Public and Committee Comments on Non-Agenda Items

9.0 Adjournment: 10:38

Public may comment on agenda items during discussion; any non-agenda public comments will be heard under Item 8.0.

*** Next Meeting Date September 21, 2021, Willows, CA - 9:00am. ***