

Charter CEO Council Meeting

February 11, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Attendance Taken at 9:00 AM:

Present:

Elaine Blasi
Cassandra Bridge
Paige Cisewski
Steve Herrington
Matt Huxley
Jodi Jones
Kenneth Lawrence-Emanuel
Kurt Madden
Sherry Segura
Frances Teso

Absent:

Amy Alling
Karina Barger
Robert Martinez
Briana Sanford
Sau-Lim (Lance) Tsang

1. OPENING

Minutes:

Paige Cisewski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. CELEBRATIONS

Minutes:

- Kurt Madden thanked Adam and the SELPA team for their support, collaboration, and hard work.
- Cassandra Bridge shared that she will be leaving Monterey Bay Charter at the end of this school year.
- Steve Herrington shared that he will not be running for reelection.

3. ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA

Minutes:

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Minutes:

No public input was presented to the Council.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 2, 2021 Meeting

Minutes:

A motion was made by Elaine Blasi to approve the Consent Agenda; it was seconded by Sherry Segura. The motion passed.

Yes Elaine Blasi

Yes Cassandra Bridge

Absent Amy Alling

Absent Karina Barger

Yes	Paige Cisewski	Absent	Robert Martinez
Yes	Steve Herrington	Absent	Briana Sanford
Yes	Matt Huxley	Absent	Sau-Lim (Lance) Tsang
Yes	Jodi Jones		
Yes	Kenneth Lawrence-Emanuel		
Yes	Kurt Madden		
Yes	Sherry Segura		
Yes	Frances Teso		

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1. Approve resolution to allow this meeting to be held virtually.

Minutes:

Paige Cisewski asked approval from the Council to hold today's meeting virtually. The Council approved it.

A motion was made by Cassandra Bridge to approve holding today's meeting virtually; it was seconded by Steve Herrington. The motion passed.

Yes	Elaine Blasi	Absent	Amy Alling
Yes	Cassandra Bridge	Absent	Karina Barger
Yes	Paige Cisewski	Absent	Robert Martinez
Yes	Steve Herrington	Absent	Briana Sanford
Yes	Matt Huxley	Absent	Sau-Lim (Lance) Tsang
Yes	Jodi Jones		
Yes	Kenneth Lawrence-Emanuel		
Yes	Kurt Madden		
Yes	Sherry Segura		
Yes	Frances Teso		

6.2. Consider the appointment of a subcommittee to make a recommendation about the management of SELPA salary schedule starting in the 2022-23 school year.

Minutes:

Paige Cisewski reminded the Council that this item was discussed during Closed Session at the December meeting. This subcommittee will work in conjunction with the Superintendents' Council.

The subcommittee volunteers are Elaine Blasi, Jodi Jones, and Kurt Madden.

A motion was made by Cassandra Bridge to approve the appointment of a subcommittee to make a recommendation about the management of the SELPA salary schedule starting with the 2022-23 school year. It was seconded by Sherry Segura. The motion passed.

Yes	Elaine Blasi	Absent	Amy Alling
Yes	Cassandra Bridge	Absent	Karina Barger

Yes	Paige Cisewski	Absent	Robert Martinez
Yes	Steve Herrington	Absent	Briana Sanford
Yes	Matt Huxley	Absent	Sau-Lim (Lance) Tsang
Yes	Jodi Jones		
Yes	Kenneth Lawrence-Emanuel		
Yes	Kurt Madden		
Yes	Sherry Segura		
Yes	Frances Teso		

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1. The CEO of the collaborative CSO will discuss managing multiple schools.

Minutes:

Kurt Madden introduced Dr. Franklin from Collaborative CSO to the Council. Dr. Franklin shared a presentation and described what they are doing as a CSO (Charter Services Organization) managing multiple schools. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Franklin at (760) 494 6969, dfranklin@collaborativecso.org

7.2. North Coast School of Education update.

Minutes:

Jason Lea from North Coast School of Education presented an update on how to serve our charter schools. He is currently working on building partnerships with other counties. If you have teachers and administrators that need clearing credentials, please reach out to Jason, jlea@scoe.org, (707) 524 2814.

7.3. New allocation of ERMHS directly to LEAs.

Minutes:

Adam Stein shared that the January budget proposal includes the ERMHS funding to be distributed directly to LEAs rather than to the SELPAs. This will only apply to the State funds, not federal funds. If approved, LEAs can keep their funds, pull funds together with other LEAs to help provide mental health support for students, or give it back to the SELPA to continue to administer those funds. We will know more after the May budget revision. In the meantime, he, along with other SELPA directors have written letters to budget committees raising concerns and asking for reconsideration on this issue.

After some discussion, the Council decided to discuss this item after the May budget revision.

7.4. Governor's budget and special education and concerns about new ERMHS allocations.

Minutes:

Adam Stein shared a summary page of the January Budget proposal with the Council.

- The base rate has been increased, from \$715 to \$820 per ADA.
- The formula will be calculated per LEA.
- Consolidation of two extraordinary cost pools.

- If the budget goes through, ERHMS funding will go directly to LEAs, rather than going directly to SELPAs.
- To develop an addendum to the LCAP to eliminate SEPs.
- Develop an IEP template and a more comprehensive IEP.
- Continue to work on an alternate pathway to graduation and a diploma.

7.5. Planning for Summer 2022.

Minutes:

Adam Stein asked the Council if staff is interested and able to participate in a training this summer.

Steve Herrington shared that the state is working on moving from pandemic to endemic status. The state will work on standards on how to deal with students with COVID, and should be available by fall.

The Council shared the following:

- CEOs do not expect much participation from teachers this year due to staff shortages, COVID leaves, and the staff is just burned out.
- Workshop for both general and special education: Mental and Behavioral Health, Effective compensatory education models, UDL.
- Tier support with general education and the IEP process.
- Collaboration training with General and Special education teachers.
- Basic training for new teachers and interns on how to implement IEPs, academic support to put in general classrooms, and such.
- A series of virtual trainings throughout the year with one session in person at the end.
- Have Program Specialists present in person at a charter school and include other schools.

Adam will discuss this over with the program specialists and will bring a proposal at the next meeting.

7.6. Search for new SELPA Executive Director.

Minutes:

Paige Cisewski wished Adam well on his retirement and appreciated his leadership.

Adam Stein shared that John Laughlin from SCOE HR will lead the search for this position. The process includes paper screening and two rounds of interviews.

He asked the Council for volunteers for this committee, which will also include members from Superintendents' Council.

The committee members are Kurt Madden, Elaine Blasi, Krista Woodgrift, Mary Carr, and Paige Cisewski. Paige will contact John Laughlin.

7.7. ADR update.

Minutes:

Nikarre Redcoff shared the following:

- Key2Ed training: There was charter staff participation at the training. If staff are still interested, please contact Nikarre.
- ADR update:
 - The website is being worked on and trying to make it user-friendly.
 - The brochure is being redesigned.
 - Program specialists have been trained to help with mediations.
- Carlo Rossi presented at NCSOE recently. The training was recorded and is now available on the Sonoma YouTube channel.
- A satisfaction survey will be sent to IEP teams to help fine-tune the process. It is also being translated

8. PROGRAM SPECIALIST UPDATES

Minutes:

Nikarre Redcoff:

- Working with SCOE on MTSS trainings.
- Busy with ADR.
- Revamping teacher trainings to address current needs.

Susan Langer:

- 03/15/22: The Nuts and Bolts of Interpretation training.
- 03/29-30/22: (Two afternoons) English Learners with Disabilities with Jarice Butterfield.

Suzy Tribbey:

- On-Demand trainings for meetings have been successful this year through Mentimeter. If you are interested, please contact Suzy.
- She is working with Nikarre and Susan on creating a goal rubric for Improvement Science. They might be contacting charter schools for feedback on the design of this tool.
- 03/10/22: She and Nikarre are Cadre members and will be attending a training.
- Monthly school psychologists check-in meetings with county and charter staff. If you have a new school psychologist, please share their information with Suzy.
- 03/17-19: CASP will be hosting a Spring Institute in Santa Rosa.

John Fischer:

- Exceptional Child is available. If you need an account, please contact John or Norma.
- For 2022-23 the Special Education Credential through NCSOE has been redesigned. If you have questions, please contact John or Kelly Daly at NCSOE.
- Please visit Sonoma YouTube channel, it now has six videos.

Andrea Wells:

- She is participating in the Assistive Technology Open Access Project with Placer County SELPA. A couple County LEAs will be part of this project and she would like

representation from a charter school, if possible. If you have questions, please contact Andrea.

- She will be sending a short questionnaire to help her gather information about virtual SLP platforms used at your schools.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Minutes:

Adam Stein shared the following:

- He has been working on an Inclusion bill that will include training for teachers, faculty, and new administrators. This is a very specific training with different requirements. He is excited that they have an author for this bill, Senator Ochoa Bogh from Southern California.
- Starting planning for summer and fall.
- Transition: He asked the Council if they will be interested in funding 10 days prior to July 1, for his replacement. The Council agreed.

This item will be added to the May agenda for approval.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Minutes:

1. Transition: Extended contract.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Paige Cisewski adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.