



Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Location: Please click the link to register for this meeting

Public Zoom link:

<https://edcoe.zoom.us/j/81241458339?pwd=c0dWc3NVNDZiaGZVb012dnZVSXR6UT09>

Agenda:

I. Introductions/ Welcome

Participants: Kelly Hewitt (SELPA Program Coordinator), Tanya Gustin (SELPA Program Coordinator), Dawnlinn Thomas (SELPA Program Assistant), Matthew Wintheiser (SELPA Program Specialist), Meredith Akers (SELPA Program Specialist), Jeremiah Whitten (SELPA Program Specialist), Jamie Kain (SELPA Program Specialist), Austen Coles (SELPA Program Specialist), Amy Ferguson (SELPA Administrative Assistant), Laura Newell (SELPA Program Assistant), Megan Steeves (SELPA Program Coordinator), Jennifer Noah (Participant), Sundown Collins, Kimberly Hunt, Lucy Halliwell, Lorna Rochman-McEntire (River Montessori Charter), Debbie Tash, Alexandra, Alexia Lippman, Carolyn Lunger, Kelsey Wan, Laura Vivar, Mary Halstead (AJJCS, Executive Director), Kristi Wagner-Martinho, Crystal Bennett, Mrs. Gonzales, Ken Turner, Dr. Stacey Perez, Craig Newlands, Jennifer Cloud, Laurilie, Lorraine Sewell (Administrator), Yuridia, Nereida, SRW, Samuelli Academy, Isa&Gil

II. Call to order

- Meeting called to order (Kelly Hewitt)

III. Approval of agenda*

- Agenda shared
- Quorum not established for approval

IV. Public Comment (for items not on the agenda – comments are limited to two minutes)

- No public comments were made

Consent Items:

V. Approval of prior meeting minutes (3/28/2023)

- Prior meeting minutes shared
- Quorum not established for approval of prior meeting minutes

End of Consent Items

VI. SELPA updates

- Reviewed SELPA Priority Areas and corresponding workgroups: Program Quality, Mental Health, and the division of Compliance and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) into two separate workgroups beginning this school year (2023-2024).
- Reviewed new independent study program specialist position to provide support specific to independent study programs
- Reviewed types/formats of Professional Learning Offerings (live in-person, live virtual, on-demand) and highlighted number of attendees since July 2023.
- Reviewed Parent Autism Training opportunity presented by El Dorado County SELPA and El Dorado Charter SELPA.
- Reviewed on-demand web modules for parents, “Micro-learnings with Attorney Heather Edwards,” available on Charter SELPA website
- Played ~7-minute excerpt of on-demand training for parents from four-part series, “Modules for Parents” by Dr. Paul Porter, available on Charter SELPA website
- Highlighted “Brightspots in Education” podcast, available on Charter SELPA website, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts

VII. Updates from LEAs

- Student Success Stories
 - Alexia Lippman shared she has two children receiving special education support at River Montessori and celebrated that her daughter now knows all of the letters of the alphabet and can now participate in spelling tests with her classmates.
 - Crystal Bennett shared that her oldest child successfully transitioned from home to 6th grade camp with the support of his teachers, who made sure he had an area to regulate.
 - Charter SELPA Program Specialist Matthew Wintheiser shared how regional “Lunch and Learn” meetings hosted by Charter SELPA for staff of member schools provide support for school site special education teams.

VIII. Parent Resources

- Reviewed free Surgeon General resources and highlighted how they can benefit parents and students
- Reviewed Family Empowerment Center as a parent resource and highlighted FEC’s goal to support parents in the special education process.
- Highlighted Inspiration to Action Symposium hosted by Charter SELPA
- Highlighted Legislative Sharing Day and extended invitation to parents who may be interested in attending as a guest of Charter SELPA
- Encouraged participation in CAC meetings and becoming a school board-approved CAC member

IX. Future meeting dates reviewed:

- January 23, 2024
- April 23, 2024

Call for Future Agenda Items:

- Carolyn Lunger expressed interest in learning more about Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), and Verbal Behavior Analysis (VBA) in educational settings.

Charter SELPA staff contact information was shared.

An opportunity for participants to ask questions was presented; no questions at this time.

Motion to adjourn (Kelly Hewitt)

- Quorum not established to approve motion
- Meeting was adjourned.

Meeting details and dates are always posted on the parent resource section of our website.

<http://charterselpa.org/parent-resources/>