

## **2020 Student Services and Special Education (SSSE) Council Meeting**

**September 13, 2019**

1. Welcome/Introductions-Jean Martin opened the meeting at 9:31 and the Council introduced themselves to one another. Jean reiterates that this is the best ACSA Council, the Council agrees.
  - a. Jean Martin- Council President- Region 17
  - b. Kurt Leptich- Council President Elect- Region 18
  - c. Trudy Gross- region 8
  - d. Leslie Coughlan- Region 17
  - e. Marian Chiara- Region 14
  - f. Douglas Siembieda- CASP Liaison- Region 17
  - g. Alana Hughes-Hunter- Region 12
  - h. Christine McDaniels- Region 12
  - i. Ginesse Quan- Region 2
  - j. Benay Loftus- SELPA Liaison- Region 18
  - k. Susan Coston- Region 9
  - l. Tammy McKean- Region 11
  - m. Felicia Stuckey-Smith- CAPA Liaison- Region 6
  - n. Sharlene Ames Region 10
  - o. Tom Bevilacqua as an alternate for Kelly Prins- Region 13
  - p. Barbara Brown- Region 7
  - q. Eli Gallup- Region 2
  - r. John Calandro- ACSA Board Member
  - s. Kim Bryant- Region 1
  - t. Margaret Arthofer- Staff Liaison - ACSA
  
2. Council Business
  - a. Review and Approval of minutes- Felicia Stuckey-Smith moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Kim Bryan, and approved by all present.
  - b. Review and Approval of Agenda- Benay Loftus moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Christine McDaniels
  - c. SSSE Bylaws- Jean reported out that the bylaws are aligned to the ACSA Bylaws (section 5B) and welcomed the council members to review the bylaws and provide comments.
  - d. Purpose Statement- Jean brought the Council attention to the updated Purpose statement.
  - e. Committees and Councils 101- Margaret Arthofer led a discussion on the roles and responsibilities when on an ACSA Committee/Council.
  - f.
  
3. Representative and Committee Reports

Jean recommended that the representative and committee reports be delivered at this time, as several Committee members have travel arrangements that preclude them from staying the whole meeting.

- i. Board Report- The ACSA Strategic Plan is moving forward, and John Calandro is encouraged that more conversations are occurring within the State SELPA organization and would like to learn more in how ACSA can facilitate greater collaboration.
- ii. SELPA – Benay Loftus reported out that all of the PIR plans have been submitted to CDE. CDE is in the process of reviewing them and providing feedback to select districts for improvement. SELPA has been advocating for more funding, this year the state has approved the equalization rate, as well as funding more preschool students, which will come out as unrestricted and likely a onetime fund. SELPAs are updating the Local Plans through the CDE Local Plan template.
- iii. Charter Schools- Ginesse Quann reported out on AB1505, which is on the governor’s desk to be signed. She went on to report that Charter School Authorizers now have a mechanism to not approve a new charter, if it meets criteria. Ginesse spoke on the subject of Charter schools are now required to have the appropriately credentialed staff members, specifically in the non- core areas.
- iv. CASE & CEC- Shaen Hosie- Shaen was not in attendance, and relayed that any updated information will be added to the shared Google Drive.
- v. CA School Psychologist- Doug Siembieda reported on the CASP annual convention in Long Beach coming up. He continued on that the CASP organization is looking into how to support African American students (through Psychological assessments) as it relates to the Larry P. decision. AB 8 speaks to mental health professionals in schools, and the CASP position on it.
- vi. CA Pupil Personnel Administrators Felicia Stuckey- Smith highlighted the work that California Association of Pupil Personnel Administrators(CAPA)does and shared out that CAPA will be meeting just prior to the ECC Symposium. The current topic of interest is vaping in the schools and how to address it without suspensions.

### 3. Every Child Counts-

Jean reported out on the work that the planning Council has done already in the development of the ECC symposium. The presentations have been selected, the featured speakers were chosen, and the focus for this symposium is on Social Emotional Learning. Margaret gave a brief presentation on the hotel resort and facilities. Kurt spoke on the amazing preconference presentations as the Council has noticed that many people arrive early on the first day of the symposium and decided to offer sessions to those that do. Jean reported out that the Symposium registration is live and several people have already signed up for the pre- conference sessions.

Jean reported out that the Council members will be sitting up at front at the Keynote presentation so that they can be introduced by Jean to the audience. The Committee members will also be expected to assist in the running of raffle prizes. Each region member is to purchase a 100 dollar gift card, (it may be one 100dollar card or two 50 dollar cards).

Jean relayed to the Council that ACSA will be purchasing sweaters in lieu of blazers. Applause was heard throughout the Council. The sweaters will be delivered to the Council members in February.

Jean shared that each Council member is to sign up for two symposium jobs, each job will be expected to last approximately 2-3 hours, in order for each Council member to attend symposium sessions.

Margaret shared how to register for the Symposium and for the Hotel.

#### Monitors and Support

##### Wednesday

1. Alana
2. Leslie C.
3. Barbara Brown
4. Kim Bryant
5. Marian
6. Trudy

##### Thursday

1. Susan Coston
2. Benay Loftus
3. Shar Ames
4. Trudy

#### Lunch Guidance

##### Thursday

1. Doug S.
2. Christine McDaniels

##### Friday

- 1.
- 2.

## Registration

### Wednesday

1. Benay
2. Susan Coston
3. Alana
4. Shar Ames
5. Doug S.
6. Tammy McKean
7. Barbara Brown
8. Kim Bryant
9. Leslie Coghlan

### Thursday

1. Christine McDaniels

#### 4. Invited guest: California Department of Education

- a. CDE Update- Kristin Wright provided an update from CDE. There is a lot of cross agency support and development. Coordination around Medical Funding, MAA, and EPSDT continues. Many LEAs are not maximizing EPSDT services as the reimbursement process is challenging. Kristin is eager to hear more about successful practices within the state and that might be scalable throughout the state. Kristin will send this information out to the Council, for greater clarity. Professional development funding for higher education systems that collaboration with County Offices in order to develop special education staff members throughout the state, this funding is likely to be ongoing. Kristin highlights that there is a webinar on this subject next week. CDE has introduced the English Learners practitioners guide, which has already received positive feedback. A new restraint and seclusion law has passed and the data is being collected. A Behavior Specialist is being hired to develop guidelines that can be implemented throughout the State. Specialty Reviews are occurring, with an emphasis on LCIs, and hospitals.

b.

#### 5. Professional Development-

- a. Partner for Children/Sacramento COE- Jennifer Peck- President and CEO, Brent Malicote, Educational Services, Sacramento COE

Jennifer provided a description of her company's vision and purpose, and the importance of relationships between schools and after school supports. Brent works with Sac COE and has been focusing on SEL for some time now. Brent and Jennifer conducted a presentation on Social Emotional Learning.

## 6. Advocacy and Legislative Update

- a. Margaret introduced Edgar as the senior director for government relations, Jason will be sharing federal news on behalf of Adonai.
- b. Edgar reported out on the ACSA advocacy areas; Today is the last day to pass any bills on the floor.
  - i. These bills are on the governor's desk; AB 605- Assistive Technology and their use by the student after a student dis-enrolls
  - ii. SB695- Translation of IEPs
  - iii. More broadly; ACSA is watching
    1. SB 328- school start times
    2. SB419-willful defiance
    3. Charter Schools are of great interest such as AB1505
    4. Anti-Vaccination laws are of interest to educators and non-educators.
    5. School Facilities- a need across the state
    6. Department of Finance has decided that they will be reviewing Special Education funding
- c. Jason as the legislative analyst for ACSA provided an update from the National Association of School Superintendents conference is next week and the following items will be addressed
  - i. Special Education Parts B and C- looking for funding to be brought up to the 40%.
  - ii. Early Intervention services
  - iii. Equity Act
  - iv. ACSA has a mental wellness task force, assisting in bringing in community services to the school setting. ACSA is working on bringing in EPSDT funding into the schools.

## 7. Strategic Plan

- a. Review Milestones- Margaret invited John to speak on the Strategic Plan. John reports out that the plan is up and running. The big push is that everyone is ACSA is working towards common goals. Margaret presented information on the ACSA Strategic Plan and referenced the handout.

Jean recommended that a small group could be developed to draft goals which can then be shared with the Council.

Margaret provided several examples of Goals from other ACSA Councils. John highlighted the success the conference and requested the Council consider how to extend the power of the conference beyond itself, such as the use of video recording presentations for later viewing, use of the email list to share new information, etc.

Jean expressed interest in watching a curated video presentation from the ECC conference, (video will be distilled down to 10- 20 minutes for online viewing).

Kurt brought forth the idea of using small video clips (1-2 minutes) on Twitter, as ACSA has over 9000 members. Additionally, Kurt brought forth the reminder to focus on the videos as a refresher and not as a solo training tool.

Christine suggested that video snippets could be created to be of use as a commercial for the upcoming ACSA conference.

Jean will place a draft within Google Docs for the Council to share and edit collaboratively. A second suggestion is to form a small committee on Zoom. If a Council member is interested, send Jean an email and she will invite you to the Zoom meeting. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10 Am on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

8. Region Communication and Engagement
9. Wrap Up and Adjourn
  - a. Travel Claim form
  - b. Next Meeting