Classified Educational Leaders Council Meeting Summary/Report

May 17, 2023

In-Person Meeting at 1:00 pm

ACSA Office in Sacramento, CA

I.   Welcome and Introductions by CEL Representatives from California
II. Reviewed February Minutes (Zoom Meeting on 2/22/2023). Minutes were approved
III. Government Relations and Update by Sylvan/Dorothy Johnson
   a. LAD 2023 Wrap Up: May 18th will be the appropriations suspense file deadline which will set the tone for the remainder of the summer.
   b. ACSA Currently working on the following:
      i. AB 247 (Muratsuchi, Fong, M., Wilson): Amended to add $14 billion dollar amount for the K-14 school bond and to revise the title to "Transitional Kindergarten through Community College School Bond." Further amendments are to be determined as it will move through the Legislature before a final decision is made. The $14 billion is intended for current and future projects; and up to 10% of entire bond will be set aside for specific school districts.
      ii. SB 494 Termination of Superintendents must be done at a regular board meeting within the 72-hour notice guidelines. This agenda item can not be on a Special Board Meeting agenda.
      iii. The Transitional Kindergarten higher standards for new teachers would not take effect for another two (2) years.
      iv. The Governor's May Revise of $31.5 billion budget shortfall: proposing a fully funded COLA at 8.22% relies on a mechanism that uses one-time funding.
      v. LAO says Governor's budget is $11 billion short of the mark as we are seeing an economic slowdown, which also has a lot of unknowns and uncertainty at this time. It's hard to project what it to come.
      vi. We will see a decline in the previously stated Arts & Music AMIM budget
      vii. There will be an upcoming Leadership Change as Assembly Speaker, Robert Rivas will begin on July 1, 2023. More changes and new leadership could follow.
      viii. There has been discussion that all districts change to a .gov email address, however, IT world is opposed to the changes as it can create lots of added work and possible cyber security issues.
IV. Council Meeting Budget by Janaye Field

a. The Travel Reimbursement Form and guidelines was shared with CEL Committee Members. Discussed ACSA reimbursable items and procedures.

V.   CEL Institute Updates by Sylvia/Elaine Cervantez
    a. Excited to be holding the CEL Institute at Embassy Suites Sacramento, CA. We are sold out at 160 total attendees. We have 6 sponsors/exhibitors. Attendees will have a reception, networking lunch and choose from the many scheduled sessions that covers all aspects of Classified Staff duties and responsibilities. We are hoping to host the CEL Institute in Southern California for 2024. Dates are still TBD as the committee discussed the best time of year to host the CEL Institute. We used to hold it in February in past years.
    b. Regions are responsible for two (2) $25 gift cards for the CEL Institute. Receipts can be turned in for reimbursement. Thank you to everyone for donating.
    c. Discussed and shared the Room Monitor Responsibilities for those assisting with the CEL Institute. Each CEL Rep will sign up for being the room host for a session or two. Be sure to remind attendees to submit their evaluations after each session

VI.   Committee/Council Liaison Updates by Victoria Davidson, Steve Johnson and Billie Mackey/Antonio Romayor Jr
    a. Member Services Committee: MSC Virtual meeting. Make sure everyone is aware of the academies and that all regions aren't set up the same way. We need to be getting our Classified staff to join so we have a greater vote and voice
    b. Legislative Policy Committee: It's a great way to join legislature policy so if you would like more details, don't hesitate to reach out.

VII.   Board Liaison Report (none at this time)

VIII.   Region Reports by all CEL Committee Reps
    a. Region 18: Happy to be hosing their Annual Awards Night and Honoring their Administrator of the Year on May 27th
    b. Region 17: Legislation Action days are coming up on April 17-18. Eighteen (18) attended, including two (2) classified and five (5) superintendents. Other upcoming region events are: May 3rd-Networking Night at Cha Cha's Latin Kitchen, May 8th-Adminstrator of the Year Dinner, June 20th-Leadership Training and Superintendent and Assistants Lunch that honors assistants and retiring superintendents in the region
    c. Region 16: Held their Awards banquet and hoping to boost and recruit new members
    d. Region 13: Many participated in Legislative Action Day and will be honoring Administrative Assistants' Day
    e. Region 12: OMC working with Assistant Superintendent to promote ACSA throughout their region
    f. Region 8: CEL Rep Priscilla Caballero was awarded Confidential Employee of the Year – congratulations! Scholarships will be available through ACSA.

g. Region 7: Hosted the Annual Awards Ceremony and Conference in Tahoe. We are working on boosting membership and planning for the Annual Classified Educational Leaders Dinner on Wednesday, October 18th at the Doubletree Hotel in Modesto, CA.

h. Region 6: April 20th will be the Scholarship and Grant Awards Luncheon. Hosting Administrator of the Year Awards as well

i. Region 4: June 15-16 is the Leadership Forum and will be honoring 2023 Administrator of the Year

IX. Incoming President Acknowledgement

a. Congratulations and Welcome to Antonio who will be the President beginning July 1, 2023. Thank you to outgoing President Sylvia for all your hard work and dedication over the years. We couldn't have done it without you.

X. Staff Liaison Report by Janaye Field

a. ACSA CEL will be piloting the "Classified Academy" at Fresno Unified School District offices. Following with a virtual new academy.

b. We need CEL Reps for Regions 1, 5 and 15. Please spread the word.

c. Celebration: Our membership numbers are back to pre-COVID time

d. Daryl Camp has been elected as the Vice President Elect and Edgar Arzeuta will introduce Darly.

Next CEL Meeting will be held virtually through Zoom on October 12, 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm