

East Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (EVSELPA)

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

November 13, 2023 (via Zoom)

9:30 – 11:30 am

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Review CAC Minutes – September 25, 2023
- III. EV SELPA Parent Resource Fair – November 3, 2023
- IV. EV SELPA Professional Development 2023-24
 - In-District Collaborative Trainings
 - Transition Focus
- V. EV SELPA Social Media
 - Tuesday Tips
- VI. Legislative Updates
 - Governor Vetoes both AB 1517 and SB 354
 - [AB 1517 VETO MESSAGE](#)
 - [SB 354 VETO MESSAGE](#)
- VII. California Autism Professional Training & Information Network – CAPTAIN
- VIII. East Valley SELPA CAC Meeting Dates 2023-2024
 - Next Meeting February 26, 2024

**EV SELPA CAC
Meeting Norms**

- 1. Listen actively to one another**
- 2. Work together - positively sharing our stories and resources**
- 3. Keep phones on vibrate**
- 4. Use commonly understood language – limit use of acronyms**
- 5. Be solution focused.**

Additional virtual norms

- 6. Stay on mute unless speaking**
- 7. Comment through the chat function.**

East Valley SELPA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2023

PARENTS PRESENT:

Katie Castruita	Redlands Unified School District
Karla Kellems	Rim of the World Unified School District
Breanna Jueden-Pytel	Redlands Unified School District
Arrissia Owen Turner	Redlands Unified School District
Julie Lopez	Rialto Unified School District
Regina Frazer	Redlands Unified School District
Paula Bailey	Rialto Unified School District
Jenny Pulliam	Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District
Melissa Jorgensen	Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Patty Metheny	East Valley SELPA
Jennifer Brooksby	East Valley SELPA
Dr. Rick Homutoff	East Valley SELPA
Colleen Meland	East Valley SELPA
Scott Wyatt	San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

Chief Administrative Officer, Dr. Patty Metheny, of the East Valley SELPA Office, 670 E. Carnegie Drive, San Bernardino, California, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and shared the agenda on the screen. She welcomed everyone and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2.0 Getting to Know One Another

Participants introduced themselves and shared a little about themselves.

3.0 Norms for Meeting

Dr. Metheny reviewed the current norms for the group. There were no objections or comments to continuing with the same norm.

4.0 What is a SELPA?

Dr. Metheny outlined the history of SELPAs in the state of California. She shared the governance structure as it relates to the East Valley SELPA as well as the October 2022 count of students with disabilities within the SELPA. The group learned about the mission of the East Valley SELPA and how it works together with its member districts to achieve its mission.

5.0 What is a CAC?

Dr. Metheny shared the purpose of a Community Advisory Committee, its governance structure, the role it plays in SELPA operations, and the insight parents provide in helping the SELPA learn about the parent voice. She shared examples of how the EV SELPA CAC has provided guidance and advice to her in the designing of the EV SELPA website as well as in collaborative efforts around potential legislation.

6.0 Review CAC Minutes – April 24, 2023

Dr. Metheny shared the minutes from the April 24, 2023 East Valley SELPA CAC meeting. Karla Kellems spoke about the title included in the minutes, “representatives present.” She was concerned this gave the impression those listed are appointed by their local school boards and that she has not been appointed by her local school board. The Committee agreed to changes in the title for future CAC minutes. Katie Castruita made a motion to approve the minutes. Paula Bailey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by consensus.

7.0 Ed Code 51225.31 – Alternate Pathway to a High School Diploma

Dr. Metheny reviewed the required elements of the new Alternate Pathway to a High School Diploma and answered questions from Committee members.

8.0 California Pending Special Education Legislation

The Committee discussed current pending legislation related to Special Education that is on the Governor’s desk pending his signature. The bills address inclusion and codify the technical assistance SELPAs provide in supporting districts in Differentiated Assistance as well as the requirement of an Annual Assurance Plan to address the needs of students with disabilities to be included in each local educational agency’s Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The Committee discussed the impact these bills might have on students and classrooms. Dr. Metheny provided context to the proposed bills and answered questions from parents.

9.0 EV SELPA Professional Development 2023-2024

Dr. Metheny introduced the EV SELPA Professional Development Catalog for the 23-24 School Year and highlighted the trainings that are available for parents. Colleen Meland reviewed parent trainings related to post-secondary outcomes.

10.0 EV SELPA Parent Resource Fair – November 3, 2023

Dr. Metheny showcased the upcoming EV SELPA Parent Resource Fair that will be held at the SELPA on November 3, 2023. The event focuses on free community resources that are available to parents of children with disabilities. Lunch will be available for all in attendance.

11.0 East Valley SELPA CAC Meetings for 2023-2024

The group discussed the following meeting dates and agreed to the meeting schedule. The team discussed the option of meeting in-person vs virtual. Virtual meetings will be determined each month. The team agrees that the November meeting will be virtual.

November 13, 2023

February 26, 2024
April 22, 2024

12.0 Adjournment

The virtual meeting adjourned at 11:10am.