

**Folsom Cordova Unified School District SELPA
Community Advisory Committee
Education Services Center
1965 Birkmont Drive
Rancho Cordova, California**

Minutes

February 24, 2021

6:33 p.m.

Virtual Business Meeting

CALLED TO ORDER: Laura Wasco-Kenrow called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Jo Wessinger, Donna Abayon, Elaine Linn, Jennifer Taylor, Jennifer Wong, Laura Wasco-Kenrow, Nicole McCarthy, Roland Becht, Shelly Simas

MEMBERS ARRIVING LATE: Carol Vasquez

MEMBERS LEAVING EARLY: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lucinda Winward

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Learning Recovery: Mitigating Educational Loss for General Education and Special Education

1. STAFF REPORTS:

1.1 SELPA and District: Betty Jo Wessinger shared updates in regard to opening secondary schools in the presentation "[Learning Recovery: Mitigating Educational Loss for General Education and Special Education.](#)"

1.2 Legislative Update: Laura Wasco-Kenrow shared information regarding the CA Department of Education Statement on State Testing

On February 23, 2021, the State Board of Education voted to seek relief from certain federal testing, accountability, and reporting requirements and directed staff to explore other options for assessing student learning given the many challenges facing schools, educators, families, and students this year.

The Board's action is in response to [federal guidance](#) released Monday that allows states to ask for latitude to account for the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on schools. Unlike last year, the U.S. Department of Education is not inviting states to apply for blanket waivers that would allow states to opt-out of annual testing altogether, citing the role testing data plays in supporting students.

If granted, California’s federal flexibility request would:

- Decouple state assessments from federal accountability requirements, as applicable. Instead, any data collected would be used to inform local educators, parents, and the public and align resources to student supports.
- Waive federal penalties for student testing participation rates of less than 95 percent on the state’s Smarter Balanced English language arts and math assessments.
- Extend the window by which schools must complete test administration to July 30 for both the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) and the English Language Assessments for California (ELPAC), which measures English learners’ progress toward language proficiency, as applicable.
- Waive administration of the state’s science test altogether for 2021.

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act, all states that receive federal funds for low-income students and English learners must assess annual learning progress in math, language arts, science, and English learner language proficiency, as applicable.

At its November meeting, the State Board voted to approve shortened blueprints of the Smarter Balanced assessments in English language arts and math in order to administer shorter tests in these subjects during the 2020–21 school year. The Board also requested that CDE staff make available to interested districts the Smarter Balanced Consortium’s offer to allow performance tasks to be completed in the classroom to shorten testing time further.

With about 80 percent of the state’s students still engaged in distance learning, board members emphasized—as the federal guidance states—that students should not be brought back to in-person instruction solely for the purpose of standardized testing.

The State Board also directed staff to “develop a waiver proposal to bring back to the Board that focuses on a plan for assessments that provide data to parents, educators, and the public which monitors the progress of students in ELA/math and that will propose a means for uniform reporting of that data in both aggregated and disaggregated forms.”

2. CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 Minutes: Jennifer Wong moved to approve and/or ratify Minutes from the Regular CAC Meeting held on January 27, 2021. It was seconded by Elaine Linn and carried as follows:

Ayes: Jennifer Wong, Elaine Linn, Donna Abayon, Laura Wasco-Kenrow, Shelly Simas, Betty Jo Wessinger, Nicole McCarthy, Roland Becht, Carol Vasquez, Jennifer Taylor
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3.1 Betty Jo Wessinger shared the presentation “Learning Recovery: Mitigating Educational Loss for General Education and Special Education.”

Please click here for [the Learning Recovery: Mitigating educational loss for General Education and Special Education](#) presentation.

3.2 Betty Jo Wessinger provided information on plans for the Extended School Year (ESY).

This summer, Folsom Cordova Unified School District will be offering two options for ESY: in person or in DL. Additionally, we will offer a full day option including Learning Recovery for students K-12 and 18-22 who have ESY in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). For students with ESY in their IEP, ESY will be provided in the morning and Learning Recovery will be offered as an option in the afternoon.

The ESY dates are June 3rd-June 30th, 2021.

Locations:

Cordova Villa Elementary School and Russell Ranch Elementary School: preschool, K-5;
Cordova High School and Folsom High School: grades 6-12, ages 18-22.

ESY will follow a typical schedule, tentatively from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and Learning Recovery from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. ESY will focus on regression and recoupment, including reading and math time and also time for group activities, recess, and lunch. Learning Recovery will focus on specific skills such as prerequisite skills that students will need to make progress on state standards and IEP goals.

The FCUSD will try to keep students with the same teacher in the afternoon, but it will depend on enrollment for the afternoon and staffing.

The enrollment forms and the link will be available by March 5, 2021.

Please contact your student’s teacher if you have any questions.

4. MEMBER COMMENTS: REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Jennifer Wong moved to adjourn the CAC Meeting. It was seconded by Shelly Simas and carried as follows:

Ayes: Jennifer Wong, Shelly Simas, Donna Abayon, Laura Wasco-Kenrow, Carol Vasquez, Elaine Linn, Nicole

McCarthy, Jennifer Taylor, Betty Jo Wessinger, Roland
Becht
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

CAC Secretary

Lilia Neal

APPROVED:

Chairperson

Lucina Winward