

Efficiency and Effectiveness (E2) Collaborative
Meeting Notes from Wednesday, March 11, 2020
MCOE | 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Present: David Hellman (Marin County Board of Education), Debbie Butler (Novato Unified), Jill Sellers (Larkspur-Corte Madera), Linda Jackson (San Rafael), Samantha Hunt (Office of Assembly member Levine), Tara Taupier (Tamalpais Union), Brett Geithman (Larkspur-Corte Madera), Heather McPhail Sridharan (Kentfield), Marilyn Nemzer (Marin County Board of Education), Jon Lenz (MCOE) and Gavin Pugsley (MCOE)

Introductions

Members present introduced themselves and the districts they represent.

E2 Video Status Update

Brett Geithman provided an update on the development of the forthcoming E2 video. Brett provided an overview of the progression of filming and the overall vision for the series of videos that will follow. Committee members then provided input and discussed the details of moving forward. Notable highlights from the discussion include:

- Brett shared that there will be a main overview video for E2 followed by a series of sub videos focusing a specific topic.
- The main overview video will focus on addressing the number of school districts within the county and how they collaborate.
- The main overview video will be released first with other parts of the series following.
- The committee discussed consolidation and how it would be covered in the video script. Miller Creek's consolidation was brought up as an example that could be potentially used.

Special Education and Special Education Local Plan Area Overview Presentation

Jon Lenz, Assistant Superintendent/director of Marin County SELPA presented an overview of countywide special education efforts as well as background on the work that SELPA does throughout the county. Highlights from the presentation include:

- The incorporation of technology in the classroom, such as learning ally audio books and robot participation for distance learning and participation in social activities such as recess.
- An overview of the Individualized Education Program tracking system, SEIS (Special Education Information System)
- The system for allocating funds is driven by ADA special education ID rates going up
- There is no recognition or distinction for mild versus severe disabilities, meaning that the amount of allocated money is the same.
- Incorporating pre-emptive techniques such as reading intervention to address foreseen special education needs.
- MCOE operates 35 regionalized special education classrooms at 20 different school sites.
- SELPA ensures implementation of inclusive practices.
- Special Education in the county is at capacity and Marin County is working with a SELPA ad hoc committee to identify what is missing or can be refined.

COVID-19 Discussion

The committee convened a roundtable discussion on the growing concern of COVID-19 concerns shared included:

- The closing of catholic schools and Walker Creek Ranch.
- Impact on low income families.
- Parents worrying about their child's safety while attending school now that catholic schools have closed.
- How to address PN requests from employees who need childcare.
- Concerns regarding the reliance on school lunches for some children.
- Communicating to parents and the community that judgement should be deferred to health official's guidance.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, May 13, 2020 | Topic: End Year Summary