



**WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SELPA**  
**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES**

**October 3, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**



In Attendance: Quorum Established

Ms. Janice Trivino	Temple City Unified School District
Ms. Teresa Vazquez	Monrovia Unified School District
Ms. Ariadna Banuelos	Alhambra Unified School District
Mr. Steve Soriano	Alhambra Unified School District
Mr. Policarpo Renteria	El Monte City School District
Ms. Delfina Mata	Duarte Unified School District
Mr. Oscar Madrigal	South Pasadena Unified School District
Ms. Leticia Zavala	Mountain View Unified School District
Ms. Gina Minnick	San Gabriel Unified School District
Mr. Jonathon Smith	Rosemead Unified School District
Ms. Deanna Duong	El Monte City School District

Also Present: Ms. Tamara Schiern, WSGV SELPA; Ms. Janet Barakat, WSGV SELPA; Ms. Connie Kwok, Parent's Place; Mr. Jorge Morales, East Los Angeles Regional Center; Ms. Jacqueline Arambula, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center; Ms. Nora Perez-Given, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center; Dr. Stacey DeKnicker, Mountain View School District Special Education Director; Cheryl Shellhart, San Gabriel Unified School District Board President; Sam Carlin, Parent; Dr. Alison Walker, Garvey School District Special Education Director; Ms. Vanessa Lane, Parent

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order via teleconference/electronic (Zoom) at 6:02 pm.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established 11 members were present at 6:02 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Jonathon Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Delfina Mata seconded the motion.

Motion made by: Mr. Jonathon Smith

Seconded by: Ms. Delfina Mata

Ayes: Trivino, Vazquez, Banuelos, Soriano, Renteria, Mata, Madrigal, Zavala, Minnick,

Smith, Doung

Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ACTION ITEM**

1. Approve the Re-Authorization of Electronic Meeting of the Community Advisory Board during a State of Emergency Pursuant to Government Code Section 51493€

Motion made by: Mr. Oscar Madrigal  
Seconded by: Ms. Leticia Zavala

Ayes: Trivino, Vazquez, Banuelos, Soriano, Renteria, Mata, Madrigal, Zavala, Minnick, Smith, Doung

Nays: Madrigal  
Abstain: 0

**APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Sept 11, 2022 minutes were made available to members prior to this meeting as well as this meeting. Ms. Teresa Vazquez motioned to accept the minutes as presented, and Ms. Delfina Mata seconded the motion.

Motion made by: Ms. Teresa Vazquez  
Seconded by: Ms. Delfina Mata

Ayes: Trivino, Vazquez, Banuelos, Soriano, Renteria, Mata, Madrigal, Zavala, Minnick, Smith, Doung

Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0

**REPORTS**

1. WSGV SELPA UPDATE: Ms. Tamara (Tami) Schiern, Executive Director, West San Gabriel Valley SELPA
  - a) Ms. Tamara (Tami) Schiern announced an offer was made and accepted for the SELPA Fiscal Director. She is scheduled to start in 2 weeks
  - b) Ms. Tamara (Tami) Schiern spoke about the Teacher residency program at the WSGV SELPA in conjunction with Alder GSE for the 2023-2024 school year. We are currently for Teacher Mentors and Teacher Residents. Apply on Edjoin.org for a Teacher Mentor and apply at [www.aldergse.org/apply](http://www.aldergse.org/apply) for the Teacher Resident program.
2. East Los Angeles Regional Center: Mr. Jorge Morales  
Mr. Morales is the new Educational Specialist. He spoke about his goal of how to best meet the needs of the clients.

- a) Mr. Morales explained that there are a lot of positive changes for children 6 years and below.
- b) There are now 2 new units for clients ages 3 - 5 to help with the transition from an IFSP to an IEP for the K-12 school system. Service providers will have less than 40 clients. Normally they have up to 100.

Contact: Jorge Morales, 626-248-4962, [jmorales1@elarc.org](mailto:jmorales1@elarc.org)

### 3. San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center:

Ms. Nora Perez-Givens:

Ms. Perez-Givens spoke about the upcoming activities and trainings:

- Positive Parenting 6-week workshop
- Critical Issues Forum (virtual) on Biobehavioral Desensitization
- Go to events and parent training calendars for more information and other embedded trainings.

Ms. Jacqueline Arambula:

Ms. Arambula also spoke about some upcoming changes:

- 2 new units focusing on children age 3 to 5. They can see families on a quarterly basis and be present at IEPs.
- There're trainings, videos, monthly meetings offered in English, Spanish and other languages. Check the website for dates and times.
- New director of San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center as of 10/03/2022 is Dr. Jesse Weller.

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Contact: Jacqueline Arambula, 909-620-7722, [jarambula@sgprc.org](mailto:jarambula@sgprc.org)

Website: [www.sgprc.org](http://www.sgprc.org)

### 4. Parent's Place: Ms. Connie Kwok

Ms. Connie Kwok shared that Parent's Place is open to the public and there are people at the office to support parents

Upcoming trainings:

- October 5, 2022 – How to Facilitate IEP meetings with Jason Harper
- October 19, 2022 – Evidence Based Strategies for Parents and Teachers
- October 25, 2022 – Assessments presented by TASK

Email the office at [empower@parentsplace.frc.com](mailto:empower@parentsplace.frc.com)

Website: [parentsplacesfrc.com](http://parentsplacesfrc.com) for calendar of events and classes

Contact: Connie Kwok, 626-919-1096, [co\\_kwok@hotmail.com](mailto:co_kwok@hotmail.com)

## **DISCUSSION**

### 1. SELPA Events:

- Craft Fair – December 7, 2022: Monrovia High School gym
- Students with Disabilities Resource Fair – April 15, 2023
- Prom – May 18, 2023

### 2. Newsletter – need volunteers to write an article or a highlight a teacher/classroom

## **MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CAC MINI TRAINING**

Social Skills, Social Skills for Social Anxiety, Janet Barakat

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Oscar Madrigal motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 7.05pm.

Ms. Ms. Leticia Zavala seconded the motion.

Motion made by: Oscar Madrigal

Seconded by: Leticia Zavala

Ayes: Trivino, Vazquez, Banuelos, Soriano, Renteria, Mata, Madrigal, Zavala, Minnick,  
Smith, Doung

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0