

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

JUNE 9, 2012

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MAJOR POLICY - Immediate Action (2/3rd vote required)

None

MAJOR POLICY - First Reading

A. Health, Welfare, and Safety

SPS recommends the modification of the following policy for first reading (page 281 of the 2011-12 CTA Organizational Handbook):

Pupil Support Services Team

CTA believes all school districts should have at least one Pupil Support Service Team. This team should be composed of a school nurse, a psychologist, a credentialed counselor, a social worker, a speech therapist, a welfare attendance worker and an audiologist. The team would ensure equal access to academic and support services for all students in order to provide a comprehensive delivery of services and develop programs and strategies that address school climate issues.
(SPS: April 2005)

CTA believes that students' social-emotional needs must be addressed before effective teaching and learning can take place. When site-level approaches to student discipline or the development of social competencies are implemented, CTA believes that the involvement of teachers and credentialed support staff such as counselors, psychologists, nurses and social workers is crucial to and should be involved in the development and implementation of such programs.

Rationale: Support providers at a school site should work together with teachers to address student problems, including discipline. Each provider brings different services that can be part of the solution addressing the needs of the whole student.

OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

None

REFERRALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

None

MATTERS PENDING

SPS is continuing to collect and analyze examples of SPS evaluation instruments, standards, and contract language.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. SPS Board Liaison Kendall Vaught Kendall provided information regarding the October 2012 State Council alternative activity. She explained that the campaign hubs will already be in operation by October and will be regionally based in local communities throughout the state. This will allow CTA to tailor the campaign messages and activities to particular communities. She encouraged State Council members to wear comfortable shoes that weekend.
2. SPS Chair Patty Blume Taylor said the SPS Committee will also be looking at Speech and Language Pathologist evaluation forms and asked for samples of SLP evaluation. State Council members can email those samples to smjones@cta.org or fax them to (831) 783-3200.
3. Lynne Formigli, member of the CTA Evaluation Workgroup, reviewed the framework and answered questions from the SPS Committee regarding the recommended framework. The SPS Committee suggested changing wording referencing “educators in non-teaching positions” to “educators in non-classroom positions” in the “Standards for Other Certificated Assignments” section of the framework.
4. SPS Committee member Arlene Inouye reported on UTLA’s organizing project around the restoration of health and human service jobs in LA Unified School District. She reported that the association has collected over 600 Williams Complaint forms regarding loss of health and human services, including librarians, nurses and other jobs that have been slated for cuts. UTLA recorded many interviews with noticed health and human service employees and those interviews were posted on YouTube. Review of the Williams Complaint data indicated that many parents, students and community members cited inequitable provision of nurse and teacher librarian services. UTLA reached a tentative agreement on June 9, 2012 to restore health and human service jobs to the same level as last year, along with over 4,000 teacher positions.
5. SPS Committee members reported on support service reduction-in-force in their districts. Support service positions continue to be eliminated throughout the state.
6. Joan Kramer, CSLA (CA School Library Association) liaison, reported 50 teacher librarian positions are being restored in LAUSD, but there are still out FCC will start a digital literacy core to provide technology training. CSLA is reminding them that they already have credentialed librarians who are in schools and can provide such training.
7. Jacquella Payne, Liaison to CSNO (California School Nurses Organization), reported that CSNO is examining the newly issued state regulations regarding the administration of seizure medication by unlicensed school employees. The national School Nurses Organization will hold a national conference June 23-26, 2013 in San Francisco. CSNO will have a one-day pre-conference.

8. Patty Blume Taylor, CTA liaison to the Pupil Services Coalition, reported the Coalition is revitalized and is meeting at the CDE on a regular basis. She reported that the Governor is in favor of adding California Distinguished School criteria that would examine the provision of counselor services. The Coalition met nine times this year.
9. Josie Meza Malik, CASP (CA Association of School Psychologists) liaison, presented a written report. CASP is planning a Fall Conference to be held October 25 and 26, 2012 in Costa Mesa. CASP is also planning a series of workshops for their membership covering topics such as Ethical/Legally Defensible Practices in Assessment and Chemical Substance Dependency Training.
10. Vincent Pompei, CASC (CA Association of School Counselors) liaison, reported that CASC voted to adopt CTA's sample resolution language around the two state initiatives that CTA has taken a position on. CASC is having a Fall Conference October 26 and 27, 2012. At last week's CASC board meeting, Vincent Pompei was appointed as President-Elect for 2012-13 and SPS member Kirsten Barnes was appointed Central California Representative.
11. The Center for Restorative Justice is co-hosting an "ABCs of Conflict" training July 6-10, 2012 at the Loyola Law School. The five-day training costs \$300. Applications are available at <http://tinyurl.com/conflictABCs> online.
12. Patty Blume Taylor and Gerald Gandolfo were unanimously reelected as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the SPS Committee.
13. The SPS Committee recognized Valerie Lichtman and Allan Roberts, SPS members who are going off State Council. Valerie was an original founding SPS Committee member who is retiring.