

SEA Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2022

Attendees:

Sandy Katz, Julie Stephens, Amy Smith, Ramona de la Rosa, Michelle Greenawalt, Angela Pushman, Jodi Kohar, Karen Lutz, Kelley Ludwig, Peg Herbison, and Reba Mann

Presentation Topics Brainstorming: (listed in order of votes)

- Intro to the new MSD DEI guidance counselor
- IDEA boot camp (IDEA process, child find, evaluations, IEEs, present levels of performance, RS, AT, accommodations, LRE, FBS, BIP, Transition)
- MSD update on inclusion – goals, timelines, professional development/support
- Present some local businesses that run and employ those with disabilities
- MSD update – Transition, future plan – goals and timelines
- Parent rights and how to exercise them
- IEP basics
- Wrap around/behavior services
- Panel of resource organizations – PEAL, ARC, PEAC, Family’s CCAN, Think College – give them all 15 minutes to do an overview of their org and give contact info
- UDL w/ Katie Novak
- Social Security with Bruce Sham
- GIEP support at Skyview
- Sensory integration and executive function
- 504
- What is available to students with special needs @ Methacton
- The myths of special ed, Pat Radel attorney
- Healthy relationships for special needs – Lynn Medley
- OVR Early Reach
- PA Health Law Project – they help Pennsylvanians in need get the healthcare they deserve
- DEI strategies – Deborah Vereen with the Vereen Group
- New teacher cert in PA for dance teachers. Will the district bring in a specials/ electives and how will they ensure opportunities for inclusion
- Share presentation topics from other SEAs
- Panel of resource organizations government edition – OVR, PRE-ETS, ODP, PATTEN, MCIU, LOCAL TASK FORCE, TRANSITION COUNCIL
- PEAL free parent/caregiver events
- How will children be identified and recommended or excluded from recommendation into special education
- How to start your own business for a child with a disability
- Employment/tech school/college bound – how do we determine which path our kids should take

Critical few initiatives:

- Best buddies ensuring authentic engagement
- Work w/ MSD to create a transition task force that works collaboratively w/ SEA to identify, create and communicate programming for students age 14+
- Work w/ admin to create an annual meet/greet w/ supervisors/staff of special education to welcome new parents to the kindergarten and support families transitioning to new buildings
- Be attentive to concerns from parents as inclusion rolls in – formalize a process to collect family concerns to forward to administration
- Identify agencies, organizations, businesses willing to provide our children with work experiences
- Link inclusion committee on website
- Reach out harder to kindergarten parents
- Put a packet together for new families (10 things you need to know about special education coming into kindergarten)
- Update flyer
- Participate in Principal Day with Kindergarten (new students)

Social Activities (listed in order of votes)

- Variety club or Shady Brook holiday lane
- SEA family picnic
- Perkiomen Valley Brewery
- Fall activity – pumpkins/hay rides
- Parents night out
- Movie night at movie tavern
- Family kickball or sport
- Reading Phillies
- Upper providence township new park
- Yoga
- Planetarium
- Student and special person outing
- Axe throwing for adults
- Campfire songs/smores sing along
- Collab w/ Maureen Stanko
- Escape room
- Night light
- Support night over pizza
- Barista Jake field trip
- Best buddies @ Phillies Sept 24 @ 4:05

Ideas for fundraising: (to fund PA Inclusion Series, Presenters, Presenter Gifts, Scholarships, Socials)

- Kendra Scott Jewelry
- Pizza kits
- Coupon books
- Dine and donate
- Magazines
- Collaborative fundraising w/ home and schools
- Amazon smiles
- Coordinate w/ staples and target for back-to-school supplies

Current SEA balance is: \$2,446

Below are estimates of 2% donations from each H & School as approved in May meeting of MCC.

Estimated 2021/22 Expense	(163,800)	SEA 2%
1-Arrowhead (Kati)	(35,460)	\$ 710
2-Eagleville (Tara)	(16,614)	\$ 330
3-Woodland (Ritika)	(28,000)	\$ 560
4-Worcester (Nikki)	(33,831)	\$ 680
5-Skyview (Patrick)	(32,000)	\$ 640
6-Arcola (Diane)	(6,935)	\$ 140
7-MHS Non-SLF (Sophia)	(8,960)	\$ 180
		\$ 3,240

Planning meeting dates: (Moved to Wednesdays)

- September 28, 2022
- October 26, 2022
- November 30, 2022
- January 25, 2023
- February 22, 2023
- March 22, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 24, 2023

Presentation dates: (Thursdays, Dates subject to change depending on availability of presenters and District events)

- October 20, 2022
- November 17, 2022
- January 19, 2023
- February 16, 2023
- March 16, 2023
- April 20, 2023
- May 18, 2023

Back to school nights:

- Arcola - Wednesday, August 31 – Peg
- High School grades 9 and 10 – Wednesday, September 7 – Ramona and Karen
- Worcester – Tuesday, September 13 – Ramona and Reba
- High school grades 11 and 12 – Thursday, September 15 – Reba, Sandy and Karen
- Eagleville – Wednesday, September 21 – Peg and Julie
- Woodland – Thursday, September 22 – Reba and Amy
- Skyview – Wednesday, September 28 – Reba and Kelley
- Arrowhead – Thursday, September 29 – Jodi and Julie



Planning committee communication tool for all things SEA

Slack keeps our communication organized by category (aka "channel") and saves endless emails and texts

NEW as of Sept. 1st-history only saved for 90 days- MUST ensure that any important files have been created outside of slack so they aren't automatically deleted.