

SEA Planning Meeting Committee Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2021 7pm

Attendance: Peg Herbison, Sandy Katz, Karen Lutz, Julie Stephens, Sarah Reilly, Kelley Ludwig, Colleen Kutz, Ramona de la Rosa, Reba Mann, Karen Lutz, Leslie Pezzano, Zenia Ardesna

Welcome and Introductions:

- **Roles and Responsibilities of Committee Members**
 - Attend planning meetings once a month
 - Share attendance at Home and School meetings with other reps at your school - talking points provided
 - Attend SEA presentations once a month
 - Back to School night tables
- **2021-2022 Planning meeting and Presentation dates:**
 - 7-9pm, via Zoom
 - Survey for topics
 - Possible presentation dates: 10/28, 11/18, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19
 - Planning committee meeting dates:
10/25, 11/22, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27
 - Potential social events - discuss?
- **Back to School nights** - Principals were asked to share our SEA video and ad for planning committee members
 - Plan to attend elementary school BTSN's next year to recruit members
- **Presentation Topic Ideas:**
 - October 28 - Dr. Susan Angstadt An introduction of the Supervisors of Special Education team, structure and a review of process - confirmed**
 - Sandy sent out the speaker form
 - November 18 - Potential social event**
 - January 20 - SOAR/REACH/Social Emotional Support**
 - February 17 - ESY - Kate Metcalf/Maria Winters**
 - Transition (OVR, Nikki Brislin and Kim Kulp)**
 - SS/SSDI/Waivers with Bruce H. Sham- Colleen**
 - Alternative treatments/therapies- possibly Theraplay speakers - Peg**
 - Sensory integration/issues- Peg**
 - Wrap around services/ behavioral services**
 - Executive Function**
 - Ask the Attorneys - possibly have Lily organize this again**
 - Think college**

- ❑ **Healthy Relationships for special needs- Lynn Medley might know someone or Autism Society of America or Autism Speaks - Ramona**
 - ❑ Ramona has some names but wants to get more information- she will see if she can observe any of their presentations
- ❑ **Digitability- Ramona**
- ❑ **Tech Owl- Ramona**
- ❑ **IEP basics - PEAL?**

Updates:

- **Best Buddies**
 - **First Best Buddies Club meeting** - October 6th - for the high school
 - Students join through google classroom and parents/students can also join Remind
 - **Officers:** Gaby Sheldon - President, Alexa Burstein - Vice President
 - **Advisors:** Jen Specht and Jessica Zimmerman
 - **Graduation ideas** - purple Best Buddies sash at graduation for all members
 - **Arcola best buddies?**
- **Unified Sports Update**
 - ❑ **Apex Award** - received the Apex Team Award from MEF
 - ❑ **Bocce** - not this year
 - ❑ **Unified Sports Canopy Tent** presented at Homecoming
- **PA Inclusion Collective Update**
 - ❑ Planned series on Universal Design for Learning in the Spring 2022 - conversations begun with Shelley Moore
- **YouTube channel - Methacton SEA**
 - has the Financial Strategies presentation and back to school night video
 - Can be used for future recordings
 - public
 - Sandy and Peg subscribed yesterday so we would have some subscribers LOL

Budget: Michelle, Treasurer

- Our SEA balance is \$2,446
- plan to contribute to the PA Inclusion Collective series again - probably \$500

Fundraisers:

- Yoga with Aim High (Kelley Ludwig) - Possibly hold a yoga session that people pay to attend or a social event
- Maureen Stanko performance
- Moe's Box dinners?

- Collegeville Bakery Pizza Kits - Superbowl- Zenia
- Clothing collection - Karen - Spring, 2021
- Fruit sale at holidays
- Corropolese - dine and donate - Peg
- Amazon Smiles - what is that under/how do you sign up?
- Popcorn truck - truck comes to an event or take orders for flavors and sell them- Maybe at back to school nights

Our Mission:

The Special Education Alliance provides a **network of support** for parents and caregivers of students with developmental or physical disabilities. The SEA offers **access to relevant information and education** while **providing opportunities to connect with other parents/caregivers**. We **advocate for the collaboration** among families, school administrators, educators and professionals to foster successful educational outcomes.