

SEA Planning Minutes

February 22, 2021 7pm

Attendance: Peg Herbison, Sandy Katz, Zenia Ardensha, Julie Stephens, Karen Lutz, Jodi Kohar, Reba Mann, Ramona de la Rosa, Michelle Greenawalt

New business:

- **Covid Compensatory Services - presentation by Katie Metcalfe and Maria Vetter**
 - Scheduled for 5/20, 7-9pm - Peg will ask Katie about an earlier date
 - Peg sent the speaker form to Katie
 - Sandy has the flyer from their previous presentation
 - Put ideas like missed opportunities, lack of progress, etc
 - What you need to know before you sign a Covid Compensatory Service NOREP
 - They work at Raffaele and Associates

- **SEA Volunteer Judge Needed:** The Methacton Home & School Association is introducing a new “**Methacton High School Home & School Association Leadership Award.**” This award will be given to senior student(s) who have chosen to pursue their education beyond high school, including two year, four year, or trade/technical school. The Methacton Home & School Association will award a \$1,000 scholarship to up to 8 students who are leaders at Methacton High School, serve their communities, maintain academic excellence, and strive to reach their highest potential.

Each year, starting now, we will need Methacton parents to act as judges none of which can be the parent/guardian of a current senior. MHS H&S will organize collecting the applications and ensuring that personal information is redacted so the judges won't know the identity of the applicants. We'll also provide the grading criteria to the judges to use to select up to 8 recipients. All applications must be submitted by March 1, so the judges can have until March 30, 2021 to select award recipients.

- **Possibly have a presentation about transition for all kids since they haven't been in school in a year - some are starting Skyview in 6th grade, Arcola in 8th grade or MHS in 10th grade- try to get it scheduled in April or May**
- **Group Crafting Idea - students and/or parent social event - Ramona De la Rosa**
 - We have a resource to put together an activity
 - Possibly April or May or over the summer
- **Best Buddies video - vote for Methacton**
 - Dominic made a video
 - Vote for BBPA - Methacton - give a thumbs up
 - Share on social media

- **ESY**
 - Ramona reached out to Chris Koberlein about resources for summer programs
 - He said there are a few places willing to have students after Covid testing
 - There will be in person and virtual ESY programs
 - Virtual fair possibly on Feb 25th

Old business/Updates:

- Inclusive Schooling event - collaboration with Lower Merion, Radnor and T/E School Districts featuring Dr. Julie Causton, Dr. Kristie Pretti-Frontczak. Dr. Jenna Rufo
 - **Feedback on Inclusion series - great information**
 - **Interest in continuing to work with 3 other districts - yes**

● **Presentations/Events:**

2. **Executive function** - Sandy - Sarah Ward
 - **Sarah Ward - EF flyer, completed, please share it to H&S's**
 - **Sandy will ask the district for MIAC credits for the teachers that want to attend like the Inclusion meetings. - sent email asking about this**
 - **March 25th - 7-9pm**
 - MCC is giving us \$1800 to bring her in for a 2 hour Zoom meeting for SEA
 - Contract needs to be paid within 15 days after the presentation

3. **Career Counselor K-12 - Michelle**
 - **Kimberly Kulp met with us**
 - **She is working at Skyview right now**
 - **Has her own google classroom that the kids can join**
 - **She will follow up with Nikki Brislin about a possible joint presentation for SEA**

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5. **Transition Coordinator Role at Methacton with Nikki Brislin - Colleen**
 - Sandy approached it regarding the SEA page on the website but hasn't heard back yet
 - Colleen continues to contact Nikki but is not getting a response - Colleen has a meeting and will try to get more info

6. **Parent social event** - will look at this at a future meeting - possibly an outdoor, in-person event- fire pit with s'mores (Zenia's yard), movie night- possibly in April
 - Possibly a Zoom game night or a social with breakout room chats by school or by topic
7. **ON HOLD: Virtual Event Ideas: dance/joke parties, crafts, show and tell, geocaching, games (separate by age group)**- possibly try to help our kids in the events that the H&S's are doing
 - o Arcola did a fall virtual festival with scavenger hunt, bingo, and trivia
8. **ON HOLD: Follow up presentation by Ann Marie Licata**
 - o Hold on this while we see how the collaboration inclusion meeting goes

Possible dates: third Thursdays: [2/ 3-10-17-24](#), [3/25](#), 4/15, [5/20](#)
All virtual, all evening

Budget: Michelle, Treasurer

- o Budget: \$4321.77 (includes the \$1800 for Sarah Ward)
- o [Update: \\$500 for PA Collective: Focus on Inclusion - instructions](#)
- o Received \$1800 from MCC from the student loan fund to be used for a speaker - Sarah Ward to speak on Executive Function

Fundraisers:

- o Virtual Fundraisers
- o Clothing collection - Karen - Spring, 2021
- o Collegeville bakery - Jodi - [pizza kit sale- \\$5 profit per kit- people paid by Venmo or check and delivery was outside at Eagleville - Michelle will check with Bob from MCC to see how we would use Venmo](#)
- o Fruit sale at holidays
- o Corropolese - dine and donate - Peg
- o Design a t-shirt or other items and sell them- kids submit art to use - maybe do a mosaic of all of the art submitted
- o Ask at MCC or each H&S for a calendar of H&S fundraising events - Sandy and Peg

● **Planning meeting dates:**

- o 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 6/26
- o 7-9pm, all Zoom

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.

Critical Initiatives for 2020/2021

More family events

Collaborate more with district to drive awareness of our committee/events

Collaborate with the district on development of plans for inclusive practices k-12

Possibly add something about transition between buildings for children with special needs