

SEA Planning Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2020 7pm

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

New business:

- **Zoom account - Peg/ Sandy**
 - H&S is getting Zoom accounts - Jodi will check with Eagleville's H&S, if able we will borrow the H&S ones instead of paying for our own
- **Title IV Funding**
 - Sandy attended a meeting - this money has been used in the past for the career counselor, Naviance fees, Title 1
 - Money for this year had already been decided - behavior
 - Sandy shared ideas: Executive function, Inclusion
 - Pam suggested other programs for virtual learning
- **Konstella**
 - might be able to make us a school on Konstella but Sandy doesn't like that idea because it isolates us - possibly only people who signed up for SEA on Konstella would get it
 - better if we could have a representative that could access each school's Konstella to send things out

Old business/Updates:

- **Presentations/Events:**
 1. **Inclusion for K-12 and Beyond** - Ann Marie Licata, Ph.D., Director, PA Inclusive Higher Education Consortium - 10/15/2020 Ramona
 - Confirmed for this date - Dr. Licata is hosting it on her Zoom account - Ramona is working with her on the flyer info - need a google registration link
 2. Ramona is also going to work on an upcoming events flyer for back to school nights
 3. **Empowering U/Pillars of Light and Love**- Kathy Opperman- 11/19/2020 Jodi
 4. **Executive function for virtual learning**- Sara Ward? - possible MCC assistance to fund this
 5. **Virtual Event Ideas: dance/joke parties, crafts, show and tell, geocaching, games (separate by age group)**
 6. **Transition Coordinator Role at Methacton with Nikki Brislin**

- Colleen will ask Nikki about this while Jaime is there

7. Career Counselor K-12 (Judy Schmidt retired; replacement is Kimberly Kulp - coming from another district)

Possible dates: third Thursdays: 10/15, 11/19, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20
All virtual, all evening

- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force**
 - SEA and DEI - alignment of goals; suggest collaboration as it relates to inclusion**
 - Fundraising event this Thursday
- **Best Buddies** - Dominic and Dana Meoli, Champion of the Year Nominees support fundraising effort, Friday, November 13, 2020
 - Sandy has a meeting this week to see what she needs to do to get started on the fundraising
- **Budget:** Michelle, Treasurer
 - Budget: \$2515.43
 - Virtual Fundraisers
 - Clothing collection (Colleen),
 - Fruit sale at holidays
 - Corropolese - dine and donate - Peg
 - 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
 - Talk to Amy Smith for ideas
- **SEA page on Methacton website-** Sandy and Karen sent an email today to Amanda Kelly and Kathy Kifer- possibly add Julie in to this
- **Back to School nights**
 - Make a video describing what SEA is, who would benefit, and what events are coming up- 5 minutes- Ramona will put the powerpoint slides in Slack for feedback
 - MHS - Peg, Ramona, Karen, Kellie, Colleen*, Tommy, Michelle
 - Waiting for details from Dr. Sorgini
 - Arcola- Tommy, Mimi, Reba*, Sandy
 - waiting for info
 - Skyview- Tommy, Reba, Zenia*
 - waiting for info

- Eagleville - Jodi*
 - Possibly a video
 - Arrowhead - Zenia*
 - No plans yet but he said maybe a link to a video with information
 - Woodland - Sandy*
 - Sandy will talk to Mary, H&S president
 - Worcester -Julie*
 - waiting for information
- *lead person to contact school about BTS nights
- **ELD Orientation** (Stephanie Sawyer, English Language Development Specialist)- Zenia
 - Ask about translators for the parents
 - will send email
- **Kindergarten transition meeting was in February** - Keep this in mind for next year
- **Planning meeting dates:**
 - 9/28, 10/26, 11/23, 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 6/26
 - all evening, 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