

SEA Planning Meeting Agenda

August 3, 2020 7pm

Attendance: Peg Herbison, Sandy Katz, Julie Stephens, Kelley Catanzaro, Karen Lutz, Reba Mann, Mimi Hudacheck, Michelle Greenawalt, Ramona de la Rosa, Zenia Ardensha, Colleen Kutz

New business:

- **MCC Update -**

1. **Zoom account for SEA-** cost, discount codes
2. **Correspondence with H&S** -Konstella, FB, Mail Chimp
 - a. they like that we send them exactly what we want them to send out
 - b. Possibly become a committee under each school so that we can send out our own information - would need the school rep at each school to do this
3. **Connect with Kathy Kifer for access to SEA page on Methacton website-**make our own changes, ask for link to SEA page on main page- **Sandy, Karen, Reba**
4. **Virtual/on Premise Social Event ideas** - feedback for Dr. Zerbe
 - need to be friendly for our kids
 - bingo
 - trivia
 - movie
 - crafts
 - writing letters
 - puzzles
 - Wii game
 - Simon says
 - Red light/green light
 - Yoga/meditation
 - making slime
 - elephant toothpaste
 - virtual tours
 - practicing opposites
 - spelling bee
 - yahtzee
 - cross country, golf, gymnastics, tennis

- chess
- cards
- kick ball
- Painting with a Twist
- cooking
- scavenger hunt- Squirrel?
- talent show
- name that tune
- Tic tok dance off

5. Home and School meeting updates: Back to school nights- will be virtual - talk to principals about having a slide about SEA added to their presentations if they do one for the whole school-

a. School reps:

- i. MHS - Peg, Ramona, Karen, Kellie, Colleen*, Tommy, Michelle
- ii. Arcola- Tommy, Mimi, Reba*, Sandy
- iii. Skyview- Tommy, Reba, Zenia*
- iv. Eagleville - Jodi*
- v. Arrowhead - Zenia*
- vi. Woodland - Sandy*
- vii. Worcester -Julie*

*lead person to contact school about BTS nights

6. Kindergarten Orientation (Tim Murch) - Zenia

7. ELD Orientation (Stephanie Sawyer, English Language Development Specialist)- Zenia

a. Ask about translators for the parents

- **Private SEA Facebook page?**- for parents only? Advocating for parent needs?
 - Do we want a group for Methacton parents of kids with special needs to ask questions without school officials/teachers? Not at this time
 - Rebecca Gryga started a special needs virtual learning group - offered for one of us to be an admin on that group - for this group, school officials would probably be helpful- SEA not admins
 - Instead, we will participate in Rebecca's group to help if we can but will stick to our SEA Facebook page
- **Schedule our planning meeting for the year** - Mondays, once a month, work around the Education committee meetings, 4th Monday of the month

Old business/Updates:

● **Presentations/Events:**

1. **Inclusion for K-12 and Beyond** - Ann Marie Licata, Ph.D., Director, PA Inclusive Higher Education Consortium - **Ramona**
 - Definitely interested in presenting
 - Will ask her again to try to set a date
2. **Empowering U/Pillars of Light and Love**- Kathy Opperman- **Jodi**
3. **Executive function for virtual learning**-Possibly ask Sarah Ward to come in to do parent and school staff presentations - Ask MEF to help fund it- what would a virtual webinar cost? - **Ramona**
4. **Virtual Event Ideas:** dance/joke parties, crafts, show and tell, geocaching, games (separate by age group)- can use Zoom or google meets
 - Watch party for adults - Crip Camp, Wretches and Jabberers
5. **Transition Coordinator Role at Methacton with Nikki Brislin-**
6. **Career Counselor K-12 (Judy Schmidt retired)** - Michelle sent email to Che Regina asking if there has been a replacement hired

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

● **Reminder:** use Slack for communication

- **Best Buddies** - Dominic and Dana Meoli, Champion of the Year Nominees
 - support fundraising effort - fundraiser starts around August and ends on November 13, 2020 with a virtual event with a live auction

● **Budget:** Michelle, Treasurer

- Budget: \$2515.43
- Virtual Fundraisers
- Clothing collection (Colleen) - on hold due to COVID
- Fruit sale at holidays
- Corropolese - dine and donate - Peg will check on how successful it was
- 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

- **Transitioning the SEA co-chairs (succession planning)**- Julie volunteered
- Next SEA planning meeting: Monday, August

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