

SEA Planning Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2021 7pm

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

New business:

- Inclusive Schooling event - collaboration with Lower Merion, Radnor and T/E School Districts featuring Dr. Julie Causton, Dr. Kristie Pretti-Frontczak. Dr. Jenna Rufo
 - **Wednesdays: February 3, 10, 17 and 24 6:00 p.m.**
 - **Update - MCIU unable to provide Act 48/CEUs (Sandy)**
 - **Update - MIAC hours for Methacton staff**
 - **offered \$250 - \$500 for SEA to be listed as a partner or collaborator**
 - **Radnor must use the REF sponsorship entirely on this series**
 - **Meeting with Amanda Kelly (re: media push ideas/help) 1-27-2021**
 - **Letter campaign to Representatives Webster and Bradford and Senator Muth to join as special guest**
 - **Sandy will add registration link to flyer on Methacton website**
 - **The dashboard will be the recordings of each session. There will also be some bonus content on it. For others, the dashboard will only be available for 4 weeks but for the 4 districts, it will be available indefinitely.**
- **Staffing changes for Board approval**
 - **Dr. Jason Sorgini, Director of HR**
 - **Mrs. Melissa Gorla, Supervisor Secondary Education Curriculum**
 - **Dr. Jamie Gravinese, interim principal at MHS**
 - **Mrs. Nicholle Starson, supervisor of Special Education at MHS**
- **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**

Old business/Updates:

- **Presentations/Events:**
 1. **Executive function - Sandy - Sarah Ward**
 - **Sarah Ward - EF flyer, in final stages - Thank you Dan & Ramona**
 - **Sandy will ask the district for MIAC credits for the teachers that want to attend like the Inclusion meetings.**
 - **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

2. Career Counselor K-12 - Michelle

- Kimberly Kulp has started - she agreed to meet with the planning committee so we need to pick a date then later, she can do a presentation
- Michelle will ask for a meeting on a Wednesday or Friday, 2-3

3. 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

4. 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

5. 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

- Arcola did a fall virtual festival with scavenger hunt, bingo, and trivia

6. ON HOLD: Follow up presentation by Ann Marie Licata

- 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

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

Fundraisers:

- Virtual Fundraisers
- Clothing collection - Tommy/Karen - Spring, 2021
- Tosco or Collegeville bakery - pizza kit sale
- Fruit sale at holidays

- Corropelese - 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
 - Ask at MCC or each H&S for a calendar of H&S fundraising events - Sandy and Peg
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- **Planning meeting dates:**
 - 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 6/26
 - 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