

# SEA Planning Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2021 7pm

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**Attendance:** Peg Herbison, Karen Lutz, Colleen Kutz, Michelle Greenawalt, Reba Mann, Ramona de la Rosa, Zenia Ardesna, Jodi Kohar, Kelly Ludwig

## New business:

- **Need ideas for April and May presentations or activities**
  - Financial information - Colleen has a speaker contact, Bruce Sham, who won't hard sell his own services - she will contact him to see if he can do either 4/15 or 5/20
  - Craft Party - either for parents or kids
    - kids - need to look at how complicated the craft is - encourage parent participation to assist as needed
    - adults - could be awkward over zoom if lots don't know each other
  - Scavenger hunt or something at a park to be socially distant but together
  - Adults meet at a park, bring a chair, and sit in a big circle and hang out
- **DEI update**
  - DEI task force - Discussed the Native American mascot issue at the task force meeting - can still send recipes
  - DEI Committee - at school - work has begun - committees have started meeting

## Old business/Updates:

- **SEA Volunteer Judge (Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt)**

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. Michelle has completed her rubrics for students and turned them in. They are now being tallied. They will be meeting to discuss. 13 students applied and 8 will be given out.
- **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

- **Unified Sports Update-** Karen
  - Track has started practices
  - Meet dates
    - Methacton is hosting the first meet on 4/19, 3:30
    - Upper Dublin - 5/3, 3:30
    - Regional - TBD
- **Best Buddies - Friendship Walk SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021 AT 12 PM EDT**
  - Probably virtual
  - Might get a Methacton group together at the high school track with Best Buddies
- **ESY**
  - The CCS speakers could do a session on ESY

### Presentations/Events:

1. **Covid Compensatory Services - presentation by Katie Metcalfe and Maria Vetter**
  - Took place on 3/23/21
  - Was well attended - 30 attendees
  - Thank you note- Peg will send contact information to Michelle
2. **Executive function - Sandy - Sarah Ward**
  - March 25th - 7-9pm
  - Went very well
  - # of attendees- 158 registered; 82 attended
  - Contract needs to be paid within 15 days after the presentation- Bob sent the check out last Friday
3. **Career Counselor K-12 (Kim Kulp) & Transition Coordinator (Nikki Brislin)**
  - She will follow up with Nikki Brislin about a possible joint presentation for SEA - Update from Kim
  - Copy Nicholle Starson
  - Colleen hasn't heard from them so she will send an email asking them to pick a date for next year
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: **4/15, 5/20**

**All virtual, all evening**

**Budget: Michelle, Treasurer**

- Our SEA balance is \$2,017.65

Num.	Date	Description	Category	Subaccounts-->		SEA Ops		
					C-Date	D (-)	C (+)	Balance
	7/01/20	OPENING BALANCE		c	06/30/20			<b>2,515.43</b>
ACH	8/13/20	Amazon Smiles Program	SEA:Donation Income:Smiles Pgm.	c	08/31/20		6.34	2,521.77
Xfer	10/19/20	SLF Funds for SEA Seminar	SEA:Donation Income:SLF Donation		N/A		1,800.00	4,321.77
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ACH	11/12/20	Amazon Smiles Program	SEA:Donation Income:Smiles Pgm.	c	11/30/20		19.17	4,340.94
123	11/26/20	Jacquelyn O'Malley (SEA speaker)	SEA:Benefit of Member Exp.:Speaker	c	12/31/20	150.00		4,190.94
ACH	12/01/20	Benevity Fund	SEA:Donation Income:Benevity Fund	c	12/31/20		95.20	4,286.14
127	2/04/21	Inclusive Schooling	SEA:Benefit of Member Exp.:Speaker	c	02/28/21	500.00		3,786.14
ACH	2/22/21	Amazon Smiles Program	SEA:Donation Income:Smiles Pgm.	c	02/28/21		31.51	3,817.65
128	3/09/21	Sarah Ward (Exec. Function presentation)	SEA:Benefit of Member Exp.:Speaker			1,800.00		2,017.65
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**Fundraisers:**

- Moe's Box dinners?
- 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
  - If it doesn't work for this year, maybe around Halloween or Superbowl next year
- Virtual Fundraisers
- Clothing collection - Karen - Spring, 2021
- 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

- Amazon Smiles - what is that under/how do you sign up?
  
- **Planning meeting dates:**
  - 4/26, 5/24, 6/28
  - 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