

SEA Planning Meeting Committee Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2022 7pm

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

- **Presentation Topic Feedback:**

- **January 20 - SOAR/REACH/Social Emotional Support - Dr. Susan Angstadt, Dr. Amy Mangano, Dr. Danielle Fowlston, Dr. Brianna Bernardo, Director of REACH (Springfield Psychological), Larysa Spisic, Director of Clinical Services (PTS, Inc.), Colleen (PTS, Inc.) and Amanda McLaughlin (PTS, Inc.)**
- Informative presentation, these programs seem to be addressing needs that were brought up in the past

- **Presentation Upcoming:**

- **February - Shelley Moore and UDL**
 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. EST
 - February 9 The Evolution of Inclusion
 - February 16 Support One, Support All
 - February 23 The Guiding Conditions of Inclusion and Universal Design for Learning
 - March 2, Centering Self Determination and Student Agency in UDL Planning
- **March 17 Transition starting at 14 years old (Erika Thomas, Nikki Brislin, Kim Kulp) and OVR**
 - Come up with list of topics/learning objectives we would like covered during the presentation- Ramona will start a google doc for this - focus on what their vision means for practical use for parents
 - Really encourage high school and arcola parents to attend

- **Community Conversation with Dr. Zerbe:**

- Dr. Zerbe wants to do one with 2 SEA representatives in January - **Postponed due to high cases of COVID**
- Susan would like information from us about why inclusion is important to us as parents of children with special needs
- What is the plan for supporting the teachers with inclusion

- **2021-2022 Planning meeting and Presentation dates:**

- 7-9pm, via Zoom
- Survey for topics

- Possible presentation dates: 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/20, 5/19
- Planning committee meeting dates:
1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 5/2, 5/23, 6/27 - plan meeting at Evansburg Winery for Spring dates Let's select a date!-
5/23: Sarah will contact them to see if we can meet there on 5/23, 6-8ish
- **ESY - Kate Metcalf/Maria Winters- Peg**
 - Will see if they can do 4/20 because they need a Wednesday night
- **Spring Social Event (set a date, Kelley Ludwig)**
 - Yoga with Aim High - Sandy will follow up with Kelley
- **Inclusion (Full Circle) (confirm date in May?)**
 - Susan wants to come back to present about inclusion in the district and how it's going

Additional possible topics:

- **SS/SSDI/Waivers with Bruce H. Sham- Colleen**
 - **Alternative treatments/therapies- possibly Theraplay speakers - Peg**
 - **Sensory integration/issues- Peg**
 - **Wrap around services/ behavioral services**
 - **Executive Function**
 - **Ask the Attorneys - possibly have Lily organize this again**
 - **Think college**
 - **Healthy Relationships for special needs- Lynn Medley might know someone or Autism Society of America or Autism Speaks - Ramona**
 - Ramona has some names but wants to get more information- she will see if she can observe any of their presentations
 - **Digitability- Ramona** - a curriculum-based transition program that could be added at the high school- Sandy will pursue this with Dr. Angstadt
 - **Tech Owl- Ramona** - put up on SEA Facebook page as a resource
 - **IEP basics - PEAL?**
- **Home and School Meeting coverage- talking points are sent out by Sandy and Peg**
 - **If no one at the school can attend your meeting, let the group know to see if someone else can cover it.**
 - **High school-**
 - Sandy, Peg, Karen, Colleen, Ramona, Michelle, Reba
 - 2nd Thursday - alternate am and pm - option to Zoom
 - **Arcola-**
 - Kelley, Zenia
 - 2nd Thursday - alternate am and pm
 - **Skyview-**
 - Kelley, Jodi, Reba

- 1st Thursday - all pm - option to Zoom
- Arrowhead-
 - Zenia -pm only, Leslie
 - 1st Monday- alternate am and pm
- Eagleville-
 - Jodi, Sarah
 - 2nd Wednesday- alternate am and pm
- Woodland
 - 1st Wednesday- all pm
- Worcester-
 - Julie
 - 1st Wednesday - all pm - Zoom

Updates:

- **Best Buddies**
 - **Graduation ideas** - purple Best Buddies sash at graduation for all members
 - **Arcola best buddies?**
- **Unified Sports Track & Field Update**
 - Unified Club meetings

Budget: Michelle, Treasurer

- Our SEA balance is \$2,446
- plan to contribute to the PA Inclusion Collective series again - probably \$500

Fundraiser Ideas:

- Clothing collection - Karen
 - Clothes would be dropped off at the high school cafeteria on Friday night and Saturday morning and the truck would pick them up on Saturday at 11
 - Scrap this idea because there are minimum numbers of bags needed - 250+
- Yoga with Aim High (Kelley Ludwig) - Possibly hold a yoga session that people pay to attend or a social event
- Maureen Stanko performance
- Moe's Box dinners?
- Collegeville Bakery Pizza Kits - Zenia
 - They sell at \$10 and we sell for \$15
 - they need 2 days notice
 - no pick up on the weekend

- Zenia will ask how pick up works and check on dates in Dec, Superbowl week, mid February to be sure we aren't competing with other Methacton groups, what time of year is most successful, refrigeration issues - also will ask about donuts
- Fruit sale at holidays
- Corropelese - dine and donate - Peg
- Amazon Smiles - what is that under/how do you sign up?
- Popcorn truck - truck comes to an event or take orders for flavors and sell them- Maybe at back to school nights
- Should put something on Facebook for Giving Tuesday next year

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.