

SEA Planning Meeting Committee Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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

- **Presentation Topic Feedback:**

- **April 20 (WEDNESDAY) Extended School Year (ESY) presented by Rayni Bienenfeld and Maria Vetter with Raffaele & Associates, LLC.**
 - Was mostly info that people knew if they had been through ESY before but there was some new information

- **Presentation Upcoming:**

- **May 19 (THURSDAY) - Dr. Angstadt and Dr. Mangano - review and update on Inclusive practices across all grades/buildings; Review and Feedback on Methacton's Special Education Comprehensive Plan**
 - Concern that SEA might be most of the voices on this meeting and maybe they need to get a wider audience-it will be posted for public review for 28 days - we can post the link to the plan that goes out to the public once it is available
 - Also would like time to read and process it after the meeting
 - still need flyer information- maybe do a save the date if we don't get the info soon

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

- 7-9pm, via Zoom
- Survey for topics
- Possible presentation dates: 4/20, 5/19
- Planning committee meeting dates: 5/23, 6/27 -

5/23: Sarah is trying to identify new location for get together -She reserved Basta Pasta outside seating

Sarah will invite Erica Testa who may want to join us next year

- **Spring Social Event (set a date, Kelley Ludwig)**
 - **Yoga with Aim High** - Sandy will follow up with Kelley
 - maybe 5/22, 6/4 or 6/5
 - Do we want to do a picnic this year? maybe 5/22, 6/4 or 6/5, Heebner or Eskie Park

- **2022-2023 Planning meeting and Presentation dates:**

- Consider moving planning committee meetings to Wednesday or Thursday evenings- will try 4th Wednesdays
- Set dates for both planning and presentation for 22-23
- Planning meeting dates: 8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/23(Thanksgiving so need a different date) maybe 11/30, 12/28, 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 6/28
- Presentation dates: 10/20, 11/17, 12/15?, 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18

Additional possible topics 2022-2023:

- OVR Early Reach
- Families CCAN - Sara Crimm and Mara Dorff
- SS/SSDI/Waivers with Bruce H. Sham-
- Alternative treatments/therapies- possibly Theraplay speakers -
- Sensory integration/issues-
- 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
- IEP basics - PEAL?
- how to start your own business for your child with a disability
- how to talk to businesses about being more inclusive

- **Home and School Meeting coverage-** talking points are sent out by Sandy and Peg

- **Review coverage at all the schools;**

- **discuss recruitment of new members-** need to revamp how we recruit new planning committee members - would be nice if special ed supervisors would help to identify parents who might be willing to join
 - ask Amanda Kelly if we could put something in the Methacton Happenings email
 - ask Susan if we can give a flyer to be given to parents at IEP/504 meetings
- **research 2022-2023 H & S meeting schedule for each school and back to school nights and for Kindergarten**

- 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
 - Best Buddy walk - May date?- Best Buddy meeting is this Wednesday so maybe the date will be set
- Special Olympics Day - May 26 Souderton
- Unified Sports Track & Field Update -
 - First Meet, Tuesday, April 5 @ Pottsgrove
 - Home Meet, Tuesday, April 26 @ Methacton
 - US Regionals, May 16 @Pottsgrove High School
- Post Prom Sensory Hour

SENSORY FRIENDLY HOUR OFFERED BY POST PROM COMMITTEE FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Budget: Michelle, Treasurer

- Our SEA balance is \$2,446
- PA Inclusion Collective - \$300
- Update - MCC/H & S Donation Request Letter - Michelle, Peg and Sandy
 - letter was sent to MCC for guidance and is ready to go to MCC and H&S's- MCC will talk about it at the May meeting

- Kendra Scott fundraiser made over \$200 at the 2 hour in store event - this will hopefully go up with some online sales

Fundraiser Ideas:

- 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
- Corropolese - 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
- Kendra Scott - jewelry fundraiser - Peg - made over \$200- they offered a trunk show in the future

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.