

SEA Planning Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2020 7pm

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

New business:

Old business/Updates:

● **Presentations/Events:**

1. **Inclusion for K-12 and Beyond** - Ann Marie Licata, Ph.D., Director, PA Inclusive Higher Education Consortium - 10/15/2020 Ramona
 - waiting for the recording
 - What went well- Susan and all 3 supervisors showed up, feedback was positive overall
 - What could be improved- information on how inclusion helps was just anecdotal and would need hard numbers for presenting to the board- Sandy said that there's a link in the presentation
 - Ramona felt that it was not as rich content wise as she expected based on previous conversations about the presentation such as Social Valor
 - Polls and sticky notes didn't work for everyone
 - Ramona will follow up with Dr. Licata about doing another presentation after the new year focusing on post-secondary inclusion
2. **Mindfulness and how to create a peaceful home even in these stressful times - Jacquie O'Malley - Project Mindful** - 11/19/2020 - Peg
 - Flyers went out - 15 signed up already
 - Waiting for response from Jacquie about power point and recording
 - Need check for \$150 for Jacquelyn O'Malley - need address to send it to her
3. **Executive function** - Sandy - Sarah Ward
 - MCC is giving us \$1800 to bring her in for a 2 hour Zoom meeting for SEA
 - Sandy will ask if the district wants to coordinate bringing her in for the staff at the same time
4. **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 -
5. **Parent social event** - will look at this at a future meeting - possibly an outdoor, in-person event- fire pit with s'mores (Zenias yard), movie night - possibly March 18th
6. **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 - possibly due to administration being tied up with the hybrid opening - will follow up after 11/9
- Colleen has approached Nikki but feels that Nikki won't be able to present until next school year because she is working on the hybrid opening too

7. 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

Possible dates: third Thursdays: 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20

All virtual, all evening

- **SEA page on Methacton website-** Karen, Sandy
 - Check out the updates by Sandy and Karen
 - There is now a shortcut to the SEA page on the District home page
- **Best Buddies -** Dominic and Dana Meoli, Champion of the Year Nominees support fundraising effort, Friday, November 13, 2020
 - Mascaro donated \$2500
 - Sandy sent us the sample email and letters if you want to send them out

Budget: Michelle, Treasurer

- Budget: \$4321.77 (includes the \$1800 for Sarah Ward)
- Will receive \$1800 from MCC from the student loan fund to be used for a speaker - Sarah Ward to speak on Executive Function
- Virtual Fundraisers
- Clothing collection - Tommy - will talk to Peg and Colleen
- 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
- Ask at MCC or each H&S for a calendar of H&S fundraising events - Sandy and Peg

- **Planning meeting dates:**

- 9/28, 10/26, 11/23, 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