

# SEA Planning Meeting Minutes

**June 21, 2021 7pm**

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**Attendance:** Peg Herbison (MHS), Sandy Katz (MHS), Julie Stephens (Worcester), Colleen Kutz (North Montco/OVR), Reba Mann (MHS, Skyview), Ramona de la Rosa (MHS), Karen Lutz (MHS/MCIU), Zenia Ardeszna (Arcola, Arrowhead), Michelle Greenawalt (MHS), Jodi Kohar (Eagleville)

## **New business:**

- **Meeting with Susan Angstadt - Sandy and Peg**
  - Return to school- plan for 5 day in-person as the default, low number of families chose virtual, district is contacting the families with IEP's who chose virtual by phone
  - Masks - masks optional for ESY/enrichment if approved by board - parent decision/ staff enforced
  - SOAR- meeting with staff to roll out in K-4l. Susan offered to come to an SEA presentation and give more details
  - Transition coordinator- the position is not full time - Nikki Brislin has other responsibilities as well - we shared that we met with Kim Kulp and were hoping to meet with both Kim and Nikki together - Susan will follow up on this- concerns were expressed that the transition coordinator position needs to be full time
  - Bev Weinberg - Integrate for Good, Empowerment Lab- Susan was interested in the details about this program - Sandy sent her more information
  - Supervisor position- currently advertising but not specifically for the high school, Susan will look at the candidates and decide the best configuration - we asked that transition skills be looked at in the candidates
  - Best Buddies- is a club so falls under the
  - MIAC and Act 48- MIAC hours is Methacton specific and many teachers do this over the summer - Susan recommended that we look into Act 48 hours through Mrs. Brucker and Mrs. Gorla and Dr. Walsh who can approve the presentations for Act 48 hours because teachers need a lot of these
  
- **Membership development - Recruitment ad for SEA representatives**
  - Peg, Ramona, Dan, and Sandy
  - working on creating a flyer to post asking for more members for the planning committee
  - possibly ask some staff to help us to recruit in the elementary schools
  
- **2021-2022 Planning meeting and Presentation dates:**

- 7-9pm, Zoom and/or In person next year
  - discussed possibly keeping the presentations on Zoom because we were able to get speakers that we couldn't have gotten in-person but we lose the networking aspect- [will send out a survey to the larger distribution list to see what the preference is](#)
  - Summer Strategic Planning Session date - 7/26, 7-9pm
  - Possible presentation dates: 10/21, 11/18, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19
  - Possible planning committee meeting dates:
  - Will set up more social events this year since we can - YAY!
- **Presentation Topic Ideas:**
    - ❑ **ESY - Kate Metcalf/Maria Winters**
    - ❑ **Transition (OVR, Nikki Brislin and Kim Kulp)**
    - ❑ **Transition - Return to In person**
    - ❑ **SS/SSDI/Waivers with Bruce H. Sham- Colleen**
    - ❑ **SOAR with Dr. Susan Angstadt**
    - ❑ **Alternative treatments/therapies- possibly Theraplay speakers - Peg**
    - ❑ **Sensory integration/issues- Peg**
    - ❑ **Wrap around services/ behavioral services**
    - ❑ **Executive Function**
    - ❑ **Ask the Attorney - possibly have Lily organize this again**
    - ❑ **Think college**
    - ❑ **Sexual education for special needs- Lynn Medley might know someone or Autism Society of America or Autism Speaks - Ramona**
    - ❑ **Digitability**
  - **Graduation ideas - purple Best Buddies sash at graduation for all members**

### Old business/Updates:

- **Unified Sports Update**
  - ❑ **Bocce** is in the works - it's a winter sport - need to start planning in August
  - ❑ **Raise the Roof Fundraiser - Unified Sports Canopy Tent**
    - ❑ **Donor Thank you - Checks (Michelle); Venmo? Sandy will send out the list for us to look at to see who we have emails for - Sandy will send out a list and we can all look to see who's emails or addresses we can provide**
    - ❑ **Will present the tent to the coaches/kids [possibly at Homecoming - have announcer thank all the donors?](#)**
    - ❑ **There is extra money. The tent cost 1800. Will use the extra to give the coaches a gift and possibly use the rest for a cart for the weights or give it to the team to start a booster club fund**

Venmo	\$1,515
Checks	\$699
Total	\$2,214

**Balance: \$414**

- **PA Inclusion Collective Update**
  - ❑ **Planned series on Universal Design for Learning in the Spring 2022**
- **DEI update**
  - ❑ DEI Taskforce - Community - run by Dr. Darby - celebrated its one year anniversary this past weekend - several speakers at the event including Ramona:)
  - ❑ Methacton DEI - run by Dr. Mangano - Each of the subcommittees is looking at the survey data and eventually it will be available to the public - overall committee is also meeting this week - They are supposed to put a DEI director in place
- **YouTube channel**
  - has the Financial Strategies presentation
  - Can be used for future recordings
  - not sure if its public or private
- **SEA Social Opportunities**
  - ❑ Craft Party - parents or kids?
  - ❑ Scavenger Hunt
  - ❑ Adult Meet Up at Park (socially distanced)
  - ❑ Zoom Game Night

**Budget: Michelle, Treasurer**

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

**Fundraisers:**

- **Yoga with Aim High (Kelley Ludwig): spoke with Maureen Stanford and she said Aim high would definitely do a fundraiser for SEA. She said they can do an adult thing and a kid thing if we wanted. She said she will play/sing at them as well and she would do it for free. It would have to be outside**

though. She said just come up with an idea and send it to her and we can make a flyer etc. I thought that was cool.

- Moe's Box dinners?
  - Collegeville Bakery Pizza Kits - Halloween or Superbowl
  - 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?
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- **Planning meeting dates:**
    - TBD
    - 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