

SEA Planning Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2021 7pm

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

New business:

- **Membership development - Recruitment ad for SEA representatives**
 - Peg, Ramona, Dan, and Sandy
 - flyer is ready
 - possibly ask some staff to help us to recruit in the elementary schools-ask individuals make a personal ask to join us as well;

- **Methacton Personnel changes in Special Education**
 - Dr. Mangano will be a supervisor of special ed but grade level is not determined yet
 - Tim Murch is resigning
 - Dr Landis will be the interim DEI administrator until they hire the director

- **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- **need to send out a survey to the larger distribution list to see what the preference is and to ask for topic ideas- Sandy**
 - Summer Strategic Planning Session date - another needed?
 - Possible presentation dates: 10/21, 11/18, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19
 - Possible planning committee meeting dates: 8/23, 9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27
 - Will set up more social events this year since we can - YAY!

- **Back to School nights - any info yet? No dates in online calendar yet**
 - Can email principals to ask when they will be

- **Presentation Topic Ideas:**

- SOAR/REACH with Dr. Susan Angstadt-
 - Possibly October
- ESY - Kate Metcalf/Maria Winters
 - Possibly January
- Transition (OVR, Nikki Brislin and Kim Kulp)
- Transition - Return to In person
- Transition between buildings - parents saying what you need to know in the next building
- 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 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

Old business/Updates:

- Graduation ideas - purple Best Buddies sash at graduation for all members
- 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 the announcer thank all the donors?**
 - There is extra money. The tent cost 1800. Sandy heard back from Sarah Quintos and they are excited for the extra money and would like to put it toward a Unified club that will be more than just track and field. Sandy will ask for more information about that club.
 - Sandy will reconnect with Ashley Herr to see about getting the bocce going for this year

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 -
 - ❑ Methacton DEI - Dr. Judy Gallagher-Landis appointed to interim post of administrative support to the Office of DEI in addition to her role as Assistant Principal at Skyview.

- **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
- **Need estimated budget to turn in to MCC**
- **Possible platform for selling things and Venmo account- need to check with MCC**

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 - Fall, 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?

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 the 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