

**Wednesday January 20, 2021**

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

*“DCSEAC is an advisory committee who believes in a positive, collaborative and troubleshooting relationship with the district to best support all families with children receiving special education programming. Advisory board members should leave personal agendas at the door and advise in a manner that best supports all children with different abilities. In doing so we appreciate respectful discourse, the use of Person First language and discretion around confidential topics.”*

**Attendance**

Nancy Ingalls

Robin Evans

Linda Niemann

Jeni Cassidy

Lisa Graham

Kerri Tompkins

Sarah Cannon

Marta McGovern

Aleia Mastroianni

Lisa Kantor

Derek Chaney

Melina DePasse

Brittany Zellmer

Scott Sarver

**[CDE SEAC Guidebook – The Power of Partnerships](#)**

**School District Guests 6:30 – 7:00**

Derek Chaney – Update on Unified Sports

- Season B is open for activities – this week winter sports began.
- Variances were received through the state, CDPHE
- Lori and Mary are the two unified coordinators with the district (one at highschool level and one at middle school level)
- District continues partnership with Special Olympics

- Unified offerings at the middle school and highschool will be begin after spring break until May 24. There will be several options, including soccer, kickball (new), and possibly track.
- There is a proposal for a “Unified Field Day” for elementary school students by feeder level at stadiums in May. They are beginning to make plans.

Lisa Kantor – COVID-19 safety protocols in schools

- Quarantine time has been shortened from 14 days to 10 days per CDPHE and tri county health guidance.
- After the 5th day of quarantine, your child can be tested and released with a negative result back to your public life. This is challenging in the school setting and something schools are continuing to navigate. School depends on staffing and on a case by case basis.
- All algorithms for decision making are on the CDPHE website under “Cases and Outbreaks in Daycares & Schools”.
- Vaccine is available to staff, district staff are protorized who cannot social distance or are performing health related duties.
- How will a or multiple quartentines impact our students who are not hitting their benchmarks? Retention is not recommended, instead students will be instructed at their level through differentiation.
- [cases and outbreaks in child care and schools](#)

**Shining Star Update:** (Kerriann)

- Nominations will go live on Monday, January 25 and will be open for 5 weeks.
- Nominations will be on the website, as well as through Nancy who will share the link.
- We will use the donations for gift cards instead of baskets along with the certificate.
- The district will print the certificates and money we raise can be put towards the gift certificates.
- Nancy will write up and send a link provided by Kerri to get to the communication department to share with stakeholders.
- Shining Star tentative plan: \$1000 – shared with 10 winners \$200 or 250 (3 or 4 schools)

**Treasurer Update:** (Jeni)

- Foundation billed for deposit slips – this amount was waived
- A check for the website was also cut this week.
- Current balance \$3201
- Developmental pathways donated \$1750
- Shining Star tentative plan: \$1000 – shared with 10 winners \$200 or 250 (3 or 4 schools)

**Website: Update** (Scott):

- Shining Star will be on the website next week.
- Updates are posted regularly.
- 6,000 views a year, we are up to 97 followers and up 37%

**Support Group Updates**

Support Groups Update: (Melina, Robin, Aleia, Caryn)

Mild/Moderate

- Caryn wasn't able to attend and share tonight. We look forward to hearing from her next meeting.

SSN

- Numbers are down and it is difficult because the connection is more difficult.
- Library is open, but they are thinking of waiting until next year to return to in-person learning.
- Group is concerned with keeping the positivity of the group related to COVID, consistency, and communication.
- Many of the people who attend bring specific questions as opposed to coming to engage in a discussion.
- Robin Carmac came in November/December. She was able to answer questions.
- ESY presentation was also well received.
- They may focus on presentations in the future.
- District staff are happy to listen, support, and problem solve.
- The group continues to consistently meet to listen and seek to understand.

AN

- The group is small for now with consistent group members.
- The last meeting was a sharing session focused on connection.
- The AN group has created a list of items of importance from their group that they look forward to sharing with a future district AN coordinator.
- All AN programs have mental health coordinators who work with their programs.
- Mental health director, Dr. Crawford, for the district could be a future potential presenter.

**Parent Engagement Sessions:** (Marta, Linda, Lisa)

The sessions this year have been well received and well attended, all have been virtual.

The presentations are archived and located on the website.

The last engagement session is scheduled for May 18. If there is a topic that comes up, reach out to Marta, Linda, or Lisa let them know.

Questions are taken during the RSVP to tailor the session.

Under Parent University there are multiple recorded sessions on mental health. Nancy will attached the website.

- [Parent Engagement Sessions](#) webpage on district website
- 9/29/2020 – topic was [Progress Monitoring](#)
- 11/17/20 – topic was [Autism programming in DCSD](#) , [Q&A](#)
- 1/19/21 – topic was [mental health and social emotional learning](#)
- 2/23//21 7:00 pm [Planning for guardianship with Kim Tenure](#) from DP
- 3/23/21 12:00 pm – topic TBD

Also, Many virtual Parent University sessions have been recorded and are available on demand on our [district website](#). These recorded sessions are tailored to the issues families are facing during the COVID pandemic.

**Other District Updates:** (Sarah)

Exciting news about a grant opportunity from DP to provide PD for our providers!!

The focus of the grant will be professional development for teachers beginning in the fall.

Feel free to email Sarah or Linda suggestions.

**Upcoming Parent/Staff Board Meetings:**

March 3th

May 5th

**Parent Only Board Meetings:**

Our parent-only board meetings are currently set for the first Friday of the month (August, October, December, February and April) – subject to change.