

DCSEAC Parent Staff Board Agenda

Wednesday September 2, 2020

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.”

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Introductions

- **District Board Members**
 - Sarah Cannon, director special education
 - Nancy Ingalls, personalized learning officer
 - Lisa Graham, director early childhood education
 - EDOS TBD
 - Linda Niemann, special education coordinator DCHS feeder
 - Marta McGovern, special education coordinator MVHS feeder
- **Board of Education Liaisons**
 - David Ray, board of education president
 - Christina Ciancio Schor, director district D
- **Community Member**
 - Janis DeBaca, Developmental Pathways
- **Parent Board Members**
 - DCSEAC Secretary: Brittany Zellmer – blzellmer@gmail.com
 - DCSEAC Treasurer: Jeni Cassidy – lemongrassjeni@gmail.com
 - DCSEAC website: Scott Sarver – s.sarver@yahoo.com
 - Shining Star Coordinator: Kerriann Tompkins – kerrbears@gmail.com
 - Unified: John Shukie – john@forwardprograssac.com
 - Mild/moderate parent support group leader: Caryn Becker – cbeckerinco@gmail.com
 - SSN parent support co-leader: Robin Evans – rlevans22@comcast.com
 - SSN parent support co-leader: Melina DePasse – melinalyn@gmail.com
 - AN parent support group leader: Aleia Mastroianni – aleiamastroianni@gmail.com

Introductions of people in attendance:

Sarah Cannon

Lisa Graham

Janis DeBaca

Scott Sarver

Marta McGovern

Jeni Cassidy

Robin Evans

John Shukie

Nancy Ingalls

Corey Wise

Melina DePasse

Linda Niemann

Aleia Mastroiamni

Kerri Tomplkins

Brittany Zellmer

Caryn Becker

Shining Star Update: (Kerriann)

Four schools received the School Inclusion Awards from Developmental Pathways.

Janis DeBaca from Developmental Pathways has partnered with Douglas County Schools to provide donations to schools for the Shining Star Inclusion Award. The parent /district board approved \$250 to be given to one elementary (Cougar Run), one middle school (Rocky Heights), and high school (Chaparral), and one charter school (Stem K-12).

The checks will arrive in the mail. These awards were for the 2019-2020 school year and were delayed due to COVID.

The Shining Star baskets are ready to be delivered to the individual winners. The School Inclusion Awards still need to be printed. Nancy will print and deliver the School Inclusion Awards.

Kerri is going to get the baskets to Nancy. Nancy will coordinate how to deliver the baskets to the Shining Star winners in an effort to keep the buildings, staff, and students safe.

Treasurer Update: (Jeni)

No change since last meetings.

There is \$2,837.55 in DCSEAC account.

After next week, \$1000 will leave account for School Inclusion Awards.

Pay voucher will be submitted for another charge.

Both of these updates will be shared at the meeting next month.

Website: Update from Scott:

Updated:

The website has been updated with:

- Parent Meeting and Parent/District Meeting dates for 20-21 school year
- Support Group Contacts
- Board Member List

Information that is still needed:

- Virtual links for parent & parent/district meetings
- Virtual Links for support group meeting
- Information on how support groups will meet (Group leads will email Scott with information.)
- It was proposed that groups would have a private link through an undecided platform but still open to all parents. The link will be private to protect parent privacy.
- The website has over 1600 hits each month. There is increased traffic.
- District will get an updated copy of the IEP Toolkit to Scott to upload to the website once it is complete.

Support Group Updates

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

Mild/Moderate

- It was agreed upon that support groups would be shared through a private link but open to all parents.
- The platform for support group meetings has not been decided. Google Meet and Zoom were discussed. Janice DeBaca offered to donate money to purchase a Zoom account for parent support groups.
- Caryn has taken over as the lead for the Mild/moderate Support Group. She has been introduced to the group as well as organized contacts to provide further details on meetings and what platform will be used. She shared that she is using an app called "The Band" to organize the group members and facilitate communication.
- The Mild/Moderate support group will be September 15.

SSN

- Melina has canceled support group meetings at the library. The dates are canceled at the library for the remainder of 2020.
- Melina shared that SSN leads have touched base monthly. SSN support group meeting is scheduled for this month. The date may change due to leads having children home in quarantine.
- The SSN support group shared there is a speaker lined up for the November meeting. Melina and Robin are looking to schedule other speakers as well to serve as resources to parents.
- Sarah Cannon offered to attend the October meeting to discuss ESY options.

AN

- Aleia has been working with Nancy Ingalls. Once an AN lead is hired Aleia will touch base with the district lead. Aleia shared a flyer with Scott and Nancy who will share with teachers, parents, etc. in hopes of building a support group. Aleia is planning on having the first AN virtual Meeting on September 10.

Nancy suggested once we have all support groups scheduled to get a list to hear so it could be shared with all parents who have students on IEPs.

Unified Sports:

- CHSAA moved to 4 seasons for high school sports, middle school will follow suit
 - Basketball will be during season B (when boys and girls basketball will be)
 - Bowling will be during season C
 - Soccer will be during season D (when girls soccer will be)
 - There will be 4 seasons (ABCD). The first season is underway. It will pause and then pick up January and go through the remainder of the year.
 - Middle school sports will follow the high school calendar.
 - Unified track is on hold for now.
 - Red Shirt Rookies has no update as of now. There was not much information about elementary school activities. Some are being held virtually and are limited.

John Shukie shared that Special Olympics will not be holding any competitions for the remainder of 2020. Special Olympics is doing many virtual trainings and has community based teams practicing. Additionally, there are trainings and brainstorming sessions taking place in classrooms. Basketball is planned to happen. There are discussions of how accommodations will be made to make bowling work.

Subcommittee Work (proposed in February 2020):

- Revisit the Focus Areas – [Autism](#), [Communication](#), and [Principals](#)
- Select one area for this year or postpone this work until school is in normal session?

Melina provided some background on the origin of these topics. These topics came from the Special Education Task Force in an effort to work as a team (parents and district) to provide what is best for students and families.

The district has a new Autism lead, Jennifer Tilly(spelling?). There is a team to help support this work.

It was discussed how to move forward with focus groups. Should we focus on all three groups or just one?

Nancy suggested that district employees will work together to find a time for a work session and propose it to the group. This session will be proposed to the group to see how it fits into schedules and we will decide how to move forward at that time.

Parent Engagement:

- 4-6 parent events this school year, topics below
 - Progress monitoring, understanding data points that go into interpretation
 - Tips and Tools to support home instruction and school connection
 - Autism programming in the district

- 1 transition event that has break outs for college night (mod needs, SSN, Bridge, etc)

Marta McGovern shared about parent engagement.

- The first parent engagement will be Sept. 29 (most likely lunch) The topic will likely cover progress monitoring, which was going to be discussed in the spring. This meeting will be virtual.
- Peak has been contacted to see if they can do a parent engagement session.
- Wednesdays during lunch will be the typical time, done virtually.

Marta asked the group about topics for parent engagement sessions.

- There were suggested topics around mental health to support our students and also how it relates to students with IEPs.
- Discussion on IEP and how it is impacted through virtual and hybrid learning.
- Question and answer session for parents.
- Expose the parents to internal and external resources that are available to parents and families.

Janice DeBaca from Developmental Pathways shared that The Ark has great classes available for parents.

Other District Updates:

- [20-21 flow of communication](#) This chart is updated. Based on feedback, email addresses are added for the coordinator.
- Vacant director and AN lead, new AN program at PLE
- There is a new AN program at an elementary school in Parker.

Additional Questions:

Q:How will the district monitor symptoms as we move into cold and flu sessions? (Currently there are students quarantined because other students are experiencing COVID symptoms, but communication from the district shared that it was symptoms not a positive test.)

A:District works with Tri County health as well as the specific individual to make the best decision while also protecting the people involved.

There are protocols used for isolation and quarantine that are guided by public health officials.

Q:Are schools monitoring children who are absent or sick? Are schools asking for symptoms?

A: If two or more COVID symptoms are reported, it can be shared with the school nurse who will reach out to parents. Many parents are taking children to the doctor to test as time progresses or just to check.

Q:Is there information on school based sites and what is available for parents?

A: District is working with communications to describe what programs and sites are available throughout the district. There will need to be a disclaimer to make parents aware that programs can shift with enrollment and location.

Upcoming Parent/Staff Board Meetings:

September 2th

November 4th

January 6th

March 3th

May 5th