

DCSEAC Parent Staff Board Agenda

Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Meeting Location: Lone Tree Elementary School, 9375 Heritage Hills Cir

“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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Attendance:

*5 min

Kerri Tompkins

Natalie Mock

Teresa Engel

Caryn Becker

Aleia Mastroianni

Laura Jenkins

jeni cassidy

Sarah Cannon

Nicole Amidon

Sid Rundle

District updates: (Sarah, Nicole, Sid)

*10 min

Any changes we need to be aware of as a result of new board members?

General discussion around board and any potential impact on DCSEAC

How do we get this DCSEAC in front of new board members

Provide update on work we're doing and state of advisor committee

Next possible date would be 1/11/22

That meeting would be "dialogue," not public comment

Parent engagement meetings and SPED Talks - positive feedback

Main topic of Discussion: Communication in the school district (Laura, Raj, Sarah, Nicole)

*20 minutes

Do another email sent out on behalf of DCSEAC - in the past, it was monthly/bi-monthly

Sped Ed newsletter monthly - we can provide information to attach or include

There have been 2 so far, Sep and Oct

New this year - maybe archived on the DCSD website

Submit articles / information by 3rd or 4th of the month in order to be included in the current month

The Sped Ed newsletter is attached to an email from the district (Do County School District News)

Do parents see it as an attachment? No one at the meeting recalled getting the newsletter

District communicates SPED Notes to spec ed department staff - internal, bi-weekly

Teachers' notes - every week

Can we provide any content to internal communication?

Principals have own monthly emails

Different departments, transportation, business office - all have own communication

We can send to Nicole or Sarah

Is there a distribution list for parents? IEP - yes, 504 - no

Communicate with Connie or Sid's admin, Tammy O'Brien

Nicole suggested we create an Instagram account because more younger parents might relate/engage better

Do we need a business account to create an Instagram account?

Laura will check into

Create a short video on our activities, support groups, etc

Short, "in the moment" videos

Sid - monthly district leadership meeting. Sid wants Sped moments included in these meetings - high level training around Sped - 504 vs IEP, gold standard programming. What school has a Sped program that is just killing it? Film it

SSN, AN spotlight - in the past, we had a Google+ page - postings around things like "how do we do a virtual group," etc - share tools, etc

Principals are competitive - what one school does, another one wants to replicate

We email ideas, not specific topics. Connie organizes, and the team identifies elem, MS, HS stories of interest - Connie will collect ideas and see where we can include

Getting attached to District website - would need approval outside of this groupy, and it would have to go through a filter

Highlight Sped Events on District website/calendar? Their calendar feeds the website. Who maintains the calendar? Or just our DCSEAC site?

Purpose of FB page is distribution of information right now, vs engagement. Not a lot of comments

Coordinate with schools to participate in BTSN, Kindergarten, etc to promote DCSEAC or issues that affect Sped parents (waivers, etc) - get on the agendas

Sped parents want to tell their story

Should bigger programs have something like a "room mom?"

How do we engage with parents in a new way?

Website Update (Raj)

*10 minutes

Need to do some follow up from last month

Laura provided notes to Raj

Social Media (Laura)

*10 minutes

About 270 members in FB group

Amplify anything with Sped community

Laura will confirm that all parent members are admins

Time commitment is ok at this point

Must monitor closely because no toxic information can be tolerated

Create a weekly positive post

Shining Star moment each week - highlight past winners/people

Email Connie to be added to the carousel of what rotates on website

Connie Buechler

cbuechler@dcsdk12.org

Letter writing campaign with parents in the building - gratitude, positive - give to teachers

Create a gratitude/"thankful for" moment on FB

Email Updates (Teresa)

*5 minutes

Forward the "blog" email to Raj to investigate

Shining Star (Kerri)

*5 minutes

This is the time of year when we start talking about and promoting

Start requesting donations in January

Go live for nominations in February - need by end of January

Everyone nominate as many as possible - anyone...teacher, bus driver, EA

Parent members donate what they can

Provide contact information to Kerri if you need help

Minimum of 10 baskets worth \$100

Unified Sports Update (John)

*10 minutes

Treasurer Update: (Jeni)

*5 minutes

\$3,803.35 Current balance

\$1,900 Check from Developmental Pathways deposited

DP wants photos and impact statements

We have money for SSN breakfast \$100

\$1000 for Shining Star
\$500 Inclusion award - can nominate a school, one each elem, MS, HS

Support Group Updates:

Mild/Moderate (Caryn)

*5 minutes

Douglas County Director of Mental Health, Stephanie Crawford participated last month
Alternate speaker and general get together

SSN: (Natalie)

*5 minutes

Next month, Rachel from DP will attend

Waivers, etc

Adult transition - more of a focus on next month's meeting

Send description to Laura to promote

Mild/Mod - also GAT

December meeting - breakfast meeting

Parent burnout

AN: (Aleia)

- A summary of any updates from our September meeting topic.

*10 minutes

Started suspension task force

Reached out to Cherry Creek superintendent

Nicole has been helping

SRO's, Security - include and get with Sid - an ongoing concern

Culture of AN, feeling like it's punitive, issues associated with the narrative

AN Bootcamp - mandatory at beginning of next year (Nicole) APPROVED!

Final Discussion and notes:

Bridge information night 12/2 - location TBD or virtual?

ESY M-Th

Wk of Jun 13, 20, July 5-7, July 11

DCSEAC host a parent symposium? Yes - in the past, college nights

Create a mentoring parent program

Parents of elem students mentor with MS, etc

Parent Engagement Sessions:

Upcoming Meetings/Dates:

Next parent meeting is 12/10/21 at the Castle Rock Library

Next district meeting is 1/5/21 at the Lone Tree Elementary School Library