

DCSEAC Parent Staff Board Agenda

Thursday, December 3

7:00-8:30pm

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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- **Parent Board Members**
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 - AN parent support group leader: Aleia Mastroianni – aleiamastroianni@gmail.com

Shining Star Update: (Kerriann)

- This is about the time we begin to plan for Shining Star.
- Kara has the programming for the website that helps with the nomination forms.
- Next steps will be for Scott to touch base with Kara to get the nomination form up on the website.
- Start to think about donations for baskets, in terms of gift cards and actual baskets. 10 baskets at minimum, she would like to up the number baskets to 15 or more, if possible.
- We could always use the money from DP to purchase gift cards for the teachers.
- Nancy had suggested that we start it earlier and keep it longer for more nominations.
- We need to have Nancy send straight to parent mass email, this is when we saw the most nominations last year.
- What should we do about the inclusion awards? When Jeni wrote the letter requesting funds she specified money would go towards school inclusion awards. We received 1750 from Janice at DP.

Treasurer Update: (Jeni) – balance \$3,297 We received \$1,750 from Developmental Pathways on 11/10/20. Thank you letter was sent to Janis DeBaca on 11/25/20.

Website: Update from Scott:

- Brittany attended DCSD Preschool to Kindergarten Transition in November Virtual Meeting – Scott has uploaded presentation to the SEAC website
- Scott has found where it is on the website for the Shining Star nomination.
- Caryn will get dates for Lean on Me to Scott to add to the website.

Support Group Updates

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

Mild/Moderate (Caryn)

- Next Wednesday at 6:30 Misty Burkhart is going to come speak with parents. There are several families who have twice exceptional children in the group. She is going to speak about gifted as well as Kim (a special education coordinator)
- January – Caryn is looking for college opportunities for post high school opportunities. Scott has some contacts for colleges and a list of colleges with the programs.
- The past meetings haven't been highly attended, however, there are different people at each meeting.

SSN (Melina & Robin)

- Robin, SSN lead came last month to answer questions. Many of the questions were related to COVID and remote learning.
- Two coordinators are coming next week to the meeting to discuss ESY.
- Meeting hasn't been as highly attended as in the past.

AN (Aleia)

- District personnel are having a difficult time getting into our Meet calls. We could request the district to set up the link and we can send it to parents. The only downside is when the facilitator leaves the call, does the meeting stop?
- The coordinators have been a great addition to the meetings.
- Suspension has authentically come up and is a topic that parents would like to further address and work with the district and how it serves this population.
- Aleia is going to bring ESY material from SSN and share with her group.
- This month, they are going to discuss what services students can get remote, this Thursday
- For January – Aleia would like to bring in an advocate to meet with parents.

Unified Sports: (John)

- They are still playing on having unified seasons beginning in January. (However, it is subject if there is any season at all.)

Other Updates/Areas to Address:

In Person Learning During Remote Learning

- Many decisions are left to the site. It is up to the schools and teachers to determine how IEPs are being met. The inperson times seems to vary based on location.
- In person time seems to be adjusted per site.

- 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

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.