

District 49 SEAC Meeting Agenda

05/09/22

I. Welcome/Introductions – Tina Vidovich - Staff Co-Chair

II. Special Education Department Update – Rhonda May – Special Education Director

Rhonda spoke about the preparations underway for ESY (Extended School Year), the list of those students already identified. We are in the process of ensuring adequate staffing for the students who will be attending. If unsure contact your child's case manager.

III. Board of Education Update – Lori Thompson - SEAC Board Liaison

No big update – preparing for the upcoming board meeting this week (May 12th)

IV. District Update – Dr. Nancy Lemmond/Peter Hilts

Not present

V. Open Items

a) Resource Fair – Collaboration with neighboring school districts

Collaborations underway with D11, D2 and D20. Building community beyond district boundaries. There are currently up to 25 vendors committed for the Resource Fair. Various donations have been received already. Will continue to reach out to other vendors. Looking for suggestions for those students who fall in between SSN and higher functioning.

Because SEAC will not meet for the next 2 months, emails may be sent over summer to communicate any news/needs for the Resource Fair.

VI. New Business and Discussion Items

a) SEAC presentation to BOE

Tina Vidovich and Samantha Hollister will present at the next Board of Education meeting on Thursday, May 12th. The presentation will include covering some areas of improvement identified by SEAC – Aligning Areas of Improvement, inclusive practices/expectations, mandatory training. There's a continued need for inclusive language, behavioral training, communication, SEAC awareness.

Highlighting some successes: FHS is holding a workshop featuring Toby King – Working Styles w/Inclusion.

Also – Rhonda gave a shout out to SCHS for creatively thinking outside the box to welcome/accommodate a student who is returning to a school setting after 6 years.

Joy Kovanda spoke in detail about the co-teaching model at FMS. Each grade level meets with their team – (GE teachers and SpEd Teachers) to collaborate. Training was implemented – SpEd Teacher training, SpEd/GE teacher training and GE Teacher training. SoCo/AN students went back into GE classrooms working on grade level standards. The growth and empathy from the general education kids was AMAZING. She spoke of offering training to GE students. She stated that she thinks the “services have been better” when referring to the Co-teaching model. Of course the key is being fully staffed and also having great communication to staff and community. Other schools are welcome to see it in action to learn how it works

b) SEAC Meeting schedule for 22/23 SY

Tina Vidovich will send out a poll regarding next years meeting schedule.

VII. Comments/Questions