

District 49 SEAC Meeting Agenda

08/08/22

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- I. Welcome/Introductions – Samantha Hollister - Parent Co-Chair

- II. Special Education Department Update – Rhonda May – Special Education Director
 - Embedded Support Team went into action at the start of the school year. BCBA's are in the schools providing support to students with IEP's as well as GE students.
 - The Special Education Team continues to work on recruiting/hiring staff. Most buildings are in good shape. We hired a second Affective Needs Instructional Coach with GE classroom experience.
 - Overall, there's a lower level of anxiety from staff and the outlook is positive for the school year, the new Special Education Initiative and their students.

- III. Board of Education Update – John Graham/Lori Thompson - SEAC Board Liaison
 - The board approved to increase pay for Paraprofessionals.
 - John Graham visited many schools over the 1st week and noted everyone is excited for the school year. They all seem to be working hard. The district is off to a great start

- IV. District Update – Dr. Nancy Lemmond/Peter Hilts
 - Currently there are 9 staff who are pursuing Alternative Licensure in Special Education through a program funded through the ESSERS fund. The district is hoping to fund more in the future. Another way of raising the bar to the next level.

- V. Open Items
 - a) Resource Fair
 - Different than in years past, this year D49 will partner with D11 and D20. The fair will be held at Skyview Middle School on September 17th from 10:00 – 2:00. Currently there are 29 vendors who have committed, and Samantha is expecting more to sign up. A dance studio signed on as a vendor who currently has classes for students with disabilities will hold a “demo” class for those interested. Face painters are still needed, at least 2-3. It was suggested to check with clubs at our high schools for students who want to help. Also needed are helpers to man the stations. Recommendations were made to contact the high school sport teams and ROTC to help. There were more ideas such as cheer clinic, perhaps each high school getting involved. Peterson AFB will provide individuals to help set up and clean up. Other planned activities include rock

- painting and miscellaneous crafts.
 - The word is getting out. Samantha has been working with D49 communications. The Resource Fair flyer has been posted on the D49 website. The event will be created through the district's Facebook page. It was suggested that a photographer might be nice to take photos and upload them to Facebook
- b) Recruitment and Retention for SEAC
- SEAC business cards are being delivered to building principals to distribute.
 - Meetings will remain virtual with a quarterly meeting being in person, breaking out in to different sub groups. These groups could include persons who are outside SEAC.

VI. New Business and Discussion Items

a) SEAC Town Halls

- The goal is to hold these meetings quarterly, asking zones to host 1 per year. The format of these meetings will be open forum or a specific purpose perhaps giving the host zone an opportunity to showcase the ground work they are doing. This also gives us an opportunity to celebrate what's working.
- The meetings can also be topical, legislative, advisory or advocate
- Discussion last year included topics such as Transition – including agencies/parents with a Q & A.

b) SEAC Meeting schedule for 22/23 SY

- Meetings will be scheduled on the 2nd Monday of the month beginning at 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held via ZOOM unless otherwise noted.

c) Staff Shortages

VII. Comments/Questions

a) Good Things