

District 49 SEAC Meeting Agenda

09/12/22

- I. Welcome/Introductions – Samantha Hollister - Parent Co-Chair
- II. Special Education Department Update – Rhonda May – Special Education Director
 - Year Zero update: We continue to face staffing challenges. We've gotten creative with the use of contractors, bringing roles like PARA / RBT (Registered Behavior Technician). We are supporting teachers/paras with financial support towards obtaining licensure.
 - We have lots of professional development – some individualized by school. We are working to provide professional development to paraprofessionals to give them the tools they need.
 - We are working on revamping ESY. We want to make individual decisions. Lots more to come.
 - We've had lots of questions regarding the new legislation around medical necessity. The legislation allows districts to adopt a policy on how they consider medically necessary therapy. A policy has not been written yet. Currently our IEP teams discuss "What does data show each student needs?"
- III. Board of Education Update – Lori Thompson - SEAC Board Liaison – No update
- IV. District Update – Dr. Nancy Lemmond/Peter Hilts – No update
- V. Open Items
 - a) Resource Fair- Saturday, September 17th at SMS. 10-2
- VI.
 - Currently over 40 vendors have RSVP'd. We do need face painters. Please email D49SEAC@d49.org if anyone is interested. We are expecting anywhere between 100 – 300 people to attend. There will be a dance studio who will hold a demo class, a martial arts studio who will give a demonstration for adults/students with disabilities. We are hoping for some more transition age vendors to show. There will be tattoos, crafts and snacks. Volunteers from Peterson AFB will help set up and tear down.
- VII. New Business and Discussion Items
 - a) SEAC Town Halls – Samantha and Tina will discuss a name replacement for "Townhalls". The goal is to get the Zone Superintendents involved and host at least 1 of these meetings – highlighting their zone.
 - The information from these "townhalls" may be included in SEAC's board presentations.
 - b) Building and Zone Support – When problems arise and are directed towards Special Education, the Director will provide support at the building level, deploying resources when available. We encourage people to reach out to Special Education.

VIII. Comments/Questions

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b) “Bright Spots”

- A parent shared she just enrolled with D49 and has had the best experience. They are quite pleased with D49.
- Adaptive PE will be holding their first Adaptive Athletic event for middle and high school students – on September 23rd. The event will be a Cross Country Meet and will be at UC Health Park/Rocky Mountain Vibes Stadium. Permission slips should be going home soon.