



MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2019

Lewes School Library

Attendance:

Vivian Bush
Steve Huber
Pete Hayes

Nadia Nuebling
Tara Pickett
Arleen McClung

Tia Dimopoulos
Barbara Powell
Morgan Reilly

Sarah Rosswog

Guest Speakers: Sarah Rosswog, Psychologist and Morgan Reilly, Speech Therapist from the Sussex Consortium

- Sarah Rosswog explained the role of school psychologists within the SC program, including testing, evaluations and functional assessments. She further explained that school psychologists partner with therapists as an integral part of the IEP team and help set individual goals for students.
- Morgan Reilly explained the difference between health- and educational-based speech therapy and how it may differ. She further explained the ABA approach to learning used by the SC program and the nine areas of the Pyramid training program that staff and teachers at the SC receive.
- There was a discussion about the pros and cons of using “edibles” as reinforcers and motivators of desired behavior.

NOTE: A video of the presentations is available on the SusPAC Facebook page.

Principal's Update: given by Dr. Vivian Bush

- Vivian and the SusPAC Board discussed the future direction of SusPAC given current school priorities, parent survey results and input received from this year's meeting attendees.
- Ideas discussed included: fewer meetings with more focused agendas; a revision to the currently bylaws; and, the process and timing for SusPAC officer elections.
- The Board was reminded that a decision needs to be made by May 2019 to either establish SusPAC as a registered non-profit (501c3) or to have any funds raised deposited directly to the Consortiums Teacher appreciation account (SusPAC cannot hold its own bank account with its current organizational structure).
- There was discussion of the pros and cons of making SusPAC a registered non-profit organization.
- A question was raised about what CHSD schools are doing to educate students and teachers during Autism Awareness Month, which Vivian addressed.
- Parents were reminded that Autism Delaware's Summer Beach Camp applications are now being accepted – she is no longer able to send flyers home about this or other activities run by outside organizations.

Action items:

- The Board to set agenda for May meeting to include review of Bylaws, process for 2019/20 officer elections, approach to accounting/non-profit status.

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6 -10

- SusPAC/parent volunteers met with teacher liaison for this activity to discuss options for SusPAC to supplement what school has planned so that teachers receive recognition each day of the week.
- It was agreed that SusPAC will fund Para's gift (\$5 each) and a teacher/staff breakfast (\$200). They will also seek parent volunteers to help with breakfast set-up and clean-up.
- SusPAC to lead communication effort for "Treat Day" to be held Thursday, May 9.
- Based on SusPAC meeting with SC teacher liaison, it was suggested that next year a parent sign-up be distributed in the beginning of the school year for the various parent volunteer opportunities.

Action Items:

- Arleen McClung and Tia Dimopoulos to solicit parent volunteers for Teacher Appreciation breakfast help and Taco Day.
- Tara Pickett to create communication for Treat Day and have distributed to Lewes School and Little Vikings parents.

Parent Directory

- Parent input flyer finalized and ready for distribution and a parent has volunteered to compile the directory once the input sheets have been collected.

Action Items:

- Arleen McClung to send final input form to Vivian Bush for distribution. She will also solicit parent help with compiling the directory once input has been received.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, Lewes School Library, 6 – 8 pm

Speaker: **Margaret Haas, Transition Specialist for the Sussex Consortium**

Note: This presentation can be viewed on Facebook Live by searching SusPAC on Facebook. Connect at 6pm to join in and ask questions.
