

District 49 SEAC Meeting

5/8/2023

In Person - Peakview Hall

Welcome/Introductions – Tina Vidovich/Samantha Hollister – Staff/Parent Co Chairs

New Staff Co-chair- Joy Kovanda

Medicaid Discussion – Sheryl Pixley

Funds from Medicaid this year totaled 1.7 million. Sheryl shared funds are used for Nurse's salaries, purchases such as playground equipment, adaptive PE equipment and other medically necessary purchases from various special education service providers. Also discussed - Hispanic families have a hard time understanding the Medicaid process.

The overall goal of the Medicaid office at D49 is to "improve student's access to healthcare or improve student's healthcare".

Resource Fair – Collaboration with neighboring school districts.

Samantha Hollister mentioned meeting representatives from districts 11 and 20. All agreed Skyview Middle School was the best option for the location. September 30th was agreed upon as the date.

Parent involvement – How can we recruit more Parents to SEAC? What is our purpose?

Parents in attendance were asked what they would like to see. Suggestion such as In person meetings, more communication/messaging. Overcome language barriers for CLDE/SpEd families. Host "Info Nights" to help gain more understanding of the system.

Samantha mentioned having quarterly "Educational Parent Nights" on specific topics. Samantha also noted she will contact the Advocacy Program at the ARC to assist with translators who can assist at the event. Also – SEAC can set up a Community Meeting – inclusive to Spanish Speakers.

Rhonda May mentioned CDE was hosting a "Learning Academy 101" – a 2 day conference where ESL is the focus. D49 plans on sending up to 10 staff for training and will plan on presenting to SEAC.

SY 23-24 Meetings will be in person every other month. Otherwise meetings will be held over ZOOM. The first meeting for SY 23-24 will be on 8/14 and be held at Peakview Hall at Creekside Success Center. Flyer's can be made and passed out at each school buildings Welcome Back or Parent Night events.

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