

SEPTO Monthly Meeting

November 20, 2024

3:00pm – 4:00pm



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Agenda/Minutes:

- 1. Attendees/Introductions (Sarah)**-Brittany Snook-Monroe One BOCES, Tina Bonfiglio, Patti Lawrence, Sarah Davis, Kerry Macko, Martha Willis, Kate McElhaney, and Kate Jackson.
- 2. Treasurer's Report (Tina)**
 - Venmo Update: Today, when someone donates to your Venmo charity profile, you have to take an extra step to send them a tax receipt yourself. Starting November 12, 2024, Venmo will automatically send these receipts on your behalf. These official donation receipts will include the info needed for federal tax purposes, so your donors will be all set to claim deductions come tax time.
- 3. Second Chance BOCES-wear Shop (Sarah)**
 - BOCES apparel may be donated and sent to Sarah Davis at RTP.
 - Sarah has the Form back up and running. She just needs to coordinate with Kathy Pink to upload the rest of the pictures and train staff/students how to manage.
- 4. BOCES 2 Apparel (Tina)**
 - Tina picked up an order one week ago. Those have been delivered and we are just waiting for the next order.
- 5. T-Shirt Updates (Sarah)**
 - Design "We Shine Brighter Together" was chosen
 - Sold 122 shirts
 - \$564.55 in profit
 - Shirts will ship the last week in November. Shirts should be available the first week of December.
- 6. Believe Kids Fundraiser Update (Sarah)**
 - Believe is offering a 1% discount on next year's fundraiser's invoice for all schools that sign up for next Fall 2025.
 - We will streamline some of the communication that goes out.
 - Since we make a fair amount of money off of this and the company has many great perks and does most of the work, we will renew with company for next fall.
- 7. A Holiday Celebration/Book Fair (Sarah)**
 - Saturday, December 7th from 8:15 – 10:30 at ESC
 - Formerly known as Breakfast, Crafts, and Singing with Santa. We wanted to make some small changes to make the event more inclusive for all.
 - Breakfast will be in hallway at PDC.

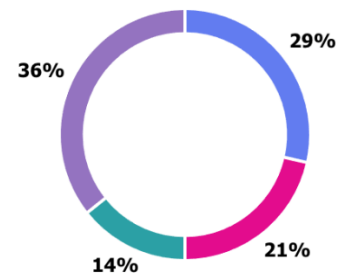
- Tables will be set up in PDC 1-3 for eating, games, face painting, crafts and a photo booth.
- Chris Gold will play music and sing.
- Read aloud in PDC 4.
- Dan from O&M will bring out Christmas Tree with Ornaments from David's Programs which will be for sale. SEPTO benefits from the sales.
- Scholastic Book Fair will be in ESC Conf. Rm 2.
- We will offer multicultural stations for students/families to learn more about various holiday traditions. Sarah reached out to CTE to ask if they could make cookies for the event to represent the various holiday traditions.

8. Stepping Up SEPTO Form (Sarah)-

- Form (survey) we sent out to get as much response as possible regarding various events we offered in the past and new events to get feedback. Greece Rotary would like to sponsor a family fun night.
- Additional Feedback:

Question 1: Below are additional events we are considering for this school year. Please select any you would be interested in.

Family Bingo Night	8
One Book, One School	6
Senior Portraits	4
End of Year Celebrations	10
I would not participate in any of these events.	0



Question 2: What are some other ways you would like to see SEPTO support you or your students and their families?

- Newsletter to parents?
- Most parents whose child receives a diagnosis done have any idea where to go for information, support or even education on their students disability. The also aren't familiar with state education rules and guidelines. I think SEPTO should be that resource for families.
- I wouldn't use the sr portraits but love the idea of having the opportunity for our graduating students. I don't have a specific suggestion, but it would be great to see an event for middle schooler. Breakfast with Santa is more for the little ones and the dinner dance is for the big kids.
- seminars offered for parents on community resources and/or managing their child's electronics usage for safety/parental settings, etc

Question 3: If you aren't already active in SEPTO (attending meetings and volunteering), what has been holding you back?

- I would be open to volunteering
- I would volunteer to be a support to parents or assist with activities that directly effect the students
- Time

- Time...I just feel crunch for time.
- Having additional time to spare

9. Family Resource Fair (Sarah)

- Sarah met with Lisa Bayer and Sarah Vollmer to start planning for this year's fair.
- The fair is located at ESC.
- Last year they had about 100 participants.
- Various organizations who support children with special needs were there to offer information.
- They would like to have a guest speaker and possibly adding some food trucks.
- It isn't just a BOCES event we are looking to host but something for the entire county/community.
- A "Save the Date" has already been sent out and many organizations are participating. SEPTO would like to partner with these organizations as well.

10. Business Promotion (Sarah)

- Send out ads/letters asking for flat donations.
- Kate Jackson gave us a letter which executive committee will review.
- Since we are offering PR on our website, we need to get that up and functioning before we send out the requests.
- Sarah has been working with CaTS on developing our website.

Other (Anyone):

Action Items (who and what):

- Martha volunteered to help with Believe Kids Fundraiser next year regarding calling families ahead of time to pick up orders.
- Tanya to follow up finding CTE student volunteer group from last year.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 18th, 2024

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