**Youth PAG**

**10.6.2022 7:00PM-8:00PM**

Attendance: Leah, Alex, Anne, Donna, Lisa, Una, Laura, Lynda, Annie

Agenda and Notes:

1. Welcome and Introduction:
   1. Families introduced themselves, child name, and day/residential
2. Scheduled Meetings and Topics: All meetings except those bolded below will be zoom from 7-8:
   1. **October 26th in person**. Fundraising options and discussion with relevant staff, leaving a space for relating to teacher appreciation. During this time, we will also have opportunities to volunteer at the Fall Festival. Anne and Annie will review potential parent support groups to run concurrent with PAG as well.
   2. December 3rd: IEP Improvement Project update and review by Education Administration. Family input session on next steps.
   3. January 8th: Integration update and review by Mark Boilard. Family input session on next steps.
   4. February 2nd: Recreation and afterschool updates by Geoff Garfinkle. Family feedback on how the day students should be integrated into these activities and other next steps.
   5. March 2nd: Staff appreciation plans. Circle back to fundraising.
   6. April 6th: Mental health support for students. Circle back to IEP Improvement Project updates.
   7. **May (?) in person**: Other clinical supports for students. During the day in person meeting after supporting staff appreciation event. There may be potentially other opportunities be in person this month for volunteer for supporting various shifts. This will be TBD at the March meeting.
   8. June: Circle back to Integration and Rec/After School Activities.
3. Parent training requests:
   1. Discussion was had on doing care-giver mental health and burn-out, behavioral issues, feeding, sleeping and others. Discussion on the difference between parent training, parent advisory group and parent support group was discussed. Annie and Anne will discuss parent support group topics we can offer periodically for families. Parent training will be sprinkled into some PAG groups (for instance see April and May), but larger workshop type of groups will be outside of PAG.
4. Sexuality and Healthy Relationships training:
   1. Discussion was had about content for staff, parents, versus students. Annie explained that staff and families are being offered workshops on how to talk about and support our students in understanding issues related to sexuality and healthy relationships. The student curriculum will come after this is done. Families asked questions about their ability to see the curriculum and approve of topics. Annie told them we could have a parent forum to review the student curriculum topics, so they were aware of the content. Additionally, discussion was had on how each student was in a different place in relation to this topic, and each may need a different approach or type of content reviewed. The parent training workshop was suggested to start in January as staff are receiving their training October-December. Here is a link to the staff and parent training curriculum: [Elevatus Training - Leaders in Sexuality and Developmental Disability](https://www.elevatustraining.com/)
5. Parent connections:
   1. Annie discussed that the email group permission is good to go. The next month will be spent organizing family groups by class, house, day, etc...
   2. Facebook page: discussion was had on this and whether it could be monitored. The Guild at this time does not have a solid admin who could spend the time to properly monitor a group. Will investigate other ways that families can connect and start with email “booklet” above.
6. Other:
   1. School store and school “gear”. There is an online school store that opens periodically, and the communication department sends out via email. Alex suggested timing it to Christmas time. Discussion on timing it to other activities like Open House could allow some better fundraising as well. Annie will discuss with Rich G (Director of Communications and Development). Annie briefly mentioned her wish for a real-life school store!
   2. Communication about PAG was discussed as well. The purpose of this meeting was to get all the dates and topics done so we could create more buzz with a flyer. Mission and other promotional material can be made available with our new information for the year once members review the old charter. Will be made available for all new parents coming in and posted on a PAG tab for the website.

Action Items Next Meeting:

* Annie and Anne meet to discuss Parent Support Group options and present this at the October 26th meeting
* Annie to send out notes and request choice of two times for in person meetings at the Fall festival
* Annie to connect with the group responsible for the sexuality training and curriculum to develop some family forums for the student curriculum
* Connect with Rich G / Amy (invite to the October 26th meeting) and discuss Guild swag and timing the Guild store
* IT department to create the PAG tab and begin posting meeting minutes
* Communication to create a Guild branded flyer for PAG meetings/schedule this year