

Skyview Home and School Mtg
November 12, 2024
7pm

Attendees: Lauren Pires, Carolyn Maniscalco, Jessica Viscusi, Erin Cardwell, Mary Beth Verano, Heather McDermott, Beth Pfeifer, Sanne Eisenhauer, Yolanda Higgins, Jodi Kohar

Secretary's Report

Carolyn asked for approval of the October meeting minutes. Lauren Pires motioned to approve. Jessica Viscusi seconded. Meeting minutes will be posted to the web site.

Treasurer's Report

Erin Cardwell said the budget is updated monthly on the web site. She reminded everyone to continue saving box tops to help home and school.

Our Skyview Strong fundraiser raised \$25,195.50. Classroom rewards are beginning soon.

The annual contribution to Art Goes to School was mailed out. We purchased a new Bicklesaurus costume for Mr. Bickle because the old one was no longer inflating. A couple of other reimbursements were funded in October.

Lauren mentioned we are thinking about new initiatives for the Skyview Strong fundraiser. Participation is significantly stronger with the 5th graders than the 6th graders. We will continue to brainstorm ways to increase participation and keep the momentum going with the total amount raised. Dr. Berical mentioned potentially incorporating a walk-a-thon into the outdoor reward.

Principal's Report

Dr. Berical thanked everyone for their participation with the Skyview Strong rewards and fall parties. She thought it was well organized, had great activities and crafts. She also thanked everyone for their participation in the Veterans Day reception and assembly. It was so well received and she'd like to continue to do that type of assembly next year.

Dr. Berical introduced the Principal 200 Club. Two staff members will receive 1 SOAR ticket per day and they will distribute that day to one student each. Those students will be asked to report to the principal's office at that time and they will get their picture taken, their parents will get a call with the announcement, they'll get a certificate, they'll spin a wheel for a prize and get added to the 200 board. Once specific spots are filled on the board, there will be additional rewards (like once a whole row is filled) for that whole group of students.

President's Report

Lauren Pires thanked everyone for their help with the Veterans Day assembly.

SEA Report - Jodi Kohar

1. Thank you to everyone who attended our Fall Fest last month! It was delightful connecting with families, new and old, while snuggling with farm animals. We're looking forward to holding it again next Fall!
2. We hope everyone was able to attend our Transition presentation by Kris Koberlein. If you registered, the link to the recording should be emailed within the next week.

3. Our next Home & School meeting will be held November 20th at the MHS Library, 7:00pm. Dr. Dani Fowlston will be giving us an update on Supports and Services and staffing at Arcola and Skyview.
4. Our next presentation will be by Dr. Steve Stunder from Chestnut Hill College on College Access for Neurodiverse Students, November 21 at 7:00pm. Stay tuned for the flyer for details and registration in the very near future.
5. Watch for the Unified Bocce team's competition schedule coming very soon! Their season begins 11/18. Take some time to come cheer them on at their home games!
6. Join the SEA Home & School to tour Variety's Holiday Lane, December 5th through 7th! Stay tuned for a date and time for our meetup.
7. Save the date for our annual Kendra Scott fundraiser to be held the weekend of December 13-15! Stay tuned for a flyer and details!
8. Check out SEAofMCC on Facebook to find out more about the following:
 - a. Empower Ed School Solutions #NoExcusesNovember daily clarifications on faulty reasoning often used in discussions regarding inclusive practices.
 - b. Coffee Closet with Barista Jake's "Inclusion Revolution" Holiday Shopping Event on Wednesday, 12/4 from 6-9pm. Vendor info available as well
 - c. TIES Center Universal Design for Learning Modules, to learn more about this framework and how to support educators to design learning experiences that are inclusive for each and every learner
 - d. Right To Education - Montgomery County Local Task Force 23's Families To The Max 2024 Fall Foundational Courses, virtual trainings, free of charge.
 - e. Local Task Force Listening Sessions hosted by Dr. Carole Clancy, (director of the Department of Special Education for PA Department of Education) and Ms. Sherri Landis (director of The Arc of Pennsylvania).
9. As always, please contact SEAMethacton@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Vice President's Report

Jessica Viscusi said the committees are hard at work for the Glow Party and our first Dine and Donate for 11/20. No home and school participation is needed for the Book Fair. We are still in need of chairpersons for Teacher Appreciation in May.

New Business

Can we move the Glow Party to the Arcola auditorium instead of Skyview for more space? Can we have it as a chaperoned event instead of parent present? Dr. Beral is checking on those items. She will also review the flyer.

Winter parties are December 20th, 1:45-2:30 pm.
Bingo Night is 1/20. More information will be coming out.

Yearbook Update - Beth Pfeifer

We did a full page for Veterans Day and she was able to get photos from the fall class parties. She would like homeroom parents to take photos at the class winter parties and upcoming events.

Spirit Wear Update – Mary Beth Verano

Mary Beth is working with Shirt & Ink to update our web site and update pricing slightly. We are adding school specific tree ornaments. She also said we're going to add some general Methacton items. She will update everyone when everything is ready to order.

MCC Update – Mary Beth Verano

There were two issues that were the focus of the meeting. One pertained to the elementary schools and the other was regarding the bank the home and schools will continue to use. She is working on getting all Home and Schools moved from TD Bank to Ambler Savings Bank.

Meeting Adjourned.