

**Skyview Home & School Mtg**  
**December 6, 2022**  
**6:00 pm Zoom only**

**Attendees:** Nicole Berical, Nicole Rittenhouse, Lauren Pires, Larcena Johnson, Gina Stover, Carolyn Maniscalco, Theresa Manzi, Kellie Gehring, Samira Perdue, Amy McLaughlin, Monique Dirks

**Principal's Report: Nicole Berical**

We have started to see some improvement with the cafeteria lines. Staff believe it is because students are doing better at bring their ID cards. There is also a system in place to dismiss by class to enter the cafeteria so it's no longer a mad rush to get into line. We are still working on enforcing positive behaviors so they are able to get the privilege of choosing their own seats. Reward system being worked on.

Skyview Day of Service – December 21<sup>st</sup>. Students will hear from guest speakers and guest readers about kindness and students will work on cards for patients at Einstein Hospital.

The school is still looking for cafeteria volunteers so please continue to sign up.

**President's Report: Lauren Pires and Nicole Rittenhouse**

Thank you for all the Skyview Strong participation. We do have home and school funds and can not carry everything over so let's discuss what we can do with our money.

November meeting minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report: Gina Stover**

We have a surplus of funds. We have received a couple of mini grants but there is additional money for teacher resources.

**New Business**

New chairperson for yearbook is Monique Dirks. Last year's yearbooks have been distributed. Refunds are in process.

H&S is bringing in a cupcake truck to thank staff for their participation in Skyview Strong.

Winter parties: Nicole Rittenhouse – we want to make sure we have the timing and volunteer participation in order beforehand. Nicole Berical requested that parents attending the winter concert on Monday pre-register so that everyone can be checked out in advance. If that process goes well, we will have the same process for the winter parties.

Larcena Johnson – please remember to take pictures as you volunteer and submit for the yearbook.

Spirit Days – Lauren Pires – how would we like to structure spirit days for the rest of the year? Nicole Berical supports adding spirit days and just asks that we run ideas by her before establishing them. Nicole Rittenhouse said there are some volunteers who have offered to spearhead some spirit days. Zoo, Movie Tavern events were discussed.

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Bingo night.

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Skyview family appreciation night.

Working on additional Dining Out opportunities. Sharing funds from other Dining Out nights with SEA.

Spirit Wear - \$753 made from last year's Spirit Wear. Future ideas to sell spirit wear included offering a "featured item of the month" and doing an extra push around concert time for polos or nicer long sleeve shirts (since there's a dress code for the concerts).

Lauren Pires shared the Life Skills teacher, Stacy McGowen's thank you for their mini grant to send a group of students out into the community. They visited stores in Providence Town Center, enjoy lunch out (ordering on their own), shopping at Wegmans, etc.

Samira Perdue shared more information on the Girls on the Run program. Will provide additional info. to share via social media and Konstella. Kicking off in February.

#### **SEA Update –**

1. We had both an informative and relevant presentation and great attendance at our October presentation, **The 10 Myths You Need to Know About Inclusion and the Law**. We are excited to be sharing the video recording of Pat's presentation and his presentation handout soon.
2. **SEA and Kendra Scott Fundraiser - Mark your calendars! It runs from December 16-17 In-store and Online!** Join us for some holiday shopping at the **in-store** event on Friday, 12/16, in the evening from 6-8 p.m. OR you can shop from the comfort of your home **online** with the promo code, **GIVEBACK-DCFIG**. The Kendra Scott flyer will be coming soon with more details!
3. Reading Fightin Phillies Fundraiser - Batter Up! We are kicking off another great for gifts fundraiser with the Reading Phillies. You can purchase 6 undated general admission tickets for only \$42 for holiday gifts, stocking stuffers, Father's Day or Mother's Day, Birthdays and family reunions at the ballpark. Tickets can be used on any date during the 2023 season.

We look forward to working with the Home & Schools to promote both fundraisers. The funds raised will be used to bring informative presentations to our district and to support events that help connect families and caregivers!

4. Mark your calendars for the first meeting of 2023 year of the Special Education Alliance on **January 19, 2023** featuring an update on the district's inclusion efforts and the work of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) office!

#### **SEA 2023 Presentation Dates!**

Details on topics will follow. **(Thursdays, Dates subject to change depending on availability of presenters and District events)**

- January 19, 2023
- February 16, 2023
- March 16, 2023
- April 20, 2023
- May 18, 2023

5. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC> or contact us at [seamethacton@gmail.com](mailto:seamethacton@gmail.com)

### **MCC Update –**

Next Meeting planned for Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023 in the Worcester Elementary School Library at 7 pm.

We need 1 representative from each H&S board to come and vote on keeping the Konstella platform or replacing with a new platform.

Post Prom: Each school has gotten a group of volunteers to decorate a bathroom or small space- take one space and design that. There is a large shed filled with props that are free to use. Closet also filled with murals that can be repurposed and available for post prom. Noted that it was not mandatory by schools, but it is nice to have all schools represented. Donations from home and school should be a line item on your budgets. Additional line item for post prom decor. Post Prom committee has a substantial amount of their decorating budget that can be reimbursed. Tyvek, cricut, paints, vinyl, etc. is all supplied. Post prom committee should be contacted for reimbursement. It could be made a family event- bring your children to help decorate.

Upcoming Events: Bus Driver Appreciation April 22/23- Skyview

MCC Bylaws were reviewed and amended. There are still opportunities for amendments to be made.

### **School Board Update –**

#### **New Teachers' Contract for Methacton Educators**

The board voted unanimously, 6-0, to approve an “early-bird” contract that extends the collective bargaining agreement through June 2026 and increases the starting salary from \$49,000 to \$60,000 over the term of the contract. This positions Methacton to attract more applicants and higher quality talent during a time where the entire region has seen a teacher shortage.

#### **Audubon Elementary School Update**

This month, the board will consider the next steps for the property of the Audubon Elementary School. The current motion for consideration at the work session agenda reads: Authorize the Superintendent to take actions to level the Audubon Elementary School building and to direct the Superintendent to provide a recommendation by July 31, 2023 to the Board of School Directors on the future educational use of the property inclusive of needs, benefits, costs, and timelines.

#### **Tour of Windy Hill Farm, November 7**

Officials from the PA Department of Education and the PA Department of Agriculture came to tour our hydroponic farm, Windy Hill Farm, at Methacton High School. Incorporating many aspects of STEM as well as art and business, this freight farm is the first of its kind in PA. Learn more about the visit here: [Newsroom - 2022-2023 / PA Officials Tour Windy Hill Farm at Methacton High School](#)

#### **New Board Member Appointed**

On November 2, 2022, the board approved the appointment of Kate Graf to the board, replacing Mr. Greg Young to a term that expires in December 2023. Read more about Kate here: [Newsroom - 2022-2023 / Board Appoints New School Director, Kate Graf \(methacton.org\)](#)

#### **The Horizon Project, November Update**

The board will be discussing the Horizon Project, improvements to the Arcola Planetarium, this month. Boosted by a recent grant award of \$100,000 from the office of State Rep Joe Webster, the board will be evaluating a comprehensive plan that addresses improvements to the interior features, HVAC, and accessibility of this amazing district asset. [Newsroom - 2022-2023 / Rep. Joe Webster Presents \\$100,000 Grant to District for Mallon Planetarium \(methacton.org\)](#)

### **Awards of Excellence**

In September, the board recognized staff from Farina/Central office and our Facilities Department for their efforts and the outstanding support they provide our students, staff and community. In October, Methacton recognized staff from Arcola, and, new this year, recognized volunteer Heather DeWane for her work as Arcola's Home and School President. It was also National Principals Month. It is an opportunity to celebrate and honor our school principals for their leadership and continuous pursuit of success for students and staff. In addition, "M" Awards for academic Excellence was given to more than 250 Arcola Intermediate School students who have earned "M" Awards for Academic Excellence for the 2021-2022 school year. These students have achieved a 93% or greater grade point average. Congratulations on these outstanding achievements!

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Tuesday, November 15: Board Work Session- Arcola Auditorium

Tuesday, November 22: Regular Board Meeting- Arcola Auditorium

Monday, December 5: Reorganization and Regular Board Meeting- Arcola Auditorium

These meetings are also livestreamed, check the Methacton website for the links.

Meeting Adjourned.