

Home & School Mtg

Friday, January 13, 2022

Attendees: Nicole Berical, Lauren Pires, Carolyn Maniscalco, Larcena Johnson, Theresa Dougherty, Bryna VanBlargen, Diana Saunders, Jodi Kohar, Jessica Starace, Gina Stover

Principal's Report

Holiday parties were a success. Teachers appreciated the time with their students that was more of a fun atmosphere.

Still working on behavioral issues in the cafeteria. Utilizing a ticket system to reward good behavior. Tickets will be used for prizes. In need of prizes, so asked if H&S could sponsor some of the prizes. Wants to continue to motivate them for good behavior.

Made some changes with the dismissal process. They moved 4 buses to the side of Skyview (instead of the back), so there are less students in one area, alleviating congestion and allowing more students to not miss the bus, and also alleviating anxiety among the students.

Vice President's Report – Larcena Johnson

Please continue to send photos for the yearbook. We are also looking for a nomination chair for board elections for next year. The nomination chair will collect all nominees for next year's board and then present for voting in April. All positions are open.

Carolyn Maniscalco asked for approval of last month's meeting minutes. Lauren Pires approved. Larcena Johnson seconded.

Lauren Pires reviewed the budget.

SEA update: Jodi Kohar

On behalf of the Methacton SEA, we are wishing all of our Methacton families and staff a Happy New Year!

1. Mark your calendars for the first meeting of 2023 year of the Special Education Alliance on January 19, 2023 featuring a brief update on the district's inclusion efforts and the work of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) office from Dr. Susan Angstadt and Alexis Washington! Additionally, Dr. Angstadt is organizing a panel of District Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) to address parent questions for support on challenging behaviors at school and at home.

2. Kendra Scott Fundraiser - A big Thank You to all those who came out and supported the holiday fundraiser either through the in-store shop or the online weekend event! By all accounts, it was a successful fundraiser! We are anxiously awaiting to hear how many dollars we raised for the SEA!

3. The SEA is teaming up with the Methacton Home & Schools for a Reading Fightin Phillies Fundraiser - Batter Up! We have kicked off another great for gifts fundraiser with the Reading Phillies. You can purchase 6 undated general admission tickets for only \$42 for an outing with your school friends, Birthdays, Father's Day or Mother's Day, and family reunions at the ballpark. Tickets can be used on any date during the 2023 season. We are excited about the partnership with the Home & Schools to

promote the fundraiser. The funds raised will be used to bring informative presentations to our district and to support events that help connect families and caregivers!

4. The Methacton School Board approved for the first time a Unified Bocce Team! We are excited to share that the Methacton Bocce team has had its first two matches including hosting the second match this week. The Methacton Unified Bocce team won both matches versus Upper Merion and Springfield Township! Go Warriors!

5. The SEA 2023 Presentation Dates! Mark your calendars!

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

Please share pdf and jpg of flyer widely! Purchase your tickets at this link and be sure to select the Methacton Special Education Alliance

fundraiser: https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/team.asp?SponsorID=16413&promocode=FUNDR AISER&fbclid=IwAR2tzJrSIfgantAiswljKWu9w8YRr2lKugqx4dn-wu_p50ryr41zXpadP2E

Old Business

Lauren Pires presented mini grant requests, including sensory room items and wall mural. Looking for artists to do the mural. Gina suggested it might be a good first project for the new student council. Lauren motioned to approve the mini grant sensory item requests. Larcena approved, Carolyn seconded the requests. H&S will order them.

Fun Day date – still waiting on Mrs. Berial to confirm.

Lauren Pires recapped the event for student letters to the hospital patients. Students did a great job and patients really enjoyed receiving them.

New Business

Give Science a Try – February 3rd – able to offer as a free event, due to funds raised from Skyview Strong. 1400 people capacity.

Bingo Night – March 9th

Spirit Days – Evening events: Glow Night at Skyzone? Escape Room Trappe?

Pre-Super Bowl Pep Rally, Spirit Day – Friday, February 10th, 2pm.

Elmwood Park Zoo event – May 16th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dining Out events – Panera 2/10; PJ Whelihan's 3/29

Looking for a Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast or Lunch Chair. Each school contributes money. Takes place at the bus depot.

Thank you to Gina Stover for creating an expense reimbursement form on Google docs!

MCC Update: Gina Stover

Schools are working on getting nomination chairs for next year's boards. All the schools voted on continuing to use Konstella. All schools will present to the school board at the next mtg. with an informational slide. Updated MCC bylaws will be sent out to the boards by Monday, 1/16.

Next H&S mtg – Tuesday February 6th, 6pm in Skyview library and via Zoom.

Mtg. adjourned.