

Home & School Mtg

March 7, 2023

Zoom Only

Attendees: Lauren Pires, Jenn Zavertrnik, Larcena Johnson, Nicole Rittenhouse, Agata Dajewski, Angela Pushman, Gina Stover, Irene Garvin, Jodi Kohar, Julie DiDonato, Michele _____.

Principal's Report: School staff is still working with the student body on appropriate behavior coming in from recess and heading into the lunch line. Mrs. Berical asked if parents can remind their students about the school procedures for lining up properly from recess and following directions before they come into the cafeteria. Mrs. Berical will also resend communication about which days various teams line up first for lunch so they can decide whether to pack their lunches on days where they might be in line longer. The school is also working on adding Aramark staff to open additional lines as well.

Lauren Pires asked about Outdoor Ed and if it is happening. Mrs. Berical did confirm that it is happening throughout April and May and more communication will be relayed about the parent information night.

The Sensory Room has had some great progress. Mrs. Berical is still getting authorization for the mural.

There will be another pep rally on April 24th (1:45-2:45pm) centered around the theme of "doing their personal best." It will be structured around the PSSAs so the students get the message that these tests are about doing their personal best, determination and perseverance. Students will decorate posters and staff will brainstorm other ways to promote this message during the pep rally and during the weeks of PSSA testing.

President's Report: Lauren Pires & Nicole Rittenhouse

We are now actively taking nominations for the home & school board for next year. Nominations are due by the end of March. Voting will take place in April. We will start communicating to the elementary schools to acquire nominations.

We are actively recruiting for Girls on the Run.

Secretary's Report: Carolyn Maniscalco asked to approve last month's meeting minutes. Larcena Johnson approved. Lauren Pires seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Gina Stover

We sent a check to Shirt & Ink for new Spiritwear (pj pants) to sell at Bingo night. Nicole Rittenhouse asked where we stand with mini grants. Gina said we're in good shape and still have money for this. She asked for the application to be added to the web site. There is a teacher looking to submit one.

Gina explained the new "Give Butter" platform that we are using for Skyview Movie Night. It seems like a more streamlined system to process registrations and obtain payment. It's 1 platform versus a Google form and then a separate Venmo for payment. It also separates payments for various events, keeping it more organized for the treasurer. We will continue to monitor and see if we want to roll that out for future events.

SEA Update: Jodi Kohar

The Methacton SEA was a proud partner of the PA Inclusion Collective and the PEAL Center of "Starting with the End in Mind", a 4-part series on building an inclusive life for students with disabilities. The recorded series is available at Dan Habib's landing page until March 29th.

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10205356> PW: PEAL_HABIB

The SEA and Methacton Home & School Associations Reading Fightin' Phillies Fundraiser continues through the opening season! 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!

Tickets can be purchased through this link (be sure to select the Methacton Special Education Alliance fundraiser: https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/team.asp?SponsorID=16413&promocode=FUNDR AISER&fbclid=IwAR2tzJrSifgantAiswljKWu9w8YRr2IKugqx4dn-wu_p50ryr41zXpadP2

Order pizza kits NOW through Collegeville Italian Bakery Pizzeria Napoletana and Let's Raise Some Dough for the SEA! Pick up your pizza kits on Thursday, March 16th just in time for St. Patty's Day at Skyview Upper Elementary School from 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM.

Register here for your pizza kits: <https://tinyurl.com/bddcwvyz>

Unified Bocce ended the season at the Montgomery County Championship on 2/21/23. This is the first year of Methacton Bocce with two teams and one of them qualified for the Montco Championship. This team finished the season 7-2 and in 3rd place out of 21 teams in Montgomery County.

Unified Sports Track & Field begins March 6....stay tuned for more details.

The SEA 2023 Presentation/Social Activities Dates! Mark your calendars!

March 16, 2023, April 20, 2023 & May 18, 2023

Stay tuned for more details on some end of the school year social activities! Dates subject to change based on activity planning!

New Business: Bus Driver Appreciation is Skyview's responsibility this year. Everyone on the call brainstormed about possible menu options and special touches.

Bingo Night is at capacity! Thank you to all who signed up! There are plenty of volunteers and the event looks like it's in good shape.

Our next Dining Out is at PJ Whelihan's on March 29th.

Our movie night is April 13th at Movie Tavern.

Staff Appreciation Week is May 1-5th. Who are our Chairpersons? We only have \$298 left allocated for that staff appreciation. Lauren thinks we may need more money for this remaining event.

Skyview Student Appreciation night is May 16th.

Fun Day planning is also in good shape.

Nicole Rittenhouse gave an update on the yearbook. We are currently loading all the photos we have into the database, We are finalizing the cover at this time. She encouraged everyone to continue to take photos at all the events. She said sales are still low so we'll continue to push it.

MCC Update: Angela Pushman

March 14th, 6 p.m., Woodland Elementary Library – Special meeting for a second read of the Bylaws

March 14th, 7 p.m., Woodland Elementary Library – Regular meeting for Bylaw voting

Skyview is coordinating the Bus Driver Appreciation Lunch and all contributions have been made from all the other schools and checks were given to Skyview.

Mtg. Adjourned.