

Skyview H&S Mtg
March 12, 2024; 9am

Attendees: Nicole Berical, Gina Stover, Carolyn Maniscalco, Michele Ferrante, Beth Pfeifer, Shannon Remauley, Bryna VanBlargan, Julie Stephens

President's Report: Nicole Berical

The school is preparing for PSSAs, including review of test taking skills, motivational messages to each other and preparation for an assembly.

Dr. Berical addressed behavior in the cafeteria. She said she thinks 5th grade behavior has improved. They are still working on 6th grade behavior with repercussions such as being removed from the cafeteria, after-school detention and calling home. There was a question regarding using the Skyview cafeteria again in addition to the Arcola cafeteria. She said she thought food prep and space was successful just utilizing the Arcola café and there are no plans for that. An attendee mentioned she felt the students felt differently and that it felt chaotic and loud and that could be attributed to the students' behavior in the café.

Vice President's Report: Michele Ferrante

Michelle questioned the gift card distribution for March for the March staff challenge. Michelle stated we did not have the \$305 slated in our budget for this. She asked if we could allot this money for this challenge. Michelle will talk to Irene (our treasurer) to see if we can allot this money. Gina stated that gift card distribution was not allowed, per the H&S bylaws. The group brainstormed other items. Michelle to report back after speaking to Irene about the money and will bring to Dr. Berical some ideas to replace gift cards for the rewards.

Yearbook update: Beth Pfeifer

Beth is finalizing this year's book. She's still in need of class & group photos and will work with Dr. Berical to schedule a time to get these photos. She'll be working with Dr. Berical to approve the final. She gave a heads up that we'll need a new yearbook chairperson for next year.

Secretary's Report: Carolyn Maniscalco

Motion to approve January and February meeting minutes. Gina motioned. Michelle seconded. Carolyn motioned to extend Skyview H&S board nominations through March and vote in April. Current nominations include Lauren Pires and Jessica Viscusi for Co-President, Andrea Barbuzi as VP, Erin Cardwell for Treasurer and Carolyn Maniscalco for Secretary.

Old Business: Michele Ferrante recapped the February Pinball event. Attendance was light but very fun. She suggested if we plan this next year, to maybe survey the parents to see what time works best.

MCC Update: Carolyn Maniscalco

Nominations are open for all positions for MCC. Term is one year. Voting will be in June. MCC is still looking for post prom help for the high school. Early morning shifts are the most in need.

SEA Update: Julie Stephens

Methacton parents & caregivers, educators and staff were invited to provide feedback in an interactive preliminary review of the district's Special Education Comprehensive Plan last month. This event was facilitated by our Director of Pupil Services, Dr. Gravinese and the Supervisors of

Special Education at all district levels. While there is much more to the plan than was able to be discussed at this two-hour session, participants were able to provide feedback on the topics of Post-Secondary Transition, Improving Participation Rates on State Assessments and Educational Environments. The timeline for presenting and submitting the final plan is as follows: 3/5/24 Draft Presentation to Education Committee 3/19/24 Advisement to the Board of School Directors.

3/20/24 Presentation to the Special Education Alliance (H&S Meeting)

3/21/24 Plan to sit publicly for 28 days on Methacton's website

4/23/24 Present to School Board for Approval and signing affidavit

5/1/24 Submit to State

Our PA Inclusion Collective series with Dr. Erik Carter during the month of February was informative and impactful! Dr. Carter spoke on the relationship between Inclusion and Belonging, and how everyone in the school community plays a role in both. Erik reiterated that inclusion demands the best of our creativity and commitment, that rigor & relationships are a double pursuit rather than an "either/or" relationship, and he gave us a formula for friendship. The recordings and handouts from his presentations are available here:

Link to all videos: From Barriers to Belonging: The Power of Peers in Inclusive Schools presented by Dr. Erik Carter. Link to resources (including Slides): Dr. Erik Carter Resources

Please join us on March 22nd at Giuseppe's Pizza for a parent social event. Come find out what the SEA is all about, escape for a couple of hours, and talk to people who "get it". See our flyer for more details.

Thank you for coming out for our Community Care Event at Chick Fil-A last month! We earned \$163.74. Our Collegeville Bakery Pizza Kit sale was a success as well. We'll have updated numbers for you shortly.

We are truly touched by and grateful for the support the Methacton Community has been showing the SEA as a brand new, district-wide Home & School this year. Our fundraisers help us bring educational presentations and workshops to our district, and to support events that help connect families and caregivers.

Congratulations to the Unified Bocce Team on a great season! Unified Track & Field begins March 4th.

Check out SEAofMCC on Facebook to find out more about the following:

- a. Gov. Shapiro's Proclamation of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
- b. CLASS's (Community Living & Support Services) Transition Education Project, a series of webinars running until April.
- c. PaTTAN, Novak Education and the TIES Center's virtual series Connecting and Learning For Equity and Opportunity, running through May.
- d. Integrate for Good's Leadership Incubator at Ursinus College, a project designed to empower neurodiverse young adults by providing a supportive platform for personal & leadership development.
- e. PEAC's Free Virtual IEP Clinic March 16th.

- f. World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st! Rock your socks!
 - g. MMTA's Teen Social Coaching Summer Groups for Middle & High Schoolers to age 22.
 - h. PaTTAN's Student-Led IEP Resource Hub
8. Don't forget to purchase your undated general admission 6-pack of Reading Phils tickets via the link or QR code on our attached flyer. Reading Phils tickets make great gifts for all ages and occasions!
9. The next SEA H&S meeting will be March 20 at 7:00 in the MHS Library. Dr. Gravinese will be presenting the proposed Special Education Comprehensive Plan with us there.

New Business: Gina Stover

Career Day is approaching. H&S will take care of setting up morning snacks for the participants. Our next event is Skyview Night at the Reading Phillies – April 26th. Skyview Fun Day is June 10th. The Fun Day committee is working on reserving inflatables and other plans. Volunteer sign-up will come out soon.