

Skyview Home and School Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

9 am

Attendees: Nicole Berical, Gina Stover, Beth Pfeifer, Carolyn Maniscalco, Michele Ferrante, Michelle Bell, Irene Garvin, Erin Cardwell, Agata Dajewski, Lauren Pires, Bryna VanBlargan, Zenia Ardeshna

Yearbook Update: Beth Pfeifer

The yearbook is finished. This week, she'll work on labeling the books. Dr. Berical is very appreciative of all her hard work. It looks wonderful.

President's Report: Gina Stover

2024-2025 Agenda Book discussion

Costs for these books have significantly gone up over the years. They started at \$2160 in 2021, went up to \$2362 in 2022, \$2475 in 2023, expected 2024 costs to exceed \$2600.

In addition to Dr. Berical surveying the teachers, Gina polled Skyview Parents on Facebook and said the majority of respondents reported they did not use the agenda books. Michele Ferrante asked why this expense comes out of a home and school budget. Other meeting participants responded that they think it's a team/ teacher preference on whether they encourage students to use these and the books should only be ordered for those teams.

Dr. Berical said having the school pay for these can be explored but the expense has not been allocated in her budget for next year so if Home and School doesn't pay for them, she's not sure if they'll be able to pay for them. Lauren Pires recommended having it sourced as a mini grant request from the teachers who want them. Dr. Berical will have teachers put in their requests before Memorial Day and Dr. Berical will submit the mini grant request on their behalf. Invoice will be paid after July 1 from the 2024-25 home and school budget.

Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast – Gina requested the Skyview budget for this event be increased from \$75 to \$125 due to rising costs. Michele motioned, Agata seconded.

Principal's Report: Nicole Berical

Thank you to home and school for the PSSA treats and DJ at the PSSA pep rally. And thank you to for all the teacher appreciation week goodies and activities. 5th grade students continue to attend Outdoor Ed and the program has been going very smoothly. Home and School is expecting a mini grant request for this program for \$3,000. Carolyn motioned to continue supporting this program. Agata seconded the request.

Fun Day is approaching. Thank you to home and school for all the planning. Volunteers still needed. Carolyn to push out volunteer sign-up.

No VP Report

Secretary's Report: Carolyn Maniscalco

Carolyn asked for approval of the last two months of home and school meeting minutes. Michele motioned, Irene seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Irene Garvin

We had added expenses this year for PSSAs and the Teacher Health Incentive Program. We were able to cover these expenses due to our excessive reserve. Gina explained to Dr. Berical that our budget will be a bit fluid year-to-year due to fluctuating events, new costs, etc. Dr. Berical would like to meet with the new board to discuss events, budget, etc.

School Board Report – see notes on Methacton.org.**SEA Update: Zenia Ardeshta**

Students attended the Special Olympics on May 1st. We also had students attend the Unified Track team event on May 7th. The April event was a success. There is a live recording available. The last event of the year will be in June. SEA would like to thank the Post Prom committee for all their hard work. SEA was recognized as a top 5 finalist for their decorations.

New Business

Gina motioned to cancel our June 11th meeting. We have resolved all matters for the school year. After some back and forth discussion, the board decided to keep the meeting on the calendar and revisit as it gets closer to see if there is any remaining school year items that need to be addressed. If not, the meeting will be canceled.

Irene asked to revisit a mini grant request from Mrs. Malizia for \$900 for sensory room furniture. There is money left in the mini grants for this request. Gina motioned to approve it. Carolyn seconded the request.

Meeting adjourned.