

Skyview Home and School Mtg
October 10, 2023
9am

Attendees: Gina Stover, Carolyn Maniscalco, Zenia Ardesna, Amy Smith, Michelle Bell, Bryna VanBlargan, Renee Rubin, Irene Garvin, Stephanie Padula, Andrea Buzby

Gina shared mini-grant requests. Two requests were approved.

Secretary's Report: Carolyn Maniscalco

Carolyn asked for a motion to approve September's meeting minutes. Gina motioned to approve. Irene Garvin seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Irene Garvin

Irene went over the budget. Home and School made over \$200 from the roller skating event. And Spirit Wear is bringing in a profit as well.

Fall Fest Update

Registration is down from last year. Last year, we had a lot of registrations come in 3-4 days before the event. We'll continue to push it out this week.

Skyview Strong Update

We have reached our second incentive with over \$6,000 in donations. We have about 30 percent of students registered so we'll continue to try and raise those registration numbers.

Next Dine and Donate is October 19th at PJ Whelihan's in Oaks.

Fall Class Parties are Oct. 31st, 1:45-2:30 pm.

\$50 are allocated to each class from home and school for party planning.

Science Night Update: Steve Stover to conduct a Fire and Ice Show. Various other companies coming for demonstrations. Free event in the gym.

Veteran's Day Update: Stephanie Padula

We'll be having an assembly in the afternoon. The committee is waiting on approval from Mrs. Berical for a question and answer panel from members of each branch of the military as well as approval on inviting veterans to be guests in the audience too. Special Ed students will be carrying in signs representing the veterans.

Movie Night is a go. November 16th is reserved at Movie Tavern. Two theaters booked. We will feature the new Trolls movie, coming out that evening. Event is open to the whole family and tickets include popcorn and a drink.

The Glow Party is in process. The DJ is booked. The ticket to get into the Glow Party is a toy donation for Toys for Tots (school service project).

Methacton Education Foundation Update: Amy Smith

Various events in the works for the year, including the Dodgeball Tournament coming this Spring.

No MCC Update – no meeting since last update.

SEA Update: Zenia Ardeshta

We had our first official Special Education Alliance Home & School Meeting!! In addition to typical Home & School business, we had a lovely and informative conversation with Drs. Angstadt and Mangano regarding the Inclusive Practices model currently being applied in our elementary buildings. Meeting minutes can be found on the SEA website. Dr. Mangano's handout on Methacton's Elementary School Services is included.

We have attended and survived all eight of Methacton Back To School Nights! All were very well attended and we made quite a few new friends. We look forward working with you this year.

Join us on Zoom November 16th for our first presentation of the school year with Cindy Duch from the PEAL Center. Cindy will be presenting "Building A Strong IEP". Register using the link in our flyer, coming soon via Konstella, principals' S'mores, Facebook and email.

If you haven't done so already, sign up at <http://eepurl.com/gOsrsb> to join our mailing list. You can also find us on Facebook at SEA of MCC, in your home & school's Konstella, Facebook and principal weekly updates, or at Home & School meetings.

New Business

Skyview librarian asked if the Home and School wanted to take over Book Fair. Home and School would run it but also benefit with the proceeds. Question to librarian as to whether he has excess inventory and funds and doesn't need it? Gina will ask. All the elementary schools have their librarian manage the communication and logistics with Scholastic but home and school manages volunteers, set up/ break down, communications, etc. We will ask Mr. Greenover how that would be handled if home and school took over. We would probably need to shadow him in order to take over.

Gina initiated a conversation regarding the lunchroom behavior. Carolyn has observed lunch duty and mentioned how chaotic and loud it is. It's not just noise, but behavior issues including kids running around, ruining people's lunches, throwing food and other items. Mrs. Berical mentioned that the staff are in training on ways to encourage better behavior.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Berical

Overall, the menu choices are plentiful. Mrs. Berical connected with Aramark and increased the amount of pizza they were providing. Mrs. Berical also said that the lunch lines go faster if students have their IDs with them. Breakfast is still taking a long time and students are getting to homeroom late.

Pillarifics are up and running. And it's been going well with a lot of incentives for them to get pillarific awards.

Mtg. adjourned.