

September Meeting Minutes

Skyview Home & School Meeting

Date: Sept. 9, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Attendants:

Jenn Zavertrnik	Patrick Qin	Nicole Berical
Kelly Arnone	Kate Dougherty	Nikki Krelovich
Amy Smith	Reba Mann	Semira Perdue
Chungling Ma	Gina Stover	Janice Panesar
Teresa Lowry	Cong Chen	Regina Santangelo
Melissa Ritrovato	Michele Isbrecht	Lauren Pires
Kate Pack	Helena Skoogh	Sandi Harrison

I. Principal's Report

- Nicole Berical, the principal, reported that the 1st day of school was great. She thanked the volunteers who helped write encouraging chalk messages. She said that the balloons, the Skyview Hawk, Col. Joe Webster, as well as other faculty and staff were outside to welcome the students. She also thanked Home & School for the treats for the teachers.
- Her biggest goal this year is to support the students and dramatically increase the community feel at Skyview.
- She appreciated patience with the arrival and dismissal procedures. She acknowledged that it was still a work in progress, but they are continuing to make adjustments. If busses are running late, there should be a message going out to families from the Transportation Department.
- In the most current newsletter, there is a link to a Google document where families can sign up for permanent car-rider status. Those students that are signed up on the permanent car-rider list will not require a daily note any longer. Students that are not signed up for permanent car-rider status will still require a daily note.

II. President's Report

- SV Board Introduction- The current members and contact information can be found on the Konstella Page and the Home & School link on the Skyview website.
- The 8/17 Meet & Greet with Popsicles was a success. Thanks to Nicole Berical and Dr. Landis, and other faculty/staff that attended to meet students and their families.
- The faculty breakfast provided on 8/25 was well-received. Home & School provided all of the staff with construction hats filled with treats in honor of the district theme this school year.
- The Skyview Spirit Wear webstore is live now. The company being used is "Shirt and Ink". The link can be found on Konstella and also on Mrs. Berical's weekly newsletters. There are plenty of new Skyview items to order from Shirt & Ink. The spirit wear can be shipped to homes or picked up in the store in the Parkridge Shopping Center. Proceeds from each item support SVHS.

III. Vice President's Report

- If you have your district clearances, you can sign up for any committees in Konstella. There is a strong need for volunteers to be able to run the activities planned this year.
- These committees are in urgent need of chairs ASAP. We can't run these programs without chairs and volunteers. Please see Konstella or ask a Skyview Home and School officer to learn more about what the committee entails.
 - Walk-a-thon (Friday 10/29/21 in the morning) - Our BIG fundraiser for the year! We need more chairs to help ASAP!
 - Dine and Donate/Student Activity Nights/No Effort Fundraising (year round)
 - Career Day (end of year/spring)
- If you'd like to help out throughout the year, please sign up for the General Volunteer Pool on Konstella so you are contacted when volunteer opportunities arise.
- Many people's clearances expired the past year and a half and were not renewed because there were no opportunities to volunteer due to COVID. All volunteers must be approved by the Methacton school district. If you are unsure if your clearances are up to date, please check with Kathy Kifer at the district office, kkifer@methacton.org
- Lunchroom and library volunteers will also be needed soon, once the program logistics are worked out.
- If you are having trouble with getting registered with Konstella, send an email to Kelly Arnone at skyviewhomeandschoolvp@gmail.com with a name and email address and she will send you an invitation. That has been 100% effective in resolving Skyview Konstella registration issues.
- Kelly Arnone will be sending an email to everyone who did sign up to chair a committee in the next few days, to make sure they know what they signed up for, provide dates and budget, get them started on getting volunteers. We are discussing holding a zoom meeting to take questions soon.

IV. Secretary's Report - It's great to see that there are plenty of families joining the Skyview Konstella site each day.

V. Treasurer's Report -

- The 2021/2022 Budget was voted on and approved
- The budget will be uploaded into Konstella. Goals were discussed.
- [Skyview HS Budget 2021-2022 Submitted Updated on Sep 1 2021.xlsx](#)

VI. Old Business

- MCC Update: The Methacton Coordinating Council (MCC) is the parent council or the umbrella for all Home & School associations in the district. An overview of the MCC minutes were shared and can be found on the Methacton School District website in the Community Section. They meet every other month and have their own board.
- SEA Update - Special Education Alliance Committee representative, Reba Mann presented. The SEA operates under the umbrella of the MCC as a committee. Each school has their own representative. Skyview's rep is Jody Kohar. Any family that has a child with an IEP or GIEP that would like to get involved for the 2021/2022 school year should contact their school representative. Their first presentation of the year will be on

10/20 or 10/21. Check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC> or email seamethacton@gmail.com

- School Board Update:
 - Back to School Night dates were listed
 - Full Day Kindergarten to start for 2022-2023 school year
 - Dr. Zerbe's Strategic Plan update - He wants to increase community involvement. All of the notes from the most recent School Board meeting can be found at the following link: <https://www.smores.com/hfesc-school-board-notes>
 - The next board meeting will be on 9/28 at 7:00 PM in the Arcola auditorium.

VII. New Business

- Fall Fest on 10/2 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. It is a private event, open only to Skyview families. It is not a drop-off event. Volunteers for planning are requested. The location is Olszanowski Farm. It's \$13 per person in advance and \$15 at the farm. There will not be a limit on how many can attend. Please register via the Google link for planning purposes. No costumes please.
- The Lunch Volunteer Program will be led by Michele Isbrecht. There will be a meeting with Nicole Berical regarding the logistics of the program soon. The goal is to start the program the week of 9/20. You can sign up to be a volunteer for that committee in Konstella.
- "Say Hello Week" 9/20-9/24- Nicole Berical discussed this event. "Say Hello Week" is part of the Sandy Hook Promise. Students will be able to go outside in teams to design "Say Hello" posters with the ultimate goal of making a video for the district.
- The Homeroom Parent program is coming to Skyview for the first time! Homeroom parents and parties are allowed this year, and we are in need of volunteers. This program is in the early stages of planning, however, there is a plan to have a fall party on 10/29 and a winter party on 12/23 in the afternoon. There would be 1 parent per Homeroom. More information will follow.
- Faculty mini-grants: Money is set aside in our budget for faculty mini-grants. We are sending the information needed to Mrs. Berical tonight and she will pass it on to the staff. We will start accepting grant applications and vote on approval at future meetings.
- Mascot Naming Contest - Mrs. Berical is going to start a contest where the students will get a chance to name our Skyview Hawk mascot.
- Methacton Education Foundation (MEF) - Nikki Krelovich, Executive Director, presented. The job of the MEF is to raise money for the district to fund educational and innovative programs. This year they raised over \$400,000.00 in grants for the district. Those grants provided MSD programs such as:
 - The Hydroponic and Forensics Labs at the high school
 - Mental Health Support Systems in all schools
 - STEM kits
 - Backpack Program
 - Career Readiness Program

Their biggest fundraising event, the Methacton Apex Awards takes place on 9/30, hosted by Bob Kelly from FOX. To find out more, go to methactonfoundation.org.
The Dodgeball Tournament will return on 3/26/22!

VII. Miscellaneous

- Yearbook - Amy Smith reminded the board that we will need some volunteers to take pics at upcoming events for the yearbook. She also reported that there are some 2020/2021 yearbooks leftover.
- A participant requested the return of the School Directory. We no longer put together a School Directory, since the Konstella communication program serves the same purpose. However, Skyview Konstella participation is not at goal, and therefore there are many students/families that cannot be reached without a School Directory. Our aim is to increase Konstella participation among Skyview families.
- Gina Stover gave a fundraiser idea, in the event that the walk-a-thon doesn't happen. She said that she and Mary Fitzgerald started a Read-A-Thon. It was suggested that we could look into that, and/or reach out to Mary as needed.