

Skyview Home & School Mtg Minutes September 6, 2022

Attendees

Lauren Pires
Nicole Rittenhouse
Larcena Johnson
Gina Stover
Carolyn Maniscalco
Heather McDermott
Rita Rothman
Theresa Dougherty
Loren Seamans
Jodi Kohar
Christy Liszewski
Samantha Johnson
Leslie Slingsby
Eryn Jackson
Kelleigh Parker
Diana Saunders
Angela Pushman
Julie McKinney
Rachael Hussey
Bryna VanBlargan
Jennifer Zavertrnik
Julie DiDonato
Sammy Johnson

Introductions:

Nicole Rittenhouse and Lauren Pires – new co-presidents of Skyview Home & School

Principal's Report: Mrs. Berical

Thanks to all for joining. Please call her Nicole. Thrilled to see such a great turnout for the first meeting of the year. Excellent start to the school year. Thank you to whomever put the yard sign and chalking out for the first day of school. Teachers were thrilled. Very much appreciated.

Wonderful first week of school. Wants to create a positive, inclusive atmosphere where everyone can be themselves. Trying to create a climate where everyone feels comfortable to be who they are. Teachers focused on getting to know everyone.

Safety Update: new school police officer (Officer Feters) – retired Kensington police officer. Greets students in the am.

New security officer (Officer D) – military background. Does walk throughs, works the lunch period. Assisting with arrival and departure.

LPPD are doing regular campus walk throughs inside and out to ensure the building is secure.

Lunch: Lunchtimes are going well. Reviewed expectations with the students. There was a glitch using the scanner machine the first week so there was a big delay in students getting their lunches. Machines are fixed and was told the process is better this week.

Lunch capacity: There are 2 teams in each cafeteria due to capacity restrictions. Rotations set so classrooms will rotate the cafeterias throughout the year. Slow release happening for choice seating at lunch.

Carlina: Noticing a significant decrease in traffic from last year, which is allowing the buses to go in and out in a more timely manner.

Lauren Lulis asked about volunteering at Skyview. Lots of opportunities for committees, etc. District volunteer paperwork carries through to each school. Asked how long recess is. It is 10 minutes at Skyview.

Lauren Pires asked about the use of lockers. Berical says students were spending too much time at the lockers OUTSIDE the classroom. Goal is to maximize time IN the classroom. Textbooks are remaining in the classroom. They're looking at ways to have cubbies inside the classroom in a "healthy way" for coats as winter approaches. Bins being distributed to hold lunches.

President's Report:

Nicole Rittenhouse – thank you to all who are attending. So impressed with the first day decorations. Lauren Pires – School events are flexible. We are open to adding add'l events if there are any that someone would like to see.

VP Report:

Larcena Johnson – Recruiting anyone who would like to be a homeroom lead or join a committee. Every homeroom lead will get an allotment for funds to use for their class parties. (Sammy Johnson is homeroom lead coordinator).

Question from Julie McKinney:

What is Skyview Strong? Skyview Strong is our largest fundraiser for the year.

Question from Gina Stover:

Would like Berical to consider elementary school events when scheduling party and event dates so to not conflict with them. Consensus is that it may help with getting add'l volunteers.

Treasurer's Report:

Gina Stover – Budgets are updated to reflect last year's budgets and the updated budgets for this year. Cash flow is \$16,000 and the budget is \$33,000. We need to raise \$17,000.

MCC Update:

Angela Pushman – VP of MCC.

The MCC is here to support all the home and school orgs. They are here to help.

First meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th, 7pm at the Arrowhead library.

Home and School board members – Save the date – Oct. 7th. 5-7pm – Homecoming Tailgate with MCC.

SEA Update:

Thursday, October 20th – 7:30 pm. Virtual Back to School Night for Special Education – presented by Dr. Susan Angstadt, Dr. Amy Mangano, Dr. Danielle Fowlston and Dr. Erika Thomas.

SEA is calling on parents/ caregivers of incoming Kindergarten students with IEPs, new or current students with an EIP, GIEP, or 504 moving up to a new Methacton building (for example, an elementary school student moving up to Skyview) to meet your new supervisor of special education), any student and anyone simply interested in Methacton's special education process to come meet the team!

Dr. Susan Angstadt, director of Pupil Services and her team will provide an overview of the special education structure, roles and responsibilities of the supervisors of special education, school psychologists, case managers and IEP teams. They'll be available to answer general questions from parents.

Mark your calendars for this year's Special Education workshops on various topics. Details on the topics will follow.

Oct. 20th - Back to School night with Special Education

Nov. 17th

January 19, 2023

February 16, 2023

March 16, 2023

April 20, 2023

May 18, 2023

Looking to continue to provide programming that will help all our students succeed. Follow SEA on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC> or contact them at seamethacton.gmail.com.

New Business:

Upcoming H&S Activities

--Back to School Night (Wed, 9/28)

--Fall Social (Saturday, 10/1)

--Skyview Strong (Friday, 10/28)

--Classroom Party (Friday, 10/28)

The next H&S meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10/4 (Library/ Zoom).