

Skyview Home and School Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
7pm

Attendees: Nicole Berical, Gina Stover, Leslie Slingsby, Theresa Manzi, Irene Garvin, Carolyn Maniscalco, Jessica Celestin, Brittany M, Kelly Gallagher, Nikki Ferraro, Julie, Michelle Bell, Julie DiDonato, Eashwar Seshadri, Diana Saunders, Mandy Notaristefano, Amanda Wetter, Erin Wiggle, Jess Viscusi, Julie Stephens, Kelleigh Parker

Principal's Report: Nicole Berical

We had a great start to the school year. Our arrival and dismissal process is going very well. Bus changes resulted in students arriving earlier and more on time. Less students are missing the bus in the afternoon than last year. We have staff with music and microphones greeting students in the am to get them excited to start the day.

She thinks the cafeteria process is going well. Meeting attendees disagreed. There are concerns among the attendees regarding food supply, cafeteria seating and long lines. Mrs. Berical is going to investigate more about the lack of food supply.

There is no staffing issue with utilizing only 1 cafeteria. They are streamlining cafeteria operations with food and that is why we're only utilizing the 1 cafeteria. The students will be rotating seating in the cafeteria and "common area".

Irene Garvin requested we revisit the cafeteria situation and concerns. Gina will be setting up a meeting with Mrs. Berical to revisit the topic.

President's Report: Gina Stover

We have met the quota for the roller skating event for Saturday. Fall Fest is approaching. Volunteers get a free ticket. Back to School night is September 18th. 5th grade is 6:30 pm -7:15 pm and 6th grade is 7:30 pm – 8:15 pm. Gina will discuss Science Night specifics with Mrs. Berical. Movie Night is booked. We just have to pick a movie. Glow Night will be coupled with a Kindness Project. If you bring a new toy for donation, you get a free ticket for Glow Night. Other events in the works.

We are doing monthly spirit days.

We have 3 mini grants for review. Michelle reviewed the mini grant requests.
2 were approved.

1 up for review due to the cost of the request (\$995). The nature of the items requested are sensory related so attendees voted on addressing whether we can split this cost with SEA.

No VP report

Secretary's Report: Carolyn asked for approval of June's meeting minutes. Gina Stover motioned to approve. Agata seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: We still need Mrs. Berical to sign off on this year's budget. Gina directed everyone to where to find the budget. We reviewed various line items, including the BMX Bike Rally and Agenda

Books. Leslie Slingsby asked where our revenue is coming from. Gina explained our Skyview Strong initiative and the need for a fundraising chair.

No School Board Report

Methacton Education Foundation is hosting a run....

SEA Report: Julie Stephens

The Special Education Alliance Home & School has been busy! We spent the Spring and Summer adjusting to our new role as a K-12 Home & School Association, as well as our usual Summer planning for presentations and events.

In August we had representatives at every elementary school for the Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek event and we're currently attending each of the district's Back to School Nights.

Our 22-23 Year-In-Review has been posted to our website. Take a look and find links to some of the awesome presentations we hosted last year, as well as some other great info on what we're all about! You'll also find our Meeting Schedule for the upcoming school year there. Look for the Special Education Alliance shortcut listed on the district's main page under "Site Shortcuts".

<https://www.methacton.org/cms/lib/PA50000637/Centricity/Domain/64/A%20year%20in%20review%202022-2023%20%20FINALVER.pdf>

Important PA update: The Pennsylvania Department of Education has made a change to the age children with disabilities may remain in school until. We have shared some community resources regarding this on our Facebook page. The Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership (PEAL) Center, along with the Arc Alliance of PA, HUNE, Mission Empower, will host the Bureau of Special Education Director Carole Clancy to explain more about the new policy and answer questions on September 28 via Zoom. We have posted the flyer and details to our FB page.

If you haven't done so already, reach out to SEAMethacton@gmail.com to have your email address added to our mailing list. This is the surest way to stay up-to-date on upcoming events, presentations and fundraisers. You can also find us on Facebook at SEAofMCC, in your home school's Konstella, Facebook and S'mores updates, or at Home & School meetings.

Mtg. Adjourned.