

Woodland Home & School Membership Meeting Meetings  
October 6th  
7pm – [Zoom Meeting LINK](#)

Attendees: Stephanie O'Brien, Debra Euker, Agata Dajewski, Michelle Johnson, Kate Boyle,  
Michele Ferrante, Krissy Roszell, Liz Kemner, Gina Stover

1. Welcome
2. President's Report: Michele Ferrante
  1. H&S has Venmo
  2. Back to School Night went well with the H&S table. Loads of people stopped by to say hello, get information, and buy some Smencils!
3. Principal/Teacher Report: Deb Euker
  1. Back to School night went awesome! Glad all the parents could come out.
  2. Parents for Lunch Volunteer's have been so helpful to the school and the kids. Thank you to each parent who has come in to donate their time! Keep it up, we need you!
  3. Book Fair is in November, it will be virtual and then the kids can come into the school to see the books and then order them online.
  4. Chorus T-shirts might be ordered online this year. Stay tuned!
  5. 10/6 Was a Spirit day when woodland wore "Green" to school or their woodland spirit wear shirts.
  6. 10/29 will be Fall Fest Parties- No food but games are allowed. Outside activities are allowed pending on the weather. 2-2:45 pm for the party time. Two per classroom is ok. Volunteers need to be cleared and sent to Robin the week before. The class that reads the most during the week of the "Read a Thon" will choose the theme for the Fall Fest Parties for the whole school.
4. Vice President's Report: Agata Dajewski and Kim Ryan
  1. Still Looking for classroom parents. Check out the list on konstella and you can sign up to help!
  2. FALL FEST PARTY INFO-10/29 will be Fall Fest Parties- No food but games are allowed. Outside activities are allowed pending on the weather. 2-2:45 pm for the party time. Two per classroom is ok. Volunteers need to be cleared and sent to Robin the week before. The class that reads the most during the week of the "Read a Thon" will choose the theme for the Fall Fest Parties for the whole school.
5. Recording/Corresponding Secretary's Report: Gina Stover, Kelleigh Parker, Krissy Roszell
  - Minutes Approval- Agata First, Krissy Second for approval on the minutes.

6. Treasurer's Report: Ritika Rustagi – Budget Approved, Gina First, Agata Second for approval on the minutes.

1. Mr. Ehmer will send in her mini grant submission for October's "giving tree" request..

7. MCC Rep. Report: Gina, Sept 13th mtg.

MCC Meeting - Sept 13, 2021 - MHS library- Gina Stover Notes

- Presidents Report
  - Remember all volunteers need clearances. To check about one week prior to your event to make sure they are all cleared for the event. Also vendors coming into the school for an event onsite need to have their clearances too.
- VP Report- none
- Treasurer Report
  - Remember all checkers need a second signature on them. It is ok if its email from both parties and treasurer to keep a record of these emails.
  - No Cash can be collected at school anymore, it must go to PO Box or must be picked up EVERY day before school ends.
  - First quarter reports are due Oct 15 to Bob. He sent out a template to use.
  - Treasurer can drop off teacher checks owed to them and put in their mail boxes at school.
- Secretary Report- none
- Committee Report- SEA
  - They need new members for their committee in elementary school. They are recruiting people, pass the word around
  - Oct 20th is their next presentation will be school special edu administrators ie Dr. Agatat and more ,virtual on zoom, more info to come.
  - Follow them on Facebook
- Methacton Education Foundation (MEF)- Nikki
  - They have raised over \$400,000 for the district which includes tons of things, hydroponic farm, labs, mental health supports, stem for kids, backpack program funding.
  - APEX awards coming up to recognize the great people in the community who have helped methacton
  - March 26th is the MEF Dodgeball Tournament
  - (Side Note from Nikki- Spring Mountain - is creating on their land a outdoor skating rink for the winter time. She knows the owners and asked them if it would be possible for some of the schools to do a outside fundraiser at their new rink. If any school is interested reach out to Nikki directly to connect).
- Old Business- Backpack program will look different this year. The people in charge- Liz Drummond and Gabby Winters will give each school a supply for one month to the backpack program participants. Then each school will distribute weekly these foods to

the kids who are in the program. (Note from Gina: Mr. Ehmer is in charge of the list, Typically one to two volunteers at woodland use to help her distribute the backpacks on thursday to go home with the kids on friday. So they have food over the weekend. Action Item: This will have to be a conversation with Mr. Ehmer if she wants or needs volunteer help. )

- New Business-
  - Aramark- Zach Lindeman presented on Food Services
    - If you were getting free or reduced lunch it has now been fixed in my school account. Check it out.
    - Aramark is hiring staff as they have a shortage.
    - Trying to get the cafeteria back to “normal” as possibly for the kids
    - Taking meal suggestions. Email Zach if you have one.
  - MCC is going to talk with Zerbe about leveling the playing field when it comes to each school and what they can and can not do compared to other schools. So the MCC is going to make a list of guidance’s for the H&S to make it cohesive between all elementary schools.

8. School Board Representative’s Report- See Liz Notes Below

#### **Update from the Board: October 2021**

Happy fall!

**Strategic Plan:** The vision for the strategic plan is to “Ensure an exceptional Methacton experience for all” and continue our focus on the “whole child” approach (Healthy, Safe, Engaged, Supported, Challenged). The focus group committee list was posted on 9/30/21 and the window for the Community Engagement survey is open between 10/1-10/14/21. The first full-group meeting will be held (virtually) on October 21 and future dates to note are as follows:

- October 22-Nov 24, 2021: Sub Committee Work
- January 10, 2022: Virtual Full Group Meeting
- February 22, 2022: Board Presentation – Strategic Plan

More information about the strategic plan can be found here: [About / Methacton Strategic Planning Process Announcements](#)

**New Student School Board Representatives:** We were pleased to swear in two new student representatives last week and welcome Serena Fakhouri and Joseph Shaw to a two-year term.

**Methacton Education Foundation:** The Methacton Education Foundation presented a donation of over \$440,000 to the school district this month which reflects some very cool projects they are helping to fund. Among them are the new hydroponics and CSI forensics labs at the High School and mental health supports district-wide such as our REACH and SOAR programs.

**BOOST:** The board voted to approve the Boost program offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at all elementary schools. Students will be invited to attend sessions for Math or ELA

based on need and will get a snack and district transportation will be provided. This program is part of our continued effort to ensure that all students are where they need to be after the pandemic year.

**“M” Awards:** More than 400 students earned “M” awards last year, achieving a 93% or higher GPA. For the complete list, click here: [Newsroom 2021-2022 / More than 400 MHS Students Earn M Awards for Academic Excellence \(methacton.org\)](#). Congratulations!

### **Upcoming meetings:**

Board meetings are now being held in-person at the Arcola Auditorium:

- Work Session: Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 PM
- Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 26, 7:00 PM

Thanks for all you do!

Any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me or to any board member.

Liz Drummond

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9. SEA Update- No report
10. Committee/Event/Other Reports:

~~9/17 Ice Cream Social~~

~~9/21 BTS night~~

**10/12 Mom’s night out -Kim Ryan-** SAVE THE DATE NOV 18<sup>th</sup> @ Bald Birds Brewery==  
Flyer to come out this week.

**10/20 Readathon** – Ritika and Agata- Starts Monday Oct 18 to Friday Oct 22, Newsletters will be translated into that child’s first language.

**11/5 Parent child event** - need lead- possibly Stephanie O’Brien

**1/21 Variety Show** - Ritika

**Feb Collegeville Bakery Night-** Krissy/Julie Stadulis

**3/25 Parent Child** - need lead

**4/29 Pillow popcorn and pajamas** - HS board

**5/2 Teacher appreciation week** -

**5/19 4th grade social** - HS board

**6/3 Fun day** - Mary Fitzgerald lead

**Hungry Harvest:** Mary Fitzgerald

**Dining Out Fundraising:** Rhiannon Serpico – confirmed- Chick-Fila Thursday, Dec 2 and Panera – Monday Feb 14 are scheduled. Stay Tunned for the flyer!

**Smencils:** Agata Dajewski, Kelleigh Parker

**Spirit Wear:** Agata Dajewski- Get your spiritwear for the spirit days coming up with

**Sweet Treats:** February, Date TBD — Mary Fitzgerald

**Hershey park day or Phillies game day –**

**Outdoor Sign-** Kate Boyle will update the outdoor sign. Please take a look when you drive by!

**Old Business:**

**Yearbooks** – Lead is Kate Jarowski – transition meeting with old yearbook chair from last year to new yearbook lead will happen in October. Will look into distributing last years yearbooks to people whom it is due.

**No effort fundraising** – Stephanie O’Brien is the Lead- Kate Boyle is the committee co-chair to assist.

**New Business**

**Field trips-** H&S typically covers the transportation costs (March, April, May are typical for spring field trips).

**New Fundraising Option-** “Bingo Bag Night” virtually. For the month of \_\_\_\_, you buy your ticket, and you get your name on the virtual wheel of fortune. Each week you get a bag and someone wins. Thoughts for to add in on the calendar for the year. Possibly

**Box Tops-** Lead is Gina Stover- Coming back to woodland. Stay tuned for more information.

**Upcoming Home & School Meeting 2021-22 :**

**All meetings are [Zoom links](#) and at 7:00 pm.**

Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1