

Worcester Elementary - Home & School Association

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

7:15pm

I. Welcome and Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Approval Erin Wiggle, and Bethany Coughlin

II. Principal's Report

Thanks for support during March Madness spirit days. Next week is Ag Lab and Art Goes to School. The winning art piece is framed and will hang in the school.

Talent Show next Friday. Severe Weather Drill coming this month also.

PSSA coming up in 2 months for 3rd and 4th graders.

III. President's Report

a. Mini-grants

Board met and approvals will be sent to Mrs Amici. Mostly all approvals and one modification.

b. Plant Sale

Floral and Hardy on-line sale and delivery in May (flowers, vegetables, etc)

IV. Vice President's Report

a. Security Reminder

When using the school building do not prop open doors, events being held will need to designate a door person per district guidance

b. Wolfie guidance for events

Send requests to Principal Amici and Erin Hillyard for use at events.

V. Treasurer's Report

Approximately \$47,750 in our account with more to be paid out in the next few months

VI. Teacher's Report/Guest Speaker

Stephanie Ryan thanks the board for mini-grants and everything they do

VII. Standing Committee Reports

a. Family Game Night (Natalie Hutnick)

Donations going well, focusing on local businesses.

GiveButter will be used for tickets, space reserved at Methacton High School

b. Yearbook (Ann Campbell)

Available for purchase via Give Butter

c. Tile Night (Julie Stephens)

Flyer to go out next week, event should take place the same evening as Art Night

d. Mini-Golf Outing (Rochelle Alcalá)

May 4 Give Butter is currently live, hot dogs and ice cream included with tickets

Different levels for sponsorship and tickets

- e. Talent Show (Kathleen Place)
 - 21 Acts signed up, practice is planned
 - Volunteer Clearances will be checked by Mrs Sapp
 - Book Fair will be happening at the same time to encourage participation
- f. Grade level events
 - Any funds collected from families for grade level events that are unused, it is recommended to spend what each grade brings in. However teacher gifts are an option. The H&S Board will discuss what should happen with extra funds.

Kindergarten Mad Scientist Slime Night
First Grade Movie Night (Showing: Super Buddies)
Second Grade Tropical Dance
Third Grade Movie Night (Showing: TBD)
Fourth Grade (TBD)

VIII. Corresponding and/or Recording Secretary Comments to Organization

Communication specific grade level events can be used via School Messenger or Konstella

- IX. District Report - Happenings around the District - Methacton Schools, District Council, School Board or Special Committees a.**
SEA: Julie Stephens/Erin Wiggle

(See future page for meeting talking points)

Minutes and events can also be found at <https://www.methacton.org/Page/317>

- b. MCC
No updates
- c. School Board: Next work session 3/19; Next regular board meeting 3/26 @ 7:00 pm. Both meetings will be in the Arcola Auditorium.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business and/or Listening Post (general comments and/or concerns part from the agenda items)

Natalie Hutnick mentions possible group night out at Spring Mountain for season 24-25

CPR Class is available March 20, April 22, May 21 and signups are open. Bethany Coughlin to update the flyer and send it to Rosie to be distributed to MCC and other Home and School 's within the district.

XII. Adjournment

Nikki Ferraro motions to end, Erin Hillyard seconded

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 8th: Early Dismissal 1pm	<i>March 27th-April 2nd - No School - Spring Break</i>
Friday, March 15th: Talent Show	April 9th - H&S Meeting
Sunday, March 17th: Methacton Education Foundation Dodgeball Tournament	April 12th - Family Game Night (MHS)

April 23rd - No School

April 26th - Tile Night

April 24-30 - PSSA Testing

SEA MARCH TALKING POINTS

1. Methacton parents & caregivers, educators and staff were invited to provide feedback in an interactive preliminary review of the district's Special Education Comprehensive Plan last month. This event was facilitated by our Director of Pupil Services, Dr. Gravinese and the Supervisors of Special Education at all district levels. While there is much more to the plan than was able to be discussed at this two-hour session, participants were able to provide feedback on the topics of Post-Secondary Transition, Improving Participation Rates on State Assessments and Educational Environments. The timeline for presenting and submitting the final plan is as follows:
3/5/24 Draft Presentation to Education Committee
3/19/24 Advisement to the Board of School Directors
3/20/24 Presentation to the Special Education Alliance (H&S Meeting) 3/21/24 Plan to sit publicly for 28 days on Methacton's website
4/23/24 Present to School Board for Approval and signing affidavit 5/1/24 Submit to State
2. Our PA Inclusion Collective series with Dr. Erik Carter during the month of February was informative and impactful! Dr. Carter spoke on the relationship between Inclusion and Belonging, and how everyone in the school community plays a role in both. Erik reiterated that inclusion demands the best of our creativity and commitment, that rigor & relationships are a double pursuit rather than an "either/or" relationship, and he gave us a formula for friendship. The recordings and handouts from his presentations are available here:
Link to all videos: From Barriers to Belonging: The Power of Peers in Inclusive Schools presented by Dr. Erik Carter
Link to resources (including Slides): Dr. Erik Carter Resources
3. Please join us on March 22nd at Giuseppe's Pizza for a parent social event. Come find out what the SEA is all about, escape for a couple of hours, and talk to people who "get it". See our flyer for more details.
4. Thank you for coming out for our Community Care Event at Chick Fil-A last month! We earned \$163.74. Our Collegeville Bakery Pizza Kit sale was a success as well. We'll have updated numbers for you shortly.
5. We are truly touched by and grateful for the support the Methacton Community has been showing the SEA as a brand new, district-wide Home & School this year. Our

fundraisers help us bring educational presentations and workshops to our district, and to support events that help connect families and caregivers.

6. Congratulations to the Unified Bocce Team on a great season! Unified Track & Field begins March 4th.

7. Check out SEAofMCC on Facebook to find out more about the following:

a. Gov. Shapiro's Proclamation of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

b. CLASS's (Community Living & Support Services) Transition Education Project, a series of webinars running until April.

c. PaTTAN, Novak Education and the TIES Center's virtual series Connecting and Learning For Equity and Opportunity, running through May.

d. Integrate for Good's Leadership Incubator at Ursinus College, a project designed to empower neurodiverse young adults by providing a supportive platform for personal & leadership development.

e. PEAC's Free Virtual IEP Clinic March 16th.

f. World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st! Rock your socks!

g. MMTA's Teen Social Coaching Summer Groups for Middle & High Schoolers to age 22.

h. PaTTAN's Student-Led IEP Resource Hub

8. Don't forget to purchase your undated general admission 6-pack of Reading Phils tickets via the link or QR code on our attached flyer. Reading Phils tickets make great gifts for all ages and occasions!

9. The next SEA H&S meeting will be March 20 at 7:00 in the MHS Library. Dr.

Gravinese will be presenting the proposed Special Education Comprehensive Plan with us there.