**Arcola Monthly Home and School Meeting**

**12/5/24 held via Zoom**

**7PM**

**Attendees**: *Larcena Johnson, Lauren Pires, John Ewerth, Gina Stover, Kelleigh Parker, Sammy Johnson, Andrea Bzuby and Julie McKinney*

Meeting opened at 7:05PM By Larcena Johnson

**1). Principal’s Report** (provided by Mr. Ewerth)

* Winter sports and spring musical are all in motion
* Winter concert is scheduled for December 9th at 7PM
* Selling of candy canes to benefit cancer charity
* Class Congress is participating in Adopt a Family for Holidays
* No Frills Fundraiser has been published in newsletter has raised about $300 so far
* Open to discussion of additional fundraising after the New Year

**2). President’s Report** (provided by Larcena)

* Post Prom Theme is 90s Girl Bands-still need additional volunteers. Will send out our donation now.
* Winter Dance is tomorrow-need permission slips signed by parents for students who didn’t pre-register. Students also will not be permitted to bring cell phones into the bathroom.

**3). Secretary’s Report** (Theresa & Kelleigh)

* Approval of November Minutes.
* Theresa asked about credentials to post Meeting Minutes on website. Gina suggested reaching out to contact the district as Sophia has not responded to Larcena’s request.

**4). Treasurer’s Report** (Gina)

* Some funds left over from Red Ribbon Week
* Student of the Month receiving free snack coupon
* Paid for: Toys for Tots donation, will send out donation to Post Prom
* Discussion about how much to donate to SEA- has been approved for $290 but will wait until after dance to determine final amount

**4). SEA Update** (No one in attendance notes are included below)

1. SEA's Year in Review 2023-2024 is hot off the press and available for your review,

showcasing the excitement and accomplishments of our events, initiatives, and

milestones from the past year.

2. Our SEA Home & School meeting was held on November 20th at 7:00 PM in the

MHS Library. Dr. Dani Fowlston provided an update on supports, services, and staffing

at Arcola and Skyview. Meeting minutes will be posted soon.

3. Our presentation, Supporting Neurodivergent Students on Their Journey to College

Success, by Dr. Stephen Stunder, Chestnut Hill College, Executive Director of the

Life Skills through Career Program and Director of Neurodiversity Initiatives, was held on

November 21st at 7:00 PM. The recording and presentation slides will be available soon

to all registrants.

4. Mark your calendar for our next presentation on Social Media Safety, presented by

Sgt. Mark Stead and Nicole Urbanski, Social Services Liaison for the Lower

Providence Township Police Department, on January 16th, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

5. Stay tuned for the Unified Sports Bocce team’s competition schedule, coming soon!

Their season began on November 18th. Make time to cheer them on at their home

games!

6. Support the Variety Holiday Lane event from December 5th to 7th! Join the SEA

Home & School meet-up for a walk-through tour on Saturday, December 7th, from 6:00

to 8:00 PM.

7. Join us for a Kendra Scott Gives Back Event at the King of Prussia Mall on December

15th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, to support the Methacton Special Education Alliance.

Twenty percent of proceeds will benefit the Methacton SEA! Unable to attend in person?

Use the provided online code at kendrascott.com to show your support! The code,

GIVEBACK-IBMAZ, will be active from December 13th to 15th.

8. Visit SEAofMCC on Facebook to learn more about the following updates:

● New U.S. Department of Education Guidance has been released on using

Functional Behavioral Assessments (FBAs) to create supportive learning

environments. This guidance helps schools and early childhood programs better

address students' behavioral needs with evidence-based practices, supporting

both students with and without disabilities, and aims to reduce exclusionary

discipline. Webinar: Join a webinar to learn more on December 3rd, 2024, at

1:00 PM (ET).

● Explore the TIES Center Universal Design for Learning Modules to learn

about this framework and how it supports educators in creating inclusive learning

experiences for all students.

● Right to Education - Montgomery County Local Task Force 23: Register for

the event on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. Dr.

Carole Clancy, Ed.D., Director of the PDE Bureau of Special Education, will join

to discuss educational service needs identified by the local task force and to hear

perspectives on system strengths and challenges. REGISTRATION LINK -

LOCAL TASK FORCE 23 for 12/10/24

For any questions or concerns, please contact us at SEAMethacton@gmail.com.

**5).Closing**- Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM by Larcena. Next meeting will be held on Zoom on February 6th at 7PM.