**1-11-24 MHS Home and School Meeting Minutes**

**Time-7pm Location- MHS Library**

**Attendance-** Sophia Pham, Lori McTamney, Susan Demedio, Reba Mann, Katie Shireman, Sandy Katz, Michelle Jackson-Greenwalt, Dr. Deb Euker, and Deanna Roeger

**MHS Staff Reports:**

Principal- Dr. Deb Euker said she’s had a good first week and that she has gotten to know a lot of the staff. She plans to use the school messenger next Monday, Wednesday, and Friday regarding information on parking for mid-terms. She will also send an update in her Thursday newsletter. She is also observing the current car line in the attempt to see if any reconfiguration or changes could be done to make it more efficient. D.r Euker also going to be presenting the Methacton Spirit Award the upcoming board meeting on January 23rd at 7pm. She is encouraging people to come out to show their school spirit for this recipient. The award will be presented in the beginning of the board meeting so if those attending need to leave they can be dismissed right after its given. Dr. Euker also was asking if anyone had a good anti-bullying speaker who could come to speak at the high School. Ed Garrity was mentioned. If anyone else comes to mind she would like the information as she has funds dedicated to that which she needs to use.

**Teachers-** No report

**Counselor**- William Peck

  FAFSA Completion Night 1/23.

o   Due to the issues of the changes in the FAFSA, the federal government has not completed their “soft roll-out”.

o   Cindy Whitley of MCCC’s Financial Aid Office, who was going to be on hand to assist families shared yesterday that she wants to move the meeting to February in hopes of the soft roll-out being completed. She shared that she is not comfortable at this point with the current status and is recommending the same to other host high schools across the region.

o   When the date is identified, we will share with you.

·       SAT Test Prep

o   On Saturday, 2/10 from 9-11:00 AM, the Counseling Office will host Dan Weisner who will be providing FREE Sat test prep to current 10th and 11th grade students. This information was posted last month to the Google Classrooms of the classes of 2025 and 2026. Students interested should email Dan at [Dan@Danthetutor.com](mailto:Dan@Danthetutor.com)

·       Scheduling

o   8th grade parent night 1/17/24 from 6:00 to 8:00

§  Program starts in the auditorium with a general information overview of the scheduling process and key items

§  Parents then proceed to the cafeteria to meet with Dept Coordinators to ask specific questions of classes and programs

o   Counselors scheduling with the 8th grade

§  1/24 - counselors to Arcola to meet with 8th grade teams to distribute the blue course cards as well as discuss the scheduling process and important dates and items pertinent to the process

§  2/12 – counselors to Arcola to meet with students during their science classes to answer questions as well as insure blue cards are completed accurately and thoroughly

§  3/5 – counselors to Arcola and meet with students to schedule their course requests for the 24-25 school year.

o   Counselors scheduling High School Students – Counselors will meet with their respective students one to one:

§  11th Grade – 2/21 to 2/28

§  10th Grade – 2/29 to 3/7

§  9th Grade – 3/11 to 3/18

·       **Parachial Visit** – Wednesday 1/31 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM

o   The High School will host families of parochial students to share comprehensive information of the high school including classes, activities, athletics and overall student life.

* Alternate date if weather dictates is 2/1/24 8:00 to 10:00 AM

**President**- Susan Demedio made a motion to increase the $6 per sandwich to $7 due to the increased cost of food for Tosco’s. We will be using Tosco’s for the teacher appreciation luncheon. Deanna approved the motion and Michelle seconded it. All were in favor as we had the funds and Tosco’s has always been so generous that everyone wanted to show support for them as well.

**Vice President-** Katie Shireman shared the history of the scholarship fund we inherited and that we will have 8 opportunities for senior students to apply for the Leadership Scholarship and earn $1000 if selected. She also encouraged that the staff apply for the mini grants as there will be $2000 available to give out and they will be due by March 1st.

**Treasurer-** Sophia Pham shared that we have $9302.74 of general funds available with $4886 budgeted for expenses. After expenses we would still have $2416.74 (if all $2000 in mini grants spoken for). She said we should look into where we can use these additional funds. Once we see where we end up with the mini grants the board will decide where to spend the money.

**Secretary-**Deanna plans to reach out to William Peck in regards to the information needed for the Most Improved Scholarships.

**District Reports:**

**Special Education Alliance Home and School**- Reba Mann

1. We’d like to wish Dr. Gravinese a warm welcome to her new position as Director of Pupil Services (and SEA H&S’s new administrator) in Methacton School District.

2. We’re looking forward to our first public presentation of 2024 entitled “Unlocking the Door To Success After High School: IEP Transition Grids Explained” on January 18th. This will be presented by Kris Koberlein from the Office of Student Services at the MCIU. Kris has presented for the SEA several times over the years, and also works with Methacton faculty and staff regarding post-secondary transition. Please see the attached flyer for details and registration.

3. We will be holding our monthly H&S meeting January 24 in the High School Library. We’re excited to welcome Mrs. Corina Todd, our Supervisor of Special Education at the High School, to present on Inclusive Practices at the high school level.

4. The PA Inclusion Collective has adjusted our dates for the series with Erik Carter and the PEAL Center. The dates are now all Tuesdays, 2/5, 2/13 & 2/20. The title of this series will be “From Barriers to Belonging: The Power of Peers in Inclusive Schools”. Each date will cover a different topic, including Community, Peer Support & Peer Networks. All sessions will be from 6-8pm EST. The event flyer with details and registration is attached.

5. Thanks for coming out and logging on for our Kendra Scott fundraiser last month! We raised $789.40 toward our mission! Thank you to Kendra Scott for hosting us.

6. Batter Up! The SEA Reading Phils fundraiser is in full swing! Purchase your undated general admission 6-pack of tickets via the link or QR code on our attached flyer. Reading Phils tickets make great gifts for all ages!

7. The Special Education Alliance Home & School needs a Post Prom Committee! All parents and guardians of students attending Methacton School District are part of our SEA Home & School community. Please consider joining us in our first year as Home & School contributors to this special event. Email SEAMethacton@gmail.com to let us know you’re interested.

8. Don’t forget to check out SEAofMCC on Facebook to find announcements and flyers about upcoming community events and programs! Some current highlights are ESY job opportunities for teachers at Variety Club, the College Bound Retreat for individuals with ASD, and an ABC News article & video about Perkiomen Valley Brewery, where part of their mission is to “promote accessibility… within the community.”

Post Prom- Katie Shireman brought up the need for more volunteers to help run post prom. There is an upcoming Adult Prom fundraiser on February 3rd at 8pm at the Eagleville Taphouse. Guests can come dressed with what makes them comfortable but prom dresses (from your prom era) are highly welcomed and encouraged.

School Board- No Report

MCC- Katie Shireman said that every bank account will have three signers.

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