**MHS Home and School Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1/12/23 MHS Rm C149 9:15am**

**Attendees:** Dr. Gravinese, Cindy Hartson, Gabby Winters, Susan Demedio, Sophie Pham, Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt, Sandy Katz, Deanna Roeger, Julia Nakhleh

**MHS Staff Reports:**

**Principal Dr. Gravinese-** Course Selection begins and will be as follows:

* January 2023 - Program Planning Guide Published and Live on MHS Website:
* January 27 - Parent email on 1/27 to inform of the scheduling process
* Jan 30 – Feb 3 - Counselors Speak to current MHS Students in Social Studies Classes grades 9, 10, 11
* February 6-10 - Course Recommendation Process by Teachers- completed by teachers after grades are posted on 1/31. Parents should log on to PS to check these recommendations.
* February 13-March 8 - Counselors meet with students 1:1 to do course selection. Parent verification form will be online. (Check Smartpass for appointment!) Students will be directed to contact parent before leaving meeting to inform parent selections are live in PS. Online parent verification form available for parents to review course requests and e-sign .
* Feb 13-21: Counselors meet w/ 11th graders to pick classes for 12th grade
* Feb 22-28: Counselors meet w/ 10th graders to pick classes for 11th grade
* March 1: Counselors meet w/ 8th graders to pick classes for 9th grade
* March 2-March 8: Counselors meet with 9th grades to pick classes for 10th grade

PARENTAL DUE DATES:

* February 24 - 11th grade course selection parent verification forms due (picking classes for senior year).
* March 2 - 10th grade course selection parent verification forms due. (Picking courses for junior year).
* March 13 - 9th grade course selection parent verification forms due (picking classes for sophomore year).
* March 6-March 17 - Any parental questions after verification; Final call for last minute changes and missing verification forms for all grades.
* March 24 - Final date for course request changes by students/parents.
* April 28 - Due date for waivers.
* End of MP 3 & 4 - Teachers confirm recommendation eligibility.

Midterms are in two weeks! During midterms, students take summative assessments to demonstrate their knowledge and retention of information from the beginning of the year to date. The exam sessions are 90 minutes. Teachers will be in touch with your students regarding their specific class requirements and schedule. Please review your child's specific schedule so you are aware what time they will be coming home each day.

Our schedule is as follows:

* **Wednesday, Jan 18: Regular School Day** but students with an elective that meets ACE/BDF will begin part one of their exam for that elective, in class, during their regularly scheduled period (45 minutes).
* **Thursday, Jan 19:**Regular School Day but students with an elective that meets ACE/BDF will begin part one of their exam for that elective, in class, during their regularly scheduled period (45 minutes).
* **Friday, Jan 20:**Regular School Day but students with an elective that meets ACE/BDF will begin part two of their exam for that elective, in class, during their regularly scheduled period (45 minutes).
* **Monday, Jan 23:**Regular School Day but students with an elective that meets ACE/BDF will begin part two of their exam for that elective, in class, during their regularly scheduled period (45 minutes).

**EXAM WEEK: (Please note- if your child does not have an exam, you do NOT have to call them out of school. Students are expected to be in their exam sessions during the schedule below. Attendance will be taken in the exam sessions.)**

Students must be aware of their exam schedule. It is also detailed on The Happenings.

May 25th is the senior breakfast with plans to go on a local trip (possibly a park) with yearbooks.

Awards night is May 24th and the graduation parade is June 8th. Late AP Tests can be ordered Jan. 30- Feb 4th with a late fee in addition to cost of the test.

Senior banquet is Feb 16th at Normandy Farms and tickets are on sale in the cafeteria. Feb. 3rd is the semi formal at MHS for 9th and 10th graders and tickets are being sold at lunch as well.

Had Ed Gerrity come speak to 9th and 10th graders on being a kind and good person and had a positive impact on the students. Looking into the possibility of combining funds to have him back to speak at another venue to reach a wider audience.

Mark Stead from LP Police station and Paul Bradberry from Montgomery County’s DEA office came to speak about most recent developments on emojis used to solicit drugs and the target being kids. Drugs are being sold as edible candies that look like regular packaged ones. Some examples are Skittles (Medicated Tropical ones), Rope A Dope (Nerds looking rope packaging), and Stoner Patch Kids. Looking for ways to spread awareness to local community to be vigilant for these items to keep out of the hands of teens/children (those looking for them or accidentally eating them due to looking like the regular candies due to how they are wrapped and worded on labels).

Teachers looking forward to the upcoming Luncheon on the 25th.

**Teachers-** No Report

**Counseling**

**Cindy Hartson-** PSAT Results Review in junior and sophomore classes.

Score report was reviewed – scores, test questions, areas of strengths and where to improve, Khan Academy, college and career search

Junior – post-secondary planning kick off

Discuss what they can be doing for work, military, and college planning

Upcoming scheduling

2/6 – 2/10 Teacher recs

2/13 – 3/3 One to one meetings

**H&S Reports:**

**Presidents Gabby Winters and Susan DeMedio-** Gabby brought up officers for next year as she will no longer be serving on the board. Susan, Sophia, Deanna, and Katie will be coming back as it will be their second year in their positions. Discussed the need to address the outstanding Student Loan Funds as letters are constantly mailed with no responses and payment is well beyond past due. Gabby wanted to look into the possible use of a collection agency. The board will discuss this more at the next upcoming mtg.

Susan Demedio organized sandwiches with Toscos for the upcoming luncheon on the 25th. Chicken parm, meatball subs, and veggie subs are on the menu with a sign up genius request being sent out soon for snacks, drinks, and desserts from MHS Families. Toscos agreed to do 200 smaller 8 inch subs for the $1000 budgeted.

**Vice President Katie Shireman-** Sent the update from the MCC Meeting as follows:

MCC Meeting Update from Tuesday, January 10:

1.  Art goes to school presented their programming

2.  MEF presented about what they do and dodgeball coming March 26

3. By laws review - headed to MSD lawyer - to be voted on in March. New MCC/SEA by law proposal will be voted on as well.

4.  School board presentations 3 things due by January 15. Send the name of who is speaking to Gina with that by the 15th

5.  Open school positions announced at Feb meeting. Announce at March. Vote in April. MCC is the month behind

6.  Shout out to M award winners Jen Z and Julie Stephens

7.  Audit:  no audit. 6-1

8.  Treasurer’s report:  may bring back MCC dues. Review carryover. Quarterly reports are due 01-15-2023

9.  Konstella vote:  not all or nothing. Each school is on their own

10.  Post meeting minutes to school website and be up to date

11.  SEA: 01-19 meeting with Dr. Angstat and DEI and will answer questions with a panel of BCBA’s to guide and give strategies on behavior; Kendra Scott fundraiser went well waiting on amount raised;  reading Phillies fundraiser 6 tickets for $42

12.  School board:  new board member, redoing planetarium, unified bocce, new MEA and MESPA contracts voted on, new volunteer policy

13.  Dr Zerbe: bid for food services now

14.  Tuesday March 14 next meeting. Voting meeting

**Treasurer Sophia Pham-** There were no account activities in December other than a $85 expenditure on Winning Warrior coupons.  Current available funds in bank account: $8,692.89.  Total no frills donation received:  $8460.35.  Total budgeted expenses 2022/23: $8560.  Remaining balance of budgeted expenses:  $6412.57.  Suggestion:  increase spending (ideas:  add two more H&S awards?  fund speakers?) while maintaining a healthy reserve in account.  Current balance in Scholarship Fund Account(Methacton Educational Loan Fund)- $79428.53.

May have $250 for MCC Dues and we could up H and S award to $1000. Possibly use funds to help get speaker Ed Gerrity for another venue. Sophia also asked about the outstanding mini grants and other expenditures as she has not received any receipts and hasn’t received confirmation if still needed. She requested aid in follow up to getting responses as we can start using money for other things needed if they decided not to use it. She also wanted to ensure they weren’t being double ordered and how they had went about purchasing their need. Dr. Gravinese and Gabby are following up on that.

**Secretary Deanna Roeger/Jessica Fox-**Nothing to report

**District Reports:**

**SEA Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt**

1. Mark your calendars for the first meeting of 2023 year of the Special Education Alliance on **January 19, 2023** featuring a brief update on the district's inclusion efforts and the work of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) office from Dr. Susan Angstadt and Alexis Washington! Additionally, Dr. Angstadt is organizing a panel of District Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) to address parent questions for support on challenging behaviors at school and at home.

2. **Kendra Scott Fundraiser -**A big **Thank You** to all those who came out and supported the holiday fundraiser either through the in-store shop or the online weekend event! By all accounts, it was a successful fundraiser! We are anxiously awaiting to hear how many dollars we raised for the SEA!

3. The SEA is teaming up with the Methacton Home & Schools for a Reading Fightin Phillies Fundraiser - Batter Up! We have kicked off another great for gifts fundraiser with the Reading Phillies. You can purchase 6 undated general admission tickets for only $42 for an outing with your school friends, Birthdays, Father's Day or Mother's Day, and family reunions at the ballpark. Tickets can be used **on any date** during the 2023 season. We are excited about the partnership with the Home & Schools to promote the fundraiser.  The funds raised will be used to bring informative presentations to our district and to support events that help connect families and caregivers!

Please share pdf and jpg of flyer widely! Purchase your tickets at this link and be sure to select the Methacton Special Education Alliance fundraiser:  <https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/team.asp?SponsorID=16413&promocode=FUNDRAISER&fbclid=IwAR2tzJrSlfgantAiswIjKWu9w8YRr2lKugqx4dn-wu_p50ryr41zXpadP2E>

4. The Methacton School Board approved for the first time a Unified Bocce Team! We are excited to share that the Methacton Bocce team has had it's first two matches including hosting the second match this week. The Methacton Unified Bocce team won both matches versus Upper Merion and Springfield Township! Go Warriors!

**5. The SEA 2023 Presentation Dates! Mark your calendars!**

Details on topics will follow. **(Thursdays, Dates subject to change depending on availability of presenters and District events)**

-        January 19, 2023

-        February 16, 2023

-        March 16, 2023

-        April 20, 2023

-        May 18, 2023

 5.    Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC> or contact us at [seamethacton@gmai](mailto:seamethacton@gmail.com)[l.com](http://l.com/)

**Dates to Remember:**

**January**

16- No School (Holiday)

23-27 Mid-terms

25- Staff Appreciation Luncheon

27- 2nd Marking Period Ends

**February**

9- Home and School Mtg- 7pm

16- Senior Banquet Normandy Farms 6:30 pm

17- No School (In-Service)

20- No School (Holiday)

23-25- Spring Musical