**MHS Home and School Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Feb. 23, 2023 7pm MHS Library**

**Attendance-** Jamie Gravinese, Cindy Hartson, Gabby Winters, Susan DeMedio, Katie Shireman, Sophia Pham, Deanna Roeger, Reba Mann, and Michelle Petko

**MHS Staff Reports**

**Principal-** Jamie Gravinese informed board that Lisa Chambers will be doing upcoming assemblies in March and has been working alongside Mark Stead. She had lost her son to an overdose. Mark has about $1,000 to be spent in April. Gabby recommended that she would be a good speaker for post prom. In the fall the district hopes to have Ed Garrity as the speaker for a community event. Unknown now if funds needed but we may need to carry funds over to help support the cost of this speaker. We will need to find a new teacher liaison for next year.

The senior banquet was held last week but all attending left before it officially ended, and this was the first year that was recognized. There had been positive feedback from students about the night.

Social emotional learning day was successful with 60 kids in attendance and 10 staff. Team building exercises were followed by discussions on actions to improve the High School. Suggested areas of improvement were school spirit and diversity training for the staff.

For upcoming religious observances, a designated area was proactively created in the library giving those in need a location to go to.

Dylen Wen was recently selected as the Chorus Accompanist for the 2023 All-State Chorus Ensemble. Only two students in the state were selected for this honor.

Graduation Information will be released on March 1st. There will be a link in High School Happenings. Six tickets available for purchase per family.

Yearbooks still on sale through the end of March.

Voice of the Class due by April 14th. This is a speaking opportunity for graduation and all students can apply.

Graduation date is set for June 13th at 4pm at MHS.

Prom is Friday April 28th and tickets go on sale March 20-24. The cost is $90. March 27-April 7th cost goes up to $100.

Mr. Methacton is next Friday the 3rd as well as “stall day”. “Stall Day” is where students bring in change/coins to give to their teachers to count to stall their lessons/teaching during that time and all funds from this day go in support of mini-thon.

**Teachers-** No report.

**Counseling-**  Cindy Hartson reported that one to one scheduling is underway. Counselors are meeting with all of our underclassmen to discuss course selection and elective options. If a student is recommended for a course and they do not want that course, the parent is supposed to email the teacher, requesting the change. The teacher will then make the change in the recommendation and then contact the school counselor to make the change in the request area.

The First Annual Scholarship Days were held on February 8 and 9 – two counselors were in each lunch directing students to the scholarship table. The table was filled with over a dozen application/links for the students to complete for a variety of opportunities. Information was posted on the Google classroom for ’23 and the scholarship bulletin board outside the counseling office. Deadlines vary by award, most being in March. These are local scholarships with 90% of them specific for Methacton students.

Methacton Awards Night – May 24, 2023. This is an invitation only event. I will need three parents to help with the most improved student award. Parents will be given a number of nameless transcripts with a list of activities to review grades/accomplishments over the last three plus years. Parents will give me their top eight choices and two alternates. I will tally the results and come up with the recipients to be recognized that night. I will get the information to people by the end of March. Three individuals volunteered to help.

March Madness – tentative times after school for students to come in and work on the college search and applications after school. This is not to replace meetings with their school counselor, but can supplement the time.

**Home and School Reports**

**President(s)-** Susan Demedio said the luncheon for MHS Staff went well and that she is an expert at fitting a world record of hoagies into her vehicle for transport. Sophia Pham brought all remaining food to the Norristown Hospitality Center and it was a well-received donation for those in need. Jamie said the staff enjoyed all eating together. We will poll them to see if they want to use an in-service day to do the soup luncheon next year together or keep it during exams.

**Vice President-** Katie Shireman sent out the mini grants and they should be in for March’s meeting.

**Treasurer-** Sophia Pham said $1300 was spent from the budget this month, with $1000 of it being spent on the luncheon. H&S on track with our budget expenses. Spring mini-grants, H&S Awards, and graduation activities remain on the budget.

**Secretary-** No Report.

**District Reports**

**SEA-** Reba Mann reported the following:
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2/1/23  -  Including Samuel Virtual Film Screening and Self Advocate Panel Discussion

2/8/23  -  Disabling Segregation and My Disability Roadmap for an Inclusive Life

2/15/23 - Starting Early Creating a Roadmap for Inclusive IEP’s and Transition Plans

2/22/23 - Action Effective Practices in Transition to Adulthood

This is a very informative series for parents with IEPs and preparing as early as elementary school for life after high school.  If you can't make it live, no worries as the sessions will be recorded, but you have to be registered to get access. <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FRZYi2AKRky7SpL1M8Hs_g?fbclid=IwAR1TKN3wR-F62TBm-Oj8yc2ljxQOZpayMb5FVMPhGOqAUOSU393Zw2lG5go>

***2. 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!

Check out our new Valentine Day's themed flyer! Please share the pdf and jpg of the flyer widely! Purchase your tickets at this link and be sure to select the Methacton Special Education Alliance fundraiser **(be sure to select Methacton Special Education Alliance):**  <https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/team.asp?SponsorID=16413&promocode=FUNDRAISER&fbclid=IwAR2tzJrSlfgantAiswIjKWu9w8YRr2lKugqx4dn-wu_p50ryr41zXpadP2>

***3. SEA Pizza Kit Fundraiser with the Collegeville Italian Bakery on Thursday, March 16!  Make your own pizza for St. Patty's Day!***

***4. The Unified Bocce team updates***!  *The “Mad Dogs” bocce team finished the season 7-2, and in 3rd place out of 21 teams at the Montgomery County Championships in Pottsgrove on Tuesday, February 21st! The “Easy Money” team also had a great first season at 5-2!  Go Warriors!  Thank you to all the families, students, and school administration for all the support this 1st season!  It was very fun and exciting for the Methacton Bocce team!*

**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 Methacton District events)**

**-        March 16, 2023**

**-        April 20, 2023**

**-        May 18, 2023**

**6.**  **Follow us on Facebook at**[**https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC**](https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC)**or contact us at****seamethacton@gmai**[**l.com**](http://l.com/)

**Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns!**

**Post Prom-** Gabby mentioned that all volunteers need their clearances uploaded to be able to help and hope this doesn’t cause any unforeseen shortages of help this year.

**School Board-** See District Website.

**Dates To Remember**

**March**

3- “Mr. Methacton” competition 7:00pm

9- Home and School mtg- 9:15am

11-SAT

16- Mini-Thon

17-No school \*Possible Make-Up Day