**MHS Home & School Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 8, 2022, 7:00pm MHS Library**

**Attending:** Sophia Pham, Michelle Jackson-Greenwalt, Jamie Gravinese, Cindy Hartson, Laura Kemp, Michelle P., Katie Shireman, Jessica Fox, Susan DeMedio, Lori McTamney, Daniel Samael, Ramens De la Rosa, Gabby Winters

**MHS Staff Reports**

**Principal** – Jamie Gravinese

* **THANK YOU for the wonderful dessert buffet!**
* **Please hand in your forms– Powerschool > Forms, and also your emergency form (hard copy to the nurse)**
* **One more Back to School Night 9/15- Grades 11 & 12**

| Period | Time | Subject/Teacher | Room |
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| Period 1A-1C | 7:00-7:12 |  |  |
| Period 2A-2C | 7:18-7:30 |  |  |
| Period 3A-3C | 7:36-7:48 |  |  |
| Period 4XL-4A or 4A-4B | 7:54-8:06 |  |  |
| Period AL-5A or 5A-5C | 8:12-8:24 |  |  |
| Period BL-6A or 6A-6C | 8:30-8:42 |  |  |
| Period 7A-7C | 8:48-9:00 |  |  |

* **Interims-** 10/7
* **PSATs- Wednesday, 10/12/22**
  + **10th and 11th grade students** will be taking the test, having lunch and then an altered schedule.
  + **9th grade students** will attend a Futures Expo (7:35-approx 11:30), lunch, and then an altered pm schedule. Students will be completing the “Career Journey” with their teachers and complete an artifact. They are also going to do 4 artifacts after they hear the four different speakers (trades, HR, financial literacy, entrepreneurship).
  + **12th grade students** will be arranging for a college visit (virtual or in person), job shadowing for the day, or using the day to obtain community service hours. They will not report to MHS this day. They will be able to record an artifact for our 339 plan and also fulfill an obligation for Pathways to Proficiency if they are in need of community service. At the conclusion of the college visit, job shadow, or community service, students will submit an assignment associated with their activity for the day
* The fall play, **The Great Gatsby**, auditions were this week.
* **Math Help- Our virtual math tutoring is back! Starting the week of 9/12- on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 7pm-8pm, Mrs. Gallagher will be online and available to help anyone that needs assistance with math. The sign up directions are contained in the flyer attached.**
* **Yearbook “Baby Ads” Class of 2023:** 
  + This message is for all parents and guardians of members of the Class of 2023: Continuing a 32 year tradition, the staff of the Methacton High School Yearbook (*The Methactonian*), is offering parents of graduating Seniors the opportunity to purchase a “baby ad” for publication in this year’s book. Space is provided for a baby photo and a personal message of well wishes and congratulatory statements of 50 words or less. Baby ads are only offered online. This classic section is a favorite for all. Please see the attached flyer and contact Caitlin Ferenchak (cferenchak@methacton.org) or Chris Lloyd (clloyd@methacton.org) if you have any questions

**Homecoming information:**

**Spirit Days:**

* Homecoming/ Spirit Week-
  + Monday, 10/3 – Monochromatic
  + Tuesday, 10/4 – Sports Jersey
  + Wednesday, 10/5- closed
  + Thursday, 10/6 – PJ Day; Dance that evening.
  + Friday, 10/7 – Green and White
    - More info to come on this day. We will have an altered schedule.

**Dance- Wednesday Night, 10/6/22**

* Attire: Semi-formal with comfortable shoes (sneakers)
* Procedure: No bags; small purse ok
* Checked at door

**Pep Rally- 7th period on Friday, 10/7/22**

* Bus will be provided for NMTCC students to attend
* Weather dependent event

**More info to come on the Homecoming Game**

**AP Exam Ordering:**

* Methacton Advanced Placement Exams will be available to be ordered September 27, 2022 – October 14, 2022. These exams are for students who are currently enrolled in an Advanced Placement Course for the 2022-2023 school year. Exams can be ordered through an electronically with a link being placed on our Advanced Placement Website which can be found [Here](https://www.methacton.org/Page/533) (The link will be live on 9/27/22). Additionally payment can be made to Dr. Kochenour’s office in C221. Check (made out to Methacton School District) or cash is accepted. The exam fee is $98 per exam with the exception of AP Seminar & AP Research which are $146. An exam cancellation fee of $40 will be enforced this year per College Board. If you have any questions please reach out to Ms. Cormier Ccormier or Dr. Kochenour, Kkochenour@methacton.org.

**Reminders:**

* Closed 9/26, 10/5
* Inservice Day 10/10
* Last Chance for **Senior Portraits**- 9/20
* **Student IDs**  - Students need these everyday. If a student didn't have one, we are working to get them a new one next week.

## Financial Aid Assistance Webinars:

* PHEAA is hosting a series of webinars on financial aid. See below for the description of the webinars and the attached flyer for signup information.
* **Financial Aid Timeline – know what to do when** **9/13 Tuesday Noon; 9/20 Tuesday 6:30 pm; 9/22 Thursday Noon**
* Follow financial aid experts Linda Pacewicz and Dan Wray of Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) as they guide you along the exciting (and sometimes bumpy) road to an affordable higher education. The journey will begin before high school and end in the land of education loan repayment – or maybe even education loan forgiveness. One thing is for certain: it’s never too early to start preparing for a successful higher education experience. This 1 hour presentation will provide the starting points and web resources- for effective research before, during and after your student makes postsecondary decisions. Know what to expect and to plan for it is the key. Failing to plan, is planning to fail!
* **Searching for Scholarships and Affording the Balance 9/8 Thursday Noon; 9/15 Thursday 6:30pm**
* There are many ways to pay for education, and one important step is to search and apply for Scholarships. More free money equals less borrowing. This presentation will review the types of options available, along with tips on applying. It will also offer samples of fun scholarship options to get you started. We’ll then review what to do about the balances that might be left over in order to make affordable higher education decisions. Join Linda Pacewicz and Dan Wray from Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA ) for an hour of detailed information on this topic.
* [**Register at pheaa.org/virtual**](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.pheaa.org%2fvirtual%2findex.shtml&c=E,1,sebHRgtySfzivF9-Xc-SgZkFpoxQtpinqWWEkVyUO8fBt2kL2kYjyIuhes4HLgj-wLcAPHuxFXyu_KlZropYHYkLoLfqD36AbcULBlrUFRfHeIgtjTiFSQi8&typo=1)

**Teachers-** No report

**Counseling-** Cindy Hartson

* Summer work – counselors worked multiple hours on schedule adjustments over the summer months.
* Senior Classroom visits – today and tomorrow to discuss the post-secondary process regarding work, trades, military, gap year as well as college.
* Financial Aid Night – Monday, October 3 7-9 in the auditorium, registration preferred.

FAFSA completion night – November 3 5-8 p.m. Registration is required

**SAT Deadline Late (online)**

10/1/22 9/2/22 9/20/22

11/5/22 10/7/22 10/25/22

12/3/22 11/3/22 11/22/22

**ACT**

10/22/22 9/16/22 9/30/22

12/10/22 11/4/22 11/11/22

College Fairs

· ***September 21 6-8 at Spring-Ford HS***

· ***October 11, 2022 North Penn HS 6-8 p.m.***

· ***Sunday, October 30 11 am. -3 p.m. at Philadelphia Convention Ctr. 1101 Arch Street, Philadelphia***

·  [***https://student.novva.tech/bucks***](https://student.novva.tech/bucks) ***Daytime online 9/22***

***Gotocollegefairs.com - has a host of resources available about colleges, social media help with searches, and GAP Year information. These are virtual.***

Application Rescue sessions will be held after school to help students with their college applications and search. These are not meant to replace one to one counselor meetings, only to supplement.

**Wednesday, 9/14 Thursday, 9/22**

**Tuesday, 10/4 Thursday, 10/13**

**Tuesday, 10/18**

College Rep Visits – many back in person this year, students may sign up through Naviance, make a smart pass and then report to the area for the visit. 60 schools and counting have signed up so far!

PSAT will be 10/12 for sophomores and juniors. Overview and prep books will be passed out next week in English classes. Strongly encourage students to be familiar with the test prior to 10/12!

**H&S Reports:**

**Secretary** – Jessica Fox/Deanna Roeger (no report)

**Treasurer** – Sophia Pham

* Bank Account Balance as of the end of August 2022: ***$2,379.97***
* No Frills Fundraised:
  + Mail-in Checks- ***$725***
  + PayPal- ***$1,217.73***
  + Venmo- ***$2,935\****
    - ***Total Received as of 9/7/2022 = $4,877.73***
* Proposed Budget 2022/23: ***$8560***
  + Changes as Follows:
    - Expenses related to post office box rental ($146) and fundraiser mailing ($400) are removed. Mailing company went out of business and we combined the post office box with the Methacton Education Loan Program. Mailing sent home through a package from school.
    - New Item is added to the Budget, about 2% of our budget to the Special Education Alliance (SEA). This year we are giving SEA $180
    - Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast is usually $60 from each H&S but MCC received some money from AmazonSmile so each H&S only needs to contribute $50.

*Motion and Budget Approved*

*\*Venmo-*

*Rolling Limits- Limit bank transfer 1x/week, Monday to Monday*

*Transfer Limit- Personal Profile Bank Transfer Limit is $999.99/wk w/o confirming identity.*

*Identity Verification- Provide a SSN or Individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN)*

**Vice President** – Katie Shireman (no report)

**Presidents** – Gabby Winters/Susan DeMedio

* Dessert Buffet was a huge success
* Sign up for Warrior News, to receive Broadcast Script and to keep informed

**District Reports:**

**SEA** – Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt (Revised)

Warm welcome to all our students and staff and wish for a great 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to attend the Back to School Nights in person again this year.

* **THURSDAY, October 20, 2022** - 7:30 p.m. A Virtual Back to School Night for Special Education – presented by Dr. Susan Angstadt, Dr. Amy Mangano, Dr. Danielle Fowlston and Dr. Erika Thomas
  + We are calling on parents/caregivers of:
    - Incoming Kindergarten students with IEPs
    - New or current students with an IEP, GIEP or a 504 moving up to a new Methacton building
    - Transition to a new building

**Example:** When an elementary school student moves up to Skyview and needs to meet the new Special Education Supervisor

* Come meet our Special Education Team! Dr. Susan Angstadt, Director of Pupil Services, and her team will provide an overview of the special education structure, the roles and responsibilities of the Special Education Supervisors, school psychologists, case managers, and IEP teams. The team will be available to answer general questions from parents regarding IEPs, GIEP’s and 504’s, school-based therapy including speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, behavior and emotional support, and so much more.
* Mark your calendars for SEA’s workshops this year. We plan to have a variety of engaging topics. Future details coming soon. **(Thursdays, also subject to change depending on availability of presenters and MSD events)**

October 20, 2022 – *Back to School Night with Special Education*

November 17, 2022

January 19, 2023

February 16, 2023

March 16, 2023

April 20, 2023

May 18, 2023

We are excited to continue to provide programming that will help *ALL* our students succeed! Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC> or contact us at seamethacton@gmai[l.com](http://l.com/)

**School Board**- No Report

**Post Prom**- Gabby Winters

* Attend the upcoming Golf Outing to help support Post Prom, more detail to follow
* We are in need of Volunteers to make this event a success, it takes about 400 volunteers to run this from start to finish
* First Meeting is 10/11, Post Prom 101
  + Come out and learn what it is all about, 25 committees, $50k Budget, Theme, and so much more!

**MCC Report**: Sophia Pham and Katie Shireman will be attending the upcoming meeting, Sept 13th at Arrowhead Elementary

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

**September**

15 – 11th & 12th Grades Back to School Night 7:00pm

20,21,22 – Class of 2023 Senior Portraits

26 – No School (Holiday)

**October**

1 – SAT

3 – Financial Aid Night 7:00pm

6 – Homecoming Dance

7 – Homecoming Game 7:00pm

12 – 10th & 11th Grade PSATs

**13 – H&S Meeting - 9:15am\***

13 – NHS Inductions 7:00pm

14 – Picture Retakes

*\*H&S Meetings will usually be held on the second Thursday of each month, alternating between morning and evening in the library and on Zoom.*

*H&S meetings are the perfect time to find out what is happening at our school and dispel rumors. Look for updates with details on our website and in email reminders from Konstella.*