**Methacton High School Home and School Meeting Minutes**

**November 9th, 2023 9:15am Room C149**

**Attendees:** Dan Bontempo, Alexis Washington, Susan Demedio, Sophia Pham, Deanna Roeger, Reba Mann, Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt, Laura Kemp, Bryna VanBlargan

**MHS Reports:**

**Principal-**Assistant Principal Dan Bontempo gave the report on behalf of Jamie. He added positive feedback regarding the Souper Luncheon, saying it was much enjoyed and appreciated by the staff. He requested a list of the parents who had signed up to contribute as they wanted to thank/recognize them.

* Dr. Maffei hosted a trip for two students to Pfizer. It was a great day of shadowing for the students.

**Unified Youth Summit**

Mrs. Quintois and students from our Unified program attended the Unified Youth Summit last week. The goal of the summit was for student leaders to begin collaborating and planning for whole school engagements and club activities that provide inclusive opportunities for their school communities.

**Attention Senior Parents- The Yearbook Staff Needs Your Help!**

Continuing a 33 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 contact Caitlin Ferenchak (cferenchak@methacton.org) or Chris Lloyd (clloyd@methacton.org) if you have any questions.

Save the Date:

8th grade parent scheduling night:

We will be hosting an on-site 8th grade parent scheduling night on January 17. An overview of scheduling will be presented, along with time for parents to talk with department chairs about the classes their child can select.

Winter Keystone Exams:

**Re-testing students only:**

Communication was sent to parents notifying them if their child has to retest (about 2 weeks ago)- this communication was following the release of Keystone exam scores.

Any questions, please contact your school counselor.

Students who need to retest will also be contacted by Dr. Kochenour in December to review the schedule with them.

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday**  |
| Jan 1 | Jan 2 | Jan 3 | **Jan 4** | **Jan 5** |
| off | off |  | ELA Part 1 | ELA Part 2 |
|  |  |  | periods 1 and 2 | periods 1 and 2 |
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| **Jan 8** | **Jan 9** | **Jan 10** | **Jan 11** | **Jan 12** |
|  | Alg 1 Part 1 | Alg 1 Part 2 | Bio Part 1 | Bio Part 2 |
|  | Periods 1 and 2 | Periods 1 and 2 | Periods 1 and 2 | Periods 1 and 2 |
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 Mid terms coming in January and dates will be sent with details soon.

**Teachers-** Andrea Borgmann sent an email reminding seniors to purchase their baby ads. Asked it be posted so seniors are aware.

**Counselor-**William Peck sent along the following information.

PSAT/NMSQT scores released on Nov. 6th and students can access them on their college boards accounts. Counselors will be going into 10th and 11th grade science classes in Dec. to review the results to help better prepare them for next years tests and SAT’s.

On December 6th from 6:L30-8:30pm the counseling office will host Michael Burke from the PHEAA (PA Higher Education Assistance Agency) to speak on Financial Aid.

On Jan. 23rd from 6-8pm the Counseling office will host Cindy Whitley from MCCC’s Office of Financial Aid to assist with FAFSA Completion.

The US Dept of Ed has made many changes to FAFSA application (due to be released in December), so both programs will be a great opportunity to speak with the professionals about financial aid and navigating the new rollout.

On Saturday February 3rd from 9-11am the counseling office will host “Dan the Tutor” for a free tutoring workshop regarding SAT prep for the current 10th and 11th grade students. Information will be coming out shortly.

**President-** Susan Demedio commented on how the souper luncheon went. Overall well, but may add comments to those dropping off soups for timing as she only had 2 soups before ten which caused some worry as drop off started at 7am. Also, crock pots still remain at the High School from the luncheon and need to be picked up. Once mid-term schedule solidified she will reach out to home and school on timing of sandwich lunch from Toscos for the staff in January.

Discussed the need to figure out a way to work with the new coffee bar to be able to generate gift cards and coupons so that we can work alongside of the to keep the money within the school and supporting this addition and also having convenient for students and staff. Winning Warriors Winners of the month are Freshman Emerson Brown, Sophomore Sydney Hockenbrock, Junior Hector Castillo Murillo, and Senior Mariah Stevens.

**Vice Presidents** No Report From Katie.

**Treasurer’s Report-**Sophia reported that October expenses were $1639 in fall mini grants. Only one in the amount of $144 has yet to be paid out. October income was $1216 from no frills fundraiser. Total collected from no frills was $10,349. We received $170 for soup luncheon and $178 was spent on soup/supplies. Our current balance is $12,508.74. We will close TD Account this month and fully transition to Ambler. Last outstanding TD check was cleared in October.

We are providing 32 WAWA gift cards at $15 each and candy bars to winning warriors due to the Issue with Windy Hill Café and the inability to do gift certificates.

**Secretary**-No report but Deanna will reach out to Christine Charles to thank her for additional FB post for home and school and see if we can help work together with anything in future and give her Susan’s contact info. Deanna will also contact Katie to send another reminder about crock pot pick up from luncheon and get the list of parents who participated to Dan. She will also post about the baby ads for seniors.

**District Reports:** Reba reported the following with Michelle.

1. **SEA-** Join us on Zoom **November 15th** for our first presentation of the school year with Cindy Duch from the PEAL Center. Cindy will be presenting “Building A Strong IEP”. Register using the link in our flyer, via Konstella, principals’ S’mores, Facebook and email. **Please note that this is a change in date!** [Cindy Duch- Stronger IEP (5).pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YSDFcFSUahej2LjOnNBlzBaUqjWIA4Ja/view?usp=drivesdk)
2. Don’t forget to check out Dr. Mangano’s handout on Methacton’s Elementary School Services in our September Home & School meeting minutes posted on our website! A copy is also attached below.
3. Join us on December 15th at the KOP Mall for our annual Kendra Scott fundraiser! The SEA H&S will receive 20% of all in-store purchases from 6-8 that evening, as well as online orders made December 15-17 using the code **GIVEBACK-FAGMQ**.
4. The PA Inclusion Collective has confirmed Erik Carter as their series speaker in 2024. The topic this year will be **Fostering a Sense of Belonging for Persons with Disabilities: Classroom, School and Community**. This series usually runs in February, however dates for this year have not been confirmed yet.
5. SEA H&S is planning an outing to Variety Club’s Holiday Lane December 1st or 2nd. Stay tuned for details.
6. Several community organizations have extended invitations to the Methacton SEA community for events encompassing our mission this month. Please check out our Facebook page to find them all. Included are SEA of Cheltenham’s Dyslexia Simulation 11/2, Phoenixville’s Transition Fair 11/15, and Shooting Stars basketball program at Spring City YMCA, for both players and volunteers.
7. Our next Home & School meeting will be November 29th, 7-9pm in the MHS Library. We hope to see you there!

Sign up to join our mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/gOsrsb>. You can also find us on Facebook at SEAofMCC, in your home school’s Konstella, Facebook and S’mores updates, or at Home & School meetings.

For Access to names of Service and Support in all Elementary Schools, please visit the below link. Dr. Mangano created this chart for reference.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CLLwPnnLqTzyovsG6kghpo7\_Ky0lVJzI/view?usp=drive\_web

**Post Prom-**Next Post Prom meeting is Tuesday November 14th at 7pm in the LGI.

**MCC-**Next meeting is Monday November 13th.

**Upcoming Dates:**

November 16- Fall Play - Mid Summers Night Dream

November 16- Apex Awards

November 17- Fall Play

November 18- Fall Play

November 22- OFF (Make-up Day #1 if needed)

November 23- OFF

November 24- OFF

November 27- Holiday decorating contest begins

**December**

December 18- Interims

December 20 - Winter Concert

December 21- Winter assembly Pd.1 Chorus, Band, Orchestra

December 22-January 2 OFF

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