

**MHS Home & School Association
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2021 – 7:00pm C149 and Zoom**

In Attendance:

Cindy Hartson	Marie Kramer	Sophia Pham	
Mercy Varghese	Susan DeMedio	Michelle Greenawalt	
Reba Mann	Jessica Fox	Joe Valdes Natalia Petrie	Sheila Smith
Dr. Kochenour			

Welcome – Introductions

Special Guest: Officer Valdes – Student Resource Officer

MHS Staff Reports

Principal – Dr. Kochenour reported:

- PSATS are Oct 13!!
Seniors are HOME on 10/13 for their virtual presentations and asynchronous instruction.
11th and 10th grade students are testing and then have a modified afternoon onsite.
9th grade students are involved in a Career Expo and then will have a modified afternoon.
Any Senior who is a PM tech student can choose from the following:
If they are permitted to drive, they may drive directly to tech from home on 10/13 .
If they need to take the PM bus, they may arrive late w/ own transportation to the High School and take the PM tech bus when it departs.
If the student does not have transportation to tech or MHS they may come to school as they normally would on the bus, they can work virtually from the MHS library. When all students are dismissed they may move to X lunch and sit in the girls gym to eat. Then they will board the bus to NMTCC
- Interims will be sent out next week- parents please check your email as any student with a 69 or below will receive a communication from the teacher(s).
- Landscape Beautification Committee
Redesigning the front of the building (between the main office and auditorium)
Students are invited to share their input and ideas on the "Landscape Redesign Committee." Students should check their email from Dr. Gravinese on 10/4 inviting them to participate.
- The CSR is up and running!
Students in need of tutoring can write a pass to the CSR during their study hall periods.
Instructional Assistants are available to help students in need.

- **Advanced Placement Exam Ordering Instructions**

Methacton Advanced Placement Exams will be available to be ordered September 30, 2021 - October 21, 2021. These exams are for students who are currently enrolled in an Advanced Placement Course for the 2021-2022 school year. We only offer exams that Methacton teachers instruct. The fee for an exam is \$97, except for Capstone Research & Capstone Seminar which are \$145. Exams can be purchased online, you can find a link to the online store here (this link will be live with courses to choose as of 9/30/21). One change this year - the College Board will be enforcing a \$40 cancellation fee.

Additionally payment can be made to Mrs. Deegan or Dr. Kochenour in our office C22 I. Check (made out to Methacton School District) or cash is accepted. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Deegan, Ldeegan@methacton.org or Dr. Kochenour, Kkochenour@methacton.org

Where to go online to order Methacton AP exams 2021- 2022

- If your student is in need of the Backpack Program, please email: methactonbackpack@gmail.com

Counseling – Cindy Hartson reported:

- PSAT on October 13
 - Tenth and eleventh graders
 - Must bring their own calculator and number two pencil, no mechanical pencil
 - Students will be receiving an email indicating their testing room location.
 - Report to the first period for attendance and then their testing area.
 - Results will be sent to the student email in December
 - Counselors will review results in science classes in December/January
 - Ninth graders will have special topics (examples: Financial literacy and entrepreneurship) regarding career topics and will be in-person. Data collected will go towards the Future Ready PA data that we need to collect for students in grades 9-11.
 - Twelve graders will attend virtual programming in the morning and then asynchronous PM. Four different workshops will be held that the students are expected to attend and complete an assignment for English classes.
- Financial Aid Night was held on 9/30, approximately 50 people attended.
- Senior Parent Night was held earlier as well.
- Mid Marking period – interims are being reviewed and appointments being made
- Senior Meetings continue with counselors – not a once and done, we are there for students throughout their post-secondary process.
- Private/Parochial School Orientation – invitations sent out by Amanda Kelly. Virtual session on Tuesday, November 16 from 8 a.m. -10 a.m. RSVP info on the invitations.

- Grief and Loss Group through the Center for Loss and Bereavement is being discussed, not sure of the details yet, we are going to need to look for donations to defray some of the costs.

H&S Reports:

Secretary – Jessica Fox - nothing to report

Treasurer – Sophia Pham reported:

No Frills Fundraiser raised \$2258

Vice President – Katie Shireman/Susan DeMedio

Presidents – Mercy Varghese/Marie Kramer reported:

- Received mini-grant applications, will review and make a decision soon.
- We have a supply of movie tickets for the Winning Warriors awards recipients to cover the next three months.

District Reports:

SEA – Michelle reported:

- Mark your calendars for the first SEA virtual workshop on Thursday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Angstadt, Director of Pupil Services will introduce her new team of Supervisors of Special Education, Dr. Amy Mangano (K.-4th Grades), Dr. Danielle Fowlston (5th-8th Grades) and Dr. Erika Thomas (9th - 12th grades). Dr. Angstadt and her team will provide an overview of the structure of the team and process of Individualized Education Programs for our special education students.
- If you missed this year's homecoming last week, the SEA officially presented the Unified Sports Track and Field Team canopy tent to the coaches . It was on display at the game. Thank you to all who donated
- Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC> or contact us at seamethacton@gmail.com

School Board Report

Strategic Plan: The vision for the strategic plan is to “Ensure an exceptional Methacton experience for all” and continue our focus on the “whole child” approach (Healthy, Safe, Engaged, Supported, Challenged). The focus group committee list was posted on 9/30/21 and the window for the Community Engagement survey is open between 10/1-10/14/21. The first full-group meeting will be held (virtually) on October 21 and future dates to note are as follows:

- October 22-Nov 24, 2021: Sub Committee Work
- January 10, 2022: Virtual Full Group Meeting
- February 22, 2022: Board Presentation – Strategic Plan

More information about the strategic plan can be found here: [About / Methacton Strategic Planning Process Announcements](#)

New Student School Board Representatives: We were pleased to swear in two new student representatives last week and welcome Serena Fakhouri and Joseph Shaw to a two-year term.

Methacton Education Foundation: The Methacton Education Foundation presented a donation of over \$440,000 to the school district this month which reflects some very cool projects they are helping to fund. Among them are the new hydroponics and CSI forensics labs at the High School and mental health supports district-wide such as our REACH and SOAR programs.

BOOST: The board voted to approve the Boost program offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at all elementary schools. Students will be invited to attend sessions for Math or ELA based on need and will get a snack and district transportation will be provided. This program is part of our continued effort to ensure that all students are where they need to be after the pandemic year.

“M” Awards: More than 400 students earned “M” awards last year, achieving a 93% or higher GPA. For the complete list, click here: [Newsroom 2021-2022 / More than 400 MHS Students Earn M Awards for Academic Excellence \(methacton.org\)](#). Congratulations!

• **Upcoming meetings:**

Board meetings are now being held in-person at the Arcola

Auditorium: o Work Session: Tuesday, September 21, 7:00

PM o Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 PM

Adjournment

Dates to Remember:

November

2- No School: Inservice Day

24- No School: Inservice Day

25- Closed for Thanksgiving

26- Closed for Thanksgiving

Next meeting 11/11/21 9:15 am

In Conference Room C149 and Via Zoom

(Look for Konstella announcement or our webpage for Zoom registration link)