

MHS Home & School Association
Meeting Agenda
March 10, 2022 – 9:15 am C149 and Zoom

In Attendance:

Mercy Varghese
Marie Kramer

Jamie Gravinese
Sophia Pham

Cindy Hartson
Jessica Fox

Welcome – Introductions

MHS Staff Reports

Principal – Jamie Gravinese; Dr. Gravinese reported:

- Graduation information has been sent out to families and is posted on the website
- Voice of the class applications close April 1
- Senior breakfast, 5/24
- Graduation Parade – June 7, 10:30-11:30
- 3/31- MP 3 closes; waiver forms open
- Prom is 4/22; Post Prom that night—sign ups next week
- Drinking and Driving infomercials will be in history class the week before the prom
- Shannondell Art Show- 3/25 & 3/26
- MHS Art Show- 4/8 & 4/9
- 4/19- rescheduled career fair
- Semi-formal, Thursday 5/26
- May 2-6- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Summer school information coming out next week
- Our end of year schedule is also coming out next week

Teachers – Dr. Gravinese reported:

- **From Mini-THON: Mini-THON** will be held on Friday, March 18. The community hour is from 6-7p.m. Donations of water would be appreciated. Please contact Mr. Patrick Smith at psmith@methacton.org for more information.
- **From the MHS Theater Company:** The theater company had an incredibly successful production of The SpongeBob Musical with more than 75 student cast, crew, and pit members. They appreciate the support of the entire school and district community.
- **From the Medicine & Science Club:** The Medicine & Science club at MHS developed this website <https://mhsmedandsci.wixsite.com/stemmify> as a resource for students in the district. For elementary aged students there are fun science experiments to try and for the older grades there are resources for science programs in the area and course selection

information for the high school. It is a great resource that the students in the club worked hard to develop.

- **From the MHS Hydroponic Freight Farm:** A description of the new course is as follows: "Explore Methacton's own hydroponic farm by using advanced vertical farming techniques. Learn the positives and negatives to all types of farming and their effects on the environment, biodiversity, and society. Students will complete labs in the classroom while also having hands-on experience working in the hydroponic farm. This course is designed to cover how plants can be grown hydroponically, how the scientific method is not a linear process and how hydroponic farming has benefits to society. Emphasis will also be placed on business, marketing, computer science and mathematics." Please contact Mr. Savitz at ssavitz@methacton.org for more information or to schedule a tour.

Counseling – Cindy Hartson; Mrs. Hartson reported:

- Most Improved student scholarship – finalizing list and adding activities – can get the packets to the three parent volunteers within the next two weeks.
- Just wrapped up the one to one scheduling meetings. Parents are requested to verify choices and note any changes.
- Going into the Junior English classes the week of March 21 to kick off the post-secondary planning topics. This will be followed up with one to one or small group junior meetings.
- Summer School Info will be coming out shortly. Melissa Wychunis is the summer school coordinator.
- Destination High School will continue this summer for rising ninth graders. Stay tuned for more details.

H&S Reports:

Secretary – Sarah Spletzer/Jessica Fox – no report given.

Treasurer – Sophia Pham – reported

Starting Balance \$4951.93, Received a \$97.52 donation, \$360 collected for District Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast, Ending Balance \$5409.45

Revised Budget to Match Projected Income

Vice President – Katie Shireman/Susan DeMedio – no report given.

Presidents – Mercy Varghese/Marie Kramer

Mercy Reported –

1. Mini Grants awarded:

-Purchase Crayola Colored Pencils Classpack and Kids Markers

-Purchase stanchions for student safety/monitoring, assistance with graduation

and lining up

students

-Purchase microphone equipment for Auditorium

-Help to fund Element magazine publication for school

We plan hold a calculator drive so the school can loan TI-84 Calculators to students each year

2. We will help with "Food Fridays" starting in April – helping teachers order lunch out and have it delivered to the school

Marie Reported –

1. We received 17 applications for the Home & School Leadership Award. Up to eight students

will be selected by the end of the month for \$1,000 scholarships.

2. The Art Show needs volunteers to help set-up and break-down – sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48ADA822A4F85-artshow>

3. Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast – it is Methacton H&S's turn to host this event, which

will take place on April 20, 2022 at the school bus depot.

Nomination Committee: Jessica Fox Reported,
Gabby Winters and Susan Demedio, Co-Presidents
Sophia Pham, Treasurer
Election will occur during the April Meeting

District Reports:

SEA – Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt; Reported
March 17th Presentation, Life after High School...Konstella Announcement was Sent

Post Prom – April 22

- Sign up is out there, please volunteer!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4fabaf29a5ff2-methacton>
- Walk-thru is back from 6:30-8:30 on April 22. If you can't volunteer, come and see how the high school is transformed.
- Volunteers Needed for Set Design
- Post Prom Set Design still has spaces available and needs volunteers. This year's theme is Television. Please reach out to mhsppsetdesign@gmail.com with interest.
- This is a fun way to get involved with other parents, families and even your charity groups to take a space.
- No experience necessary. Whether you are creative or not, extra hands are always welcome!
- *Juniors and Seniors - Post Prom Registration opens Friday 3/11!
- All MHS Juniors & Seniors and their prom dates are welcome.
- This event is completely FREE!
- You MUST REGISTER to attend.
- Parents must register their students by Friday, April 15th.
- Students will need to select a Cafeteria Seating Group at the time of registration.
- All students registered by April 1 st will be entered in a drawing for a Fast Pass.

***ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS:**

Celebrate your graduate while supporting Post Prom and order a PERSONALIZED LAWN METHACTON CLASS OF 2022mGRADUATION SIGN for just \$20. It's easy, just complete the google form below and they will be available for pick up in May.

Please submit orders by April 22, 2022

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hakfWUgrz6sAGuXQYZm8-SNjWwbb0eHEX-SxhfsoXEs/viewform?ts=61f55b8e&edit_requested=true&pli=1

***Committee Chairs Needed**

Post Prom needs your help! We are so excited for 2022 but need your help to continue to make Post Prom a success. We are looking for chairs for the committees listed below for next year, Post Prom 2023. Post Prom started a shadow program a few years back so new chairs could & the existing chair before they stepped down. It makes the transition much easier. Please consider giving your time and volunteering to chair one of the following committees. Contact methactonppchairs@gmail.com for more info or to offer your help in one of these positions.

Overall Chairs

Community Fundraising

School Board – (report provided)

Questions & Answers – as time allows

- General question – will meetings continue to be alternating? A discussion ensued regarding the purpose served by alternating meetings and whether still necessary at the high school level. Katie speaking on behalf of MCC explained that they are already looking at the issue as well and will come back with info in January.

Adjournment

Dates to Remember:

March

16-String Jamboree @Arcola 7:30pm

18-Mini-Thon

30-3rd Marking Period Ends

Next meeting 4/7/22 7:00 pm

In Room C149 and Via Zoom

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