

**MHS Home & School Association
Meeting Agenda
April 7 – 9:15 am C149 and Zoom**

In Attendance:

Mercy Varghese, Marie Kramer, Katie Shireman, Sophia Pham, Susan Demedio, Cindy Hartson, Sandy Katz, Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt, Michelle Petko, Khai Pham, Melissa Marrill, Gabby Winters

Welcome – Introductions

MHS Staff Reports

Principal – Jamie Gravinese; Dr. Gravinese reported:

- The Art Show is underway – please stop to see it Friday evening, 6-9 or Saturday from 12-4.
- Advanced Placement exams begin May 2, 2022. If your student is planning to cancel their AP exam, please do so ASAP, you may contact kkochenour@methacton.org or orldeegan@methacton.org to cancel. Parents & Guardians of students taking the AP exams received a communication with all details regarding testing. This is also posted on the students AP Google classroom and can be found at Methacton AP Information .
- Last week the WPG students put on a wonderful evening of songs, dances, and poetry.
- They also decided that instead of tickets sales they were going to accept donations for the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee. In this one performance they raised \$450!
- Last week, the MHS Jazz Ensemble competed in a Jazz Competition at Souderton High School. Not only did they receive a rating of Outstanding, but they also won all four of the best section awards: Trumpets, Trombones, Saxophones, and Rhythm. Additionally, Eric Friend, Trumpet; and Raymond Tai, Tenor Saxophone; received Honorable Mention Solo awards and Darren Brady, Trombone; was one of only four overall Soloist Medal winners.
- As I mentioned last month, our crashed car will be on site the week of 4/18. We will also be playing our informational videos during homeroom to educate students on the impact of driving while impaired.
- Our One Book One School book for this summer is I Will Always Write Back. Books will be on sale via the English department in May, or students can purchase one on their own. There are also copies in the library available.

Counseling – Cindy Hartson; Mrs. Hartson reported:

Virtual College Fair
Registration is Open!

Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Educational Sessions at 4pm
College Presentations at 5pm, 6pm, 7pm

Registration is now open for our Virtual College Fair! Sign-up to virtually connect with colleges and universities from around the country free.

During the Virtual College Fair, you will have the chance to hear from many different colleges. You can choose which colleges you want to hear from by registering for their sessions. You and your family can ask questions of the college representatives throughout the presentations too!

Each program will start with a college knowledge session:
April 19 – Ask a Counselor
April 27 – Financial Aid

strivescan.com/pennsylvania
Please share with students and families today!
Check out the schedule, list of colleges, and register now!

The counseling office has updated our website page to a virtual office site. There are many links to this site, which vary from career, military, and college resources to Naviance, mental health, a summary of each counselor's background and more. To reach this page, go to www.methacton.org, click on the counseling office link and then the virtual office will come up. Waivers are now being accepted for students who are within three percentage points of the required grade (after MP 3). There will be another opportunity to waiver at the end of the year as well with a deadline of June 20, 2022. The electronic form can be found on page eight of the program-planning guide.

Counselors visited the junior English classes a few weeks ago to kick-start the post-secondary planning process. This is followed by counselors meeting with their juniors individually or in small groups to share additional resources. One marking period left to go, students are encouraged to continue working hard in classes. The counselors will be meeting with students struggling in this area. Awards night (May 25, 2022) is a by invitation event. Students who have been selected to receive an award will be invited in advance to attend.

H&S Reports:

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

Treasurer – Sophia Pham reported:

Current available account balance is \$3,711. We have large expenditures (\$1,724) in March due to Spring mini-grants, support for Post Prom and yearbook dedication. We received an additional \$25 from no-frills donation.

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

Presidents – Mercy Varghese/Marie Kramer

- We held elections for open positions, resulting in:
Co-Presidents – Gabby Winters and Susan Demedio
Treasurer – Sophia Pham
- Home & School started helping provide ‘Food Friday’ giving teachers an opportunity to order food from a designated restaurant and have it delivered on Fridays. Food Fridays are taking place April 1, 8 and 29th and May 6 and 13.
- We had a tie in the leadership awards, so we awarded 9 Leadership Awards this year. We also awarded 6 Most-Improved Awards. Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony in May (selected recipients will receive an invitation to attend).
- Our Home & School is hosting the Bus Driver Appreciation breakfast on April 20, 2022, at 8:30am. Parents are welcome to come help and/or just show their appreciation to the bus drivers – located in bus depot, at the back of the high school
- Final meeting for H&S will be held at NMTCC café at 9:00am to enjoy breakfast with each other.

District Reports:

SEA – Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt

Post Prom – April 22

- Post Prom still needs volunteers to help that night, April 22, 2022.
- Post Prom volunteer training will be held Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00pm

Questions & Answers – as time allows **Adjournment**

Dates to Remember:

April

8-9 – Art Show

13, 14, 15, 18 – No School

22 – No School; Prom; Post Prom

27 – Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm

May

2-13 – AP Testing

4 – Choral Concert 7:30pm

12 – Final Home & School Meeting 9:00am NMTCC

12 – Senior Banquet 6:00pm

***Final meeting 5/12/22 9:00 am
NMTCC Cafe***