

**MHS Home & School Association
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022, 9:00am NMTCC**

Attending: Jennifer Cancro, Mercy Varghese, Sophia Pham, Colleen Kutz, Michelle Greenwalt, Jamie Gravinese, Cindy Hartson, Marie Kramer

Hats off to the NMTCC Restaurant for an outstanding breakfast – so delicious and too much to eat! Highly recommend you try it!

MHS Staff Reports

Principal – Jamie Gravinese

Keystone exams are: Literature: 5/16; Biology: 5/18; Algebra 1: 5/23

Those not taking the exams have asynchronous learning in the morning, then should take the 3-hour delayed bus or get to school by 10:55

5/12: Senior Banquet at Presidential, 6-9pm

No School: 5/17 (Inservice Day); 5/27; 5/30

5/25: Senior Awards Night: MHS Auditorium. This is by invitation only.

5/26: 9th and 10th grade semi-formal at Normandy Farms, 6:30-9pm.

The Summer Reading this year will be *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives*, by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda

If you'd like to donate a copy that you have because your older child read it a few years ago, please give it to the librarian.

See High School Happenings for more information.

Counseling – Cindy Hartson

For Seniors – note that final transcripts will be sent out June 30th

Check out the Virtual School Counseling Office for tons of information
<https://www.methacton.org/Page/507>

H&S Reports:

Secretary – Sarah Spletzer/Jessica Fox (no report)

Treasurer – Sophia Pham

Sophia discussed our current finances and is busy writing checks to the H&S award recipients. We still have one or two mini-grant awards that have not been paid out yet.

The MCC has voted to have each school's H&S add a line item to their budget to give 2% of their budgeted income to the SEA.

Vice President – Katie Shireman/Susan DeMedio (no report)

Presidents – Mercy Varghese/Marie Kramer

Mercy noted – we'd like to announce a calculator donation drive. Graduating students who will not need their calculators can donate them to the math department for students to use in the future. Information to come.

Marie noted - Great resource for parents of high school and college students – check out <https://grownandflown.com/> Tons of articles and advice for parents of teens in middle school, high school, or college regarding family life, happiness and mental health, academics, college admissions, college life, love...

Post Prom – wrap up meeting was just held discussing the surveys completed by volunteers and students and how to improve for next year. Students had an amazing time – most commenting that it was better than expected (although, after a two year absence, they didn't know what to expect). About 708 students attended the Prom and 689 attended Post Prom. Over 800 people came to the Community Walk-Through to see the school completely transformed.

District Reports:

SEA – Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt

Upcoming -

The Methacton SEA has teamed up with AIM High Studio to bring you a FREE Family Yoga event.

All you need to do is bring a yoga mat or beach towel to join in the fun. Light snacks will be served. Please note: In case of inclement weather, event will be canceled.

Sunday, May 22nd

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Eagleville Park, 100 Parklane Dr, Norristown, PA 19403

To stay up to date on SEA activities/presentations, join the facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC/> Or send your email address to SEAMethacton@gmail.com to join mailing list!

School Board – Jennifer Cancro

The Shannondell tax appeal case has been settled, which leaves about \$7 Million dollars in an escrow account that now requires the Board to determine what to do with those funds. One recommendation is to move these funds to the Capital Reserve fund to fund small capital matters. This fund has been historically low making repairs that come up difficult to manage.

The budget will likely require a 2.2 % tax increase.

There will be an addition of 3 staff specifically targeted at supporting a 3-year plan to address math instruction K-12.

MCC Report

Gabby Winters
MCC nominations for 2022-2023 school year
President-Kathleen Bacon
Vice President-Katie Shireman
Treasurer-
Secretary-Betty Nascimento

Secretary Report

Kathleen Bacon said she'll do a couple Youtube videos on how to archive on Konstella and I think a video for how to get parents to sign up on back to school night.

SEA Report

Peg Herbison explained how much easier it would be for SEA to plan ahead if they had a steady stream of income for the year. It was suggested that the donation from each H&S be between 250 and \$500. I explained that there was no way that the high school could donate \$500. Our budget is tight. We had some discussion and Bob Kramer suggested 2% across-the-board and we voted and that was accepted.

We had a discussion about signing vendor contracts. Katie explained that any officer or chairperson of a committee is able to sign a contract. They do not need to be sent to the business office. She just wanted to make that clear. She explained most things that the H&S are doing is being discussed at the building level with the principal so there's no need to involve the finance office.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May

12 – Senior Banquet 6:00pm
16-26 – Keystone Testing
19 – Band Concert 7:30pm
25 – Awards Night 7:00pm
26 - Grades 9-10 Semi-Formal
27 – No School (In service)

30 – No School (Holiday)

June

3 – Senior Showcase

4 – SAT

9 – Class of 2022 Commencement 4:00pm

10 – Last Day/4th Marking Period Ends

Have a wonderful summer!

Look for Konstella announcements or our webpage
for information on our September 2022 meeting