

MHS Home and School Meeting Minutes

Sept. 12, 2024 9:15am Rm C149

Attendance- Dr. Euker, William Peck, Susan Demedio, Sophia Pham, Reba Mann, and Deanna Roeger

MHS Staff Reports:

Principal- Dr. Euker brought a thank you letter from MHS Staff thanking H &S for dessert buffet and said it was enjoyed. There was success with the paint your parking spot for seniors this past summer. It was approved last minute so there will be more time and notification next year (coming from Post Prom Committee). \$25 from each spot went to Post Prom funds and \$10 kept for the re-pave/pain of spots for next year. Will also be working with local stores to try to secure paint discounts.

The "cell phone jail" (phones placed in shoeboxes in classrooms) has been going well. Anyone concerned for their child who may have a 504 or IEP can reach out to have any approval to carry a phone otherwise.

There are additional teachers and hall monitors walking the halls throughout the day to make sure all accounted for and increase safety measures within the school.

Students being held accountable for tardiness to class (3 lates=detention). Teachers aware of any students traveling long distances and will understand some grace time in specific cases. Carline is going much better. Drivers just need to know to go all the way up as far as they can continuously so the flow continues (all directed). One day they may be up further and other days closer to main office, depends on the timing. Has been completed by 7:23am. The little change of pulling up more has created a big difference.

Zerbe met with 30 students from the planning committee about the high school reconstruction plan. He also met with various sub groups. On Tuesday Sept 17th Dr. Euker will have 2 students there to help present the reports/recommendations.

Dr. Euker asked how we would post Warrior News and looking into having YouTube link available to watch on MHS website if feasible. This way people can still get info even though no Konstella as a parent had reached out to her regarding that.

Counselors going into classes to help develop students into good model citizens. Program set in place in elementary schools and middle, but then dropped at High School and it was in need of being created to age appropriate material for the high school.

Teachers-No report

Counseling- William Peck shared the following:

Senior Post Planning Friday 9/06/24

- Discuss information about college and other post-secondary opportunities
- Students received information about PSAT Day activities
- Received unofficial Transcripts
- Senior students encouraged to meet with their counselor in the first two months to shore up their post high school plans
- A virtual link will also be posted on MHS Webpage for reference.

PSAT Day - Wednesday October 09, 2024

- 9th Grade- Future's Expo Program –
 - Students hear from four speakers – Entrepreneur/ HR / Trade / Financial Literacy
- 10th and 11th Grade – Digital PSAT
- 12th Grade – not in school this day but have to complete one of three items:
Need to complete a permission slip, note what they are doing and return to the counselors prior to 9/25
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1np3idya52U-YifAH4lufauTP7w7mT3ZW/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109774268408503603846&rtpof=true&sd=true>
 - College visit
 - Service activity
 - Job shadowing experience

NMTCC: Allied Health is back

- New teacher Eileen Stumpf
- Renewed contract with Jefferson Lansdale

Dual Enrollment Program

- Montgomery County Community College
 - Chemistry 121
 - Intro to Education
- Harrisburg Area Community College
 - Principles of Macro Economics
 - Principles of Micro Economics

Character Strong pilot program

- Approximately 20 staff are slated to pilot the program. Counselors are partnered up with teachers.

Deanna Roeger inquired about having transcripts and recommendation letters prior to August 1st since some students start applying that early and do not have all the necessary information to complete it. Mr. Peck informed that all kids got the unofficial transcripts last Spring when counselors came to speak in English class regarding the process and students could use those to do SARS (self reported ones based on information) . Official transcripts get sent via a different platform once they can be released. He confirmed that counselors come in spring of junior year and the beginning of senior year to go over college application process in English classes. They also receive a big envelope of information the spring of their Junior year.

Home and School Reports:

President- Susan Demedio reiterated how the dessert buffet was well received and there were extras but it went to a food pantry, the custodians who work later (and enjoyed more again on day 2 according to Peck). She made a motion to vote in Christine “Chrissy” Charles as our new Corresponding Secretary. Deanna seconded and all were in favor. Welcome Chrissy! Our Super Luncheon will be Nov. 14th and a sign up genius will go out closer to the date. Susan passed everyone a 2025 pen that the seniors get in the spring for their yearbook signings.

Vice President-Katie Shireman was not present but shared via email---

1. I vote yes to Chrissy in as Corresponding Secretary
2. I vote yes to Dr Maffei line item for PSAT/Career Day \$100 for snacks
3. My report

- a. Mini Grants went out on Monday. Submissions accepted electronically through Friday, October 04.
 - b. Thank you to all who signed up for the dessert buffet – It was a huge success. Next up.....Souper Lunch! That will be the next sign up. I think it will go out mid-October
4. First Post Prom meeting is Tuesday, October 08 at 7p in the MHS Library
5. MCC Meeting is Monday, September 16 at 7p at Arrowhead – I will be able to attend for MHS.
- Treasurer**-Sophia Pham shared that our no frills fundraiser generated \$5900 so far. This was short about \$2000 from this time last year. There was discussion on why this could be. Was it the higher listed cost of \$75 compared to \$50 last year, is it lack of Konstella to remind people, is it too much at once for beginning of year, or do people not know? Led to another Konstella discussion if we re-activate it if the \$350 we spend on it generates enough and gets to those who do participate (Seems like a constant 80-100 people in past—unsure who from there have FB or not) if worth the spend or if just growing pains of changing things and resistance, etc. Dr. Euker will be resending no frills info out and Chrissy posting again on Facebook to help remind families or else items budgeted may need to be cut but we have some time on that.
- Sopha made the motion to approve career day snacks of \$100 to the budget and Susan seconded and all were in agreeance. The \$250 for community outreach was re-confirmed and approved by all present as well. If no frills continues to lack funds we can work on getting creative in the spring (sign up genius for venmo donations/ or item donations/ etc). Some things would have to be scaled back.
- Secretary**-Deanna Roeger said Chrissy speaking with Rundle to be added to update MHS homepage so she can take off heather Dewanes info, remove konstella and add FB link and updates/notes. She is also awaiting Clarks approval for Warrior news on Google drive. Deanna also recommended The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt as some school districts have had staff read it for continuous education and it was recommended by an educator and friend of hers and seemed relatable to what HS implementing with counselors.

District Reports:

SEA-Reba Mann shared –

. Welcome back! We hope everyone had a safe and refreshing summer, and a smooth start to the school year. In case you haven't heard of us, the Methacton Special Education Alliance Home & School is a district-wide Home & School that provides a network of support for parents and caregivers of students with developmental, intellectual, emotional or physical disabilities, 504 Plans, IEPs or GIEPs. The SEA H & S offers access to relevant information and education while providing opportunities to connect with other parents and caregivers. We advocate for collaboration among families, school administrators, educators and professionals, to foster successful educational outcomes. You can find more information about us at methacton.org under "Site Shortcuts".

2. We had a great time at the Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek Days, and have been making our rounds to all of the district's Meet the Teacher Nights. Stop by to say hello or to sign up to receive our emails.

3. The SEA is always looking for new H&S Representatives within our buildings especially in our elementary schools. Let us know if you're interested! Responsibilities include attending our bi-monthly Home & School meetings, as well as your school's monthly Home & School meetings, and relaying any pertinent information between the two. It's a great way to stay connected and make new friends! Email SEAMethacton@gmail.org to let us know you're interested.

4. Our first Home & School meeting will be September 26 at 7:00 pm in the MHS Library. Dr. Jamie Gravinese, Director of Pupil Services will be joining us to give a brief update on some organizational and programming changes within Special Education at Methacton this year. **Due to the nature of our outreach we hold our meetings entirely in

person. All are welcome to attend.** 5. Check out SEAofMCC on Facebook to find out more about the following: a. The Arc Alliance is hosting "Love Without Limits", an empowering workshop designed to explore healthy relationships and sexuality within the IDD/A community. "Love Without Limits" offers three simultaneous sessions tailored for caregivers, self-advocates, and professionals. Topics include communication, boundaries, responding to behaviors, and much more! Registration is required. b. The King of Prussia Soccer Club (KOPSC) has partnered with TOPSoccer to offer a recreational soccer program for children and adults with intellectual, emotional, or physical disabilities. Registration is required. c. Learn what is different between Middle and High School IEPs! Free Webinar Thursday, September 12 at Noon, EST. Recording available to those who register. d. A Day In Our Shoes' IEP Agenda / Worksheet PDF. e. Child Guidance Resource Centers (CRGC) is pleased to continue to offer Trauma-Sensitive Parenting Sessions from September 2024 - August 2025, 7:00-8:00 pm, 1st or 4th Wednesday of each month via Zoom. Free of charge. Registration is required. 6. Please reach out to SEAMethacton@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

She also said they are in need of a rep at Woodland Elementary

Post Prom-Katie Shireman emailed next meeting at 10/8/24 at 7pm in MHS library.

School Board-No report

MCC- Next Meeting Monday September 16th at 7pm at Arrowhead-Katie will be attending.

Dates to Remember:

September

20th- Homecoming Game 7pm

21st- Homecoming Dance- 6-9pm

October

3rd-NO SCHOOL

5th-SAT

9th-PSATS-Seniors off volunteering/jpb shadowing, or college visit

10th-Next Home and School Mtg Library 7pm

14th-No SCHOOL