



## **The Methacton Special Education Alliance Home and School Association**

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Wednesday, September 27, 2023 7:00 pm - MHS Library

**Attendees: Dr. Angstadt, Dr Mangano, Reba Mann, Sandy Katz, Jodi Kohar, Amy Smith, Julie Stephens, Michelle Jackson Greenawalt, Zenia Ardeshtna, Kelley Ludwig, Erin Wiggle, Gina Stover, Christina Roche, Stacey Landes, Hanifah Muhammad, Katie Thiel**

1. Motion to Open Meeting: 7:08pm
    - a. Motion to approve by: \_\_\_Amy Smith\_\_\_, 2nd by: \_\_\_Sandy Katz\_\_\_.
  2. Motion to Approve Meeting minutes from:
    - a. Motion to approve by: \_\_\_Reba Mann\_\_\_, 2nd by: \_\_\_Julie Stephens\_\_\_.
  3. A slide show was presented introducing the SEA
    - a. How we communicate with our members
      - i. Facebook, email and the website
        1. Intro of SEA as becoming a Home and School
          - a. What we do
            - i. Social events
            - ii. School opportunities
            - iii. Educational presentations
          - b. How we operate
          - c. Plans for this school year
            - i. Fall, winter and spring social events
            - ii. 5-7 speakers to present
            - iii. Continue to develop and plan the SEA as a Home and School.
            - iv. Develop fundraising
4. Reports
  - a. Administrator's Report - Dr. Angstadt

- i. Update on Inclusive Practices model
  - 1. Dr. Mangano to update inclusive practices for K-4
    - a. Elementary Special Education Advisory
    - b. Transition and evaluation of MCIU Early Intervention students process begins in December before Kindergarten
    - c. The bulk of her time is with the General Education teachers to help them better include students
    - d. The principals are helping the teachers get what they need to education teachers with inclusion
    - e. They work with predominantly the same behavior agency in the elementary school
    - f. Handed out a chart with each schools staff, support teams and related services (see image of the chart below)
    - g. Supports are placed in each room to help the general education teacher
    - h. There is a need for support to train all teachers
    - i. There is one BCBA for each building
    - j. Two mental health therapist travel between all buildings – Central Behavioral Health and REACH
    - k. Lauren Benfield, MCIU Project Consultant, helps with the training of the district for inclusive practices support
    - l. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> have dedicated special education teachers in each classroom
    - m. K-1 special ed teachers are currently shared; this could change in the future; Kindergarten teachers are dual certified.
    - n. You don't need an IEP or 504 to get tiered support
    - o. Moving toward embedding Executive Functioning into the curriculum

b. President's Report - Reba

- i. Meeting Structure
  - 1. The meetings will consist of inhouse presentations and regular meeting business. The next two Home & School meetings (Nov. & Jan.) will continue with the inclusive practices updates - 5-8 & 9-12

- ii. PDE Update - PA Dept of Education Extends FAPE to 22nd Birthday, PEAL training with Dr. Carole Clancy, Bureau Director of Special Education, 9/28
  - iii. DE Task Force - Q.P.R. Gatekeeper Training 9/28
    - 1. Certification for suicide prevention training
  - iv. Back-To-School events
    - 1. Kindergarten Sneak -a-Peek was successful for SEA, we got many new names added to our mailing list
    - 2. Represented at all 7 schools' Back to School Nights
  - v. Post Prom - collab with local businesses that embody inclusiveness
    - 1. Maybe get a dance studio to help decorate or donate
    - 2. Business names would be included in recognition as decorators as opposed to donors
  - vi. Family Fall Fun Day
    - 1. Possible date of October 14<sup>th</sup> at a local farm - 10:30-1
      - a. Dr. Angstadt noted there is a high school planning meeting obligation that morning until noon
    - 2.
- c. Vice President's Report - Jodi / Sandy
  - i. Committee Sign ups - distributed sign up sheet for Fundraising, Presentation topics and Social Event committees
  - ii. Presentation updates
    - 1. Trying to book include me from the start for October 19<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. November 16<sup>th</sup> is Building A Strong IEP with Cindy Duch, PEAL
    - 3. PA Inclusion Collective is booking Erik Carter for Feb/March series
  - iii. Trying to cleanup our mailing list to make sure Methacton parents are connected with the right schools.
- d. Treasurer's Report – Michelle
  - i. Our current balance is \$2650
  - ii. We will be opening an account soon at Ambler Savings
- e. Secretary's Report - Julie / Amy
  - i. Communication methods
    - 1. We communicate through email, facebook and our website
    - 2. We also send communications to each school for their Konstella pages and Principal newsletters
- f. Committees

- i. Fundraising
      - 1. Jodi is setting up pizza kits from Collegeville Bakery
      - 2. Kendra Scott is happening December 15<sup>th</sup> in store and online
    - ii. Social Events
    - iii. Presentation Topics
  - g. MCC - moving to Ambler Savings
    - i. They are big supporters of Methacton School District
- 5. Old Business
- 6. New Business
  - a. Playground Communication Board - \$1,000 - \$3,500 (\$800 for portable A-frame board) playgroundcommunicationboards.com / amazon.com
    - i. 7 buildings
    - ii. Form a committee to research costs and district and external fundraising

## Mark Your Calendars

### Meeting dates: (Moved to Wednesdays)

- September 27, 2023
- November 29, 2023
- January 24, 2024
- March 20, 2024
- May 22, 2024

### Presentation dates: (Thursdays, Dates subject to change depending on availability of presenters and District events)

- October 19, 2023
- November 16, 2023
- January 18, 2024
- February 7,14,21,28 2024
- March 21, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- May 16, 2024

## 7. Adjournment:

Motion to approve by: \_\_Erin Wiggle\_\_\_\_, 2nd by: \_\_Sandy Katz\_\_\_\_.

## SEA Home & School First Meeting Overview Slide Presentation

### First Meeting 9.27.23



#### 2023-2024 School Year Executive Board

President: Reba Mann, [seapresidentmethacton@gmail.com](mailto:seapresidentmethacton@gmail.com)

Co-Vice Presidents: Sandy Katz and Jodi Kohar,  
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**Our main forms of communication are through the Methacton School District home website page, our Facebook page, and via email.**

#### What is the Methacton SEA Home & School?

- We began as a committee under the Methacton Coordinated Council (MCC), the nonprofit umbrella organization for each school's Home & School Association.
- This past year, the majority of the Home & School representatives of the MCC, who are its voting members, voted to remove our committee status, making us an equal member of MCC, and directed us to organize as a Home & School.
- We are unique in that the SEA Home & School
  - Spans across all 7 district schools and works in conjunction with each building's Home & School
  - Has a district-level administrator as our advisor
  - Organizes and hosts educational opportunities for families and caregivers throughout the school year

#### What is the Methacton SEA Home & School, continued

- We fundraise to support our calendar & initiatives the same way the district's traditional Home & Schools do through social activities, direct asks, and fundraising drives.
- We hold meetings at regular intervals in which every parent/caregiver of an enrolled Methacton student is able to attend.
- We rely on committee volunteers to keep our operations and programming in place and successful.
- We network parents/caregivers together as well as promote open communication with the school district and individual schools.
- We support the Methacton School District's mission to provide a stellar educational and well-rounded experience for **all students**.

#### Our Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year

- Continue to develop & define the SEA Home & School as a department of the MCC.
- Schedule social events for the school year (fall, winter, and spring) through committee planning and support.
- Host 5-7 presenters/speakers, including the PA Inclusion Collective February Series, on a collection of topics that parents/caregivers/staff find valuable in support of our students.
- Develop a fundraising plan and strategy that helps us meet our goals as well as work alongside the district's 7 other Home & Schools.



## Elementary Schools Supports & Services

Services and supports all elem schools

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Fri 9/22/2023 10:34 AM

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SCHOOLS	IEP CASE MANAGER	Nurse Counselor	PT	OT	SPEECH	Central Behavioral Mental Health	REACH	RBT for Tiered Support	LBS for Tiered Support	BCBA for Tiered Support	BCBA for Individual Students	Inclusive Practices Support
ARROWHEAD	Sam Fortescue Jen Hobson Emily Leddington Lozan Moyer	Kelly Benarick Kelly Cohen	Kelly DeWan	Tina Baliban	Tori Loebstack (LTS) Kelsey Rawa	Alison Maslij	Dr. Kane Williams	Erica Pleau (Dylan Jacobs Sub)	Tori McClatchy	Dan Bebernitz	Rebecca Miller/Kelly Mieczkowski	MCIU-Lauren Benfield
EAGLEVILLE	Ali Moloney Mary Kate Fenstermacher Katie Hackett Sara Hart	Kelly Alexander Kim Kulp	Kelly DeWan	Katelyn Rhiehl *(until end of Sept) New OT TBD	Meg Schollenberger	Alison Maslij	Dr. Kane Williams	Shawn Ritenour (Dylan Jacobs Sub)	Shelby Thomas	Dan Bebernitz	Rebecca Miller/Kelly Mieczkowski	MCIU-Lauren Benfield
WOODLAND	Katie Donnelly Dan McDonough Kim Fogg Sarah Rappaport	Mary Thomas Linda Ehmer	Linda Troutman	Tina Baliban	Nadine Baumgardner	Alison Maslij	Dr. Kane Williams	John Holdsworth (Dylan Jacobs Sub)	Tori McClatchy	Dan Bebernitz	Gabrielle DeMayo	MCIU-Lauren Benfield
WORCESTER	Sarah Wright Elissa Duffield Hannah Klein Devan Thomas	Jodi Lattanze Shannon Snyder	Linda Troutman	Colleen Marshall	Marlee Maguire	Alison Maslij	Dr. Kane Williams	Dawn DeBusi (Dylan Jacobs Sub)	Shelby Thomas	Dan Bebernitz	Geena Wallace	MCIU-Lauren Benfield

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