



The Methacton Special Education Alliance Home and School Association

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Wednesday, November 29, 2023 7:00 pm - MHS Library

Attendees: Dr. Angstadt, Dr. Fowlston, Reba Mann, Sandy Katz, Jodi Kohar, Amy Smith, Julie Stephens, Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt, Zenia Ardeszna, and Erin Wiggle

1. Motion to Open Meeting: 7:09

Motion to approve by: __Sandy Katz____, 2nd by: __Jodi Kohar____.

2. Motion to Approve Meeting minutes from: September 27, 2023.

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3. Reports

a. Administrator's Report - Dr. Angstadt

i. The district will need to do a comprehensive plan this year

1. Our new admin will contact us around March to provide feedback

ii. Audit of compliance of Special Education Plan by the State

1. There will be a survey to sent to parents

iii. Update on Inclusive Practices model - Dr. Fowlston

1. What supports and services we have at Skyview

a. Dr. Fowlston handed out a chart with the supports and services and the person in each area (see attached)

b. A Special Education teacher is in each homeroom team for 5th grade and follows the class throughout the day.

c. The counselor moves up to the 6th grade with the 5th grade class

- d. Services are done during Hawk Huddle and Flex time so the kids can stay with the general ed class as much as possible
 - i. Flex day is opposite gym day
 - e. There is only 4 teams with a Special Education teacher that is designated and one team doesn't have one for 6th grade
2. Arcola has only 3 teams and has a Special Education teacher for each team.
- a. The counselors travel with their grade up to 8th grade
 - b. Designated emotional support teacher at Arcola
 - i. No tier support at Arcola
 - c. Designated life skills teacher at Arcola
 - d. Arcola has learning support classes
3. Programs
- a. How to include students more than a general education setting. 5th grade is mostly in the general education classroom and supported by instructional assistants.
 - i. Work with Lauren Benfield to meet with teachers to help them with inclusion. She worked with the 5th grade teachers as a team and also with individual teachers.
 - ii. Make sure the students can access something similar even if they are not on the grade level learning
 - iii. In December Lauren Benfield will come out and work with the teachers according to subjects
 - iv. In the Spring she will meet with 6th grade teachers to prepare them
 - b. What is appropriate school behavior, Positive Behavior Intervention Systems
 - i. Training through the MCIU
 - ii. There are team members from each area of the school developing PBIS and learning from the MCIU
 - iii. Reinforce the positive behaviors

- iv. Setting expectations on what behavior should look like in different areas
 - v. Setting a standard for the culture and environment of the school
 - vi. How does your behavior affect others
 - vii. What is an appropriate consequence
 - viii. Follow the Methacton Code of Conduct
 - ix. Provide support to teachers also how to respond to the behavior and allows it to be consistent throughout all teachers
 - x. Everyone in the entire school is invited to the training for PBIS
4. Transition from elementary school
- a. They talk with the principals, meet with the teachers and then present to the 4th grade students.
 - b. The 4th grade students also are invited to tour Skyview
 - c. The 4th grade case managers meet with the 5th grade case managers in the summer to discuss the students and transition
 - d. The first part of school, the homerooms have team building exercises to make students feel comfortable.
5. Transition to 6th grade
- a. The 5th grade case managers meet with the 6th grade case manager
6. Transition to Arcola
- a. Similar transition process as from the transition from elementary to Skyview
7. Transition to High School
- a. They have an orientation before the start of the school year
8. Special Olympics
- a. Springford is hosting for the second year
 - b. Dr. Fowlston is organizing the Special Olympics, instead of the teachers organizing
 - c. This years date May 1, 2024
 - d. Registration has already started
9. Skyview and Arcola have a Buddies program

- a. Jeff Miller works with the counselors to match buddies
 - b. Mrs. McGowen organizes buddies for Skyview
- b. President's Report - Reba
 - i. Building & Community updates
 - 1. Playground at Woodland
 - 2. Pavilion at Arrowhead
 - 3. Any students that are going to need an aide for prom need to submit request soon
 - 4. 9th and 10th best buddies can go to post prom with their buddies – the names and matches have to be approved
 - 5. Best Buddies may not be going to Holiday Lane because of the weather forecast
 - a. Unified Sports
 - i. Bocce was a success and has a lot of interest. They are accepting the older kids first
 - b. Best Buddies
 - i. Friendsgiving
 - ii. Decorated pumpkins
 - 6. No excuses November – no excuses to not inclusion
 - 7. Grants are coming through Montgomery County
 - a. Emergency Preparedness
 - 8. December 5th MICU is having a resource fair
 - 9. Blue Envelope program
 - a. Drivers that may have difficulty communication under a stressful situation. They will have a blue envelope with their drivers license and contact information
- c. Vice President's Report - Jodi / Sandy
 - i. Committee Reports
 - 1. Fundraising - Jodi & Amy
 - a. Kendra Scott – December 15th at KOP mall
 - i. You can shop all weekend online with code
 - b. Collegeville bakery – pizza kits after the new year
 - c. Prom Dresses
 - i. Hanging the dresses in the high school. Amy will contact Dr. Gravinese to talk about space.
 - ii. PV has a dress program that is highly successful that Amy will contact for information

2. Social Events - Julie
 - a. Holiday Lane
3. Presentation Topics - Sandy
 - a. "Building A Strong IEP" with Cindy Duch recap
 - b. PAIC/PEAL Erik Carter Dates
 - i. February 7, 14, 21
 - c. January Presentation
 - i. January 18th, Chris Coberline on Transition
4. Communication Board - Erin & Zenia
 - a. \$25-\$65 – a banner communication board
 - b. \$1000-\$3000 – Aluminum communication board
 - c. Reach out to Speech Pathologists at the schools
 - d. Need to tour playgrounds
 - e. Reach out to H&S to see if they want to donate for it
 - f. Reach out to the school district to cover the cost for it
 - g. Make sure they are hung at kid height.
5. Post Prom - NEED CHAIR
- d. Treasurer's Report - Michelle
 - i. current balance: \$2,743.36
- e. Secretary's Report - Julie / Amy
- f. MCC
- g. MSD Board
 - i. Director of Pupil Services - Dr. Gravinese
 - ii. Principal of MHS - Dr. Euker
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. Dr. Angstandt is retiring and Dr. Gravinese is our new admin

Mark Your Calendars

Meeting dates: (Moved to Wednesdays)

- ~~September 27, 2023~~
- ~~November 29, 2023~~
- January 24, 2024
- March 27, 2024

- May 22, 2024

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

- ~~October 19, 2023~~
- ~~November 15, 2023~~
- January 18, 2024
- February 7,14,21 2024
- March 21, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- May 16, 2024

7. Adjournment: 8:58pm

Motion to approve by: __Sandy Katz____, 2nd by: __Amy Smith____.

Skyview/Arcola Supports and Services

School & Grade Level	IEP Case Manager	Nurses & Counselor	Speech	OT	PT	Central Behavioral Mental Health	REACH Counselor	Behavior Support	BCBA	Inclusion Support
5th grade - Skyview	Lauren Bigler Kelsey Glass Ed Houseman Colleen Redding (Jess McCarron) Alexa Stern	Val Lozinak Rhiannon Serpico Angela Hill	Brittany Dunn Beth Fitzgerald	Sammi Graver	Kelly DeWan	Jesse Gervasi	Caraleigh Moore	Kat Raker/ Denean Powell	PTS: Brandon Campbell Surpass: MaryBeth Harmer Robin Weigelt Kristen Stankiewicz FCS: Theresa Dinh	MCIU: Lauren Benfield
6th grade - Skyview	Sharon Caplan Jamie Davis Erin Scanlon Becky Weibel	Val Lozinak Rhiannon Serpico Beth VanBuren	Brittany Dunn Beth Fitzgerald	Sammi Graver	Kelly DeWan	Jesse Gervasi	Caraleigh Moore	Denean Powell	PTS: Brandon Campbell Surpass: MaryBeth Harmer Robin Weigelt Kristen Stankiewicz FCS: Theresa Dinh	MCIU: Lauren Benfield
5th/6th grade AS/Life Skills	Stacy McGowan	Val Lozinak Rhiannon Serpico Angela Hiller Beth VanBuren	Brittany Dunn Beth Fitzgerald	Sammi Graver	Kelly DeWan	Jesse Gervasi	Caraleigh Moore	Kat Raker/ Denean Powell	PTS: Brandon Campbell Surpass: MaryBeth Harmer Robin Weigelt Kristen Stankiewicz FCS: Theresa Dinh	MCIU: Lauren Benfield
7th grade- Arcola	Hannah Ferrara Dawn Newell Michelle Stead	Joni Cosgriff Rhiannon Serpico Mark Mueller	Beth Fitzgerald	Sammi Graver	Kelly DeWan	Megan Caputo	Melissa Pomerantz Lauren Biase	n/a	PTS: Brandon Campbell Surpass: MaryBeth Harmer Robin Weigelt Kristen Stankiewicz FCS: Kelly Mieczkowski	MCIU: Lauren Benfield
7th/8th grade Emotional Support	Amanda Chud	Joni Cosgriff Rhiannon Serpico Mark Mueller Steph Berardelli	Beth Fitzgerald	Sammi Graver	Kelly DeWan	Megan Caputo	Melissa Pomerantz Lauren Biase	n/a	PTS: Brandon Campbell Surpass: MaryBeth Harmer Robin Weigelt Kristen Stankiewicz FCS: Kelly Mieczkowski	MCIU: Lauren Benfield
7th/8th grade AS/Life Skills	Jeff Miller	Joni Cosgriff Rhiannon Serpico Mark Mueller Steph Berardelli	Beth Fitzgerald	Sammi Graver	Kelly DeWan	Megan Caputo	Melissa Pomerantz Lauren Biase	n/a	PTS: Brandon Campbell Surpass: MaryBeth Harmer Robin Weigelt Kristen Stankiewicz FCS: Kelly Mieczkowski	MCIU: Lauren Benfield
8th grade- Arcola	Eileen Corrado Victoria Perez Julia Swanson	Joni Cosgriff Rhiannon Serpico Steph Berardelli	Beth Fitzgerald	Sammi Graver	Kelly DeWan	Megan Caputo	Melissa Pomerantz Lauren Biase	n/a	PTS: Brandon Campbell Surpass: MaryBeth Harmer Robin Weigelt Kristen Stankiewicz FCS: Kelly Mieczkowski	MCIU: Lauren Benfield