

Skyview Home and School Mtg
December 9, 2024
9:30 am via Zoom

Attendees: Lauren Pires, Jessica Viscusi, Carolyn Maniscalco, Erin Cardwell, Julie Stephens, Leslie Slingsby, Mr. John Smink, Heather McDermott, Angela Pushman

Principal's Report: Nicole Berical

Dr. Berical praised the students for their winter concert performances. She reviewed the plan for the Glow Party and raised a concern about traffic and plan for dismissal from the party in regards to safety.

The group discussed the plan for the Glow Party including directionals for entrance and security needs. Mr. Smink gave details on where tables will be set up and how inside space to be utilized. Leslie requested additional tables for the event (registration and toy donations) and requested seating for parents (bleachers?) and ideally some chairs in the main gym for supervision. Lights will be on to start the event and so students can get acclimated. There will then be a countdown and lights will be turned off for the glow effect. No check-in needed as it's a free event, just greeters. Greeters will be asked to thank parents for actively chaperoning while there.

No President's Report

Vice President's Report: Jessica Viscusi

Jess asked if we had gotten a check from the most recent Dine and Donate. Lauren said we raised \$142.80 and payment will be sent within 46 days of the fundraiser. Jess said we'll be doing the Dine and Donates every other month, so the next one will be in January. Erin relayed that we were questioning whether we could do one paired with Sky Zone or Urban Air during the winter or during the school

Secretary's Report: Carolyn Maniscalco

Carolyn requested approval of the November meeting minutes. She also revisited the topic of gift letters to classroom parents and asked Dr. Berical if we have an approval of the letter template that was sent. She said there should be communication coming from the district in terms of what type of communication is allowed for teacher gift collections. Currently, all that is approved is Konstella communication. She also asked for a follow-up on the decision regarding a school board policy about teacher gifts and whether additional reporting is necessary when a teacher accepts a gift over \$250. No further direction has been given on this. Communication from the district is expected come out to all home and school associations regarding this policy.

Treasurer's Report: Erin Cardwell

We paid out Veterans Day reimbursements. Movie Night costs increased over last year and to keep costs the same per family, home and school picked up the excess cost, increasing the amount needed for that event. She thanked the parents who have donated extra funds for the events this year that they did pay for, as that money goes to help school families in need. Only 1 homeroom

parent submitted for reimbursement so far. She expects more to come in after the winter party. Every homeroom gets \$50 a year from home and school for the 2 school parties.

New Business

Bingo

Melissa Scott is chairing this event. Jessica will discuss logistics with her. She already purchased the prizes. Communication needs to go out to the teachers who will be helping call numbers. More details and information will be relayed after the Glow Party event this week.

SEA Update: Julie Stephens

SEA's Year in Review 2023-2024 is hot off the press and available for your review, showcasing the excitement and accomplishments of our events, initiatives and milestones from the past year.

Our SEA Home & School meeting was held on November 20th at 7:00 PM in the MHS Library. Dr. Dani Fowlston provided an update on supports, services, and staffing at Arcola and Skyview.

Our presentation, Supporting Neurodivergent Students on Their Journey to College Success, by Dr. Stephen Stunder, Chestnut Hill College, Executive Director of the Life Skills through Career Program and Director of Neurodiversity Initiatives, was held on November 21st at 7:00 PM. The recording and presentation slides will be available soon to all registrants.

Mark your calendar for our next presentation on Social Media Safety, presented by Sgt. Mark Stead and Nicole Urbanski, Social Services Liaison for the Lower Providence Township Police Department, on January 16th, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Stay tuned for the Unified Sports Bocce team's competition schedule, coming soon! Their season began on November 18th. Make time to cheer them on at their home games!

Support the Variety Holiday Lane event from December 5th to 7th! Join the SEA Home & School meet-up for a walk-through tour on Saturday, December 7th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Join us for a Kendra Scott Gives Back Event at the King of Prussia Mall on December 15th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, to support the Methacton Special Education Alliance. Twenty percent of proceeds will benefit the Methacton SEA! Unable to attend in person? Use the provided online code at kendrascott.com to show your support! The code, GIVEBACK-IBMAZ, will be active from December 13th to 15th.

No MCC Update.

Meeting Adjourned.