

Arcola Monthly Home and School Meeting

2/6/25 held via Zoom

7PM

Attendees: Larcena Johnson, Andrea Buzby, Gina Stover, Kelleigh Parker, Lauren Pires, John Ewerth, Theresa Manzi

Meeting opened at 7:03

1). Principal's Report (provided by Mr. Ewerth)

- 8th Grade transition in process-Parent Meeting at HS will be coming soon
- 8th Grade will soon be meeting with HS Guidance Counselors
- Sock Roll Challenge went very well had to be rescheduled due to snow
- Students of the Month were recognized for January
- 8th Grade Social-Rain Date is the same as Field Day-wondering if that's an issue they are on the same date. Not many other date options with HS Graduation.
- Thanked H&S for providing buses for Reading Phillies Field Trip for 8th Grade which will occur at the end of May

2). President's Report (provided by Larcena)

- March 21st STEM event, Continental breakfast and lunch for volunteers. 75 participants. In the budget to have it catered. Will need some volunteers for the morning and during lunch time.
- Post Prom- need someone to help measure space etc and more volunteers. Theme will be 90s Girls Hip Hop. Discussion of some parents who are willing to help volunteer.

3). Secretary's Report (Theresa & Kelleigh)

- Approval of January Minutes.

4). 8th Grade Social (Lauren Pires)

- More information to come soon including theme
- Will be sending out Save the Dates
- DJ is booked
- Question/suggestions reach out to Lauren
- Kelleigh can help with blasting out on Konstella and social media
- Mr. Ewerth shared that students must be in school the entire day to be eligible to attend social
- Gina said can help set up ticket sales for Givebutter
- Permission slips-Mr Ewerth suggested using the forms in Power School said Givebutter is good for collecting the money but hard for signing off for permission slips. Gina said H&S might not be able to access student info with Givebutter. Mr. Ewerth said he does not believe we need the permission slips for this event. Givebutter already provides contact information for parents when they complete registration.

5). Treasurer's Report (Gina)

- No Frills has now generated \$1,225 collected so far. Need to collect more.

- Bus Driver Appreciation funds going out this week
- Coaches Gear- pullover for new coach. Check being cut and going out this week.
- SEA donation & Post Prom donations also going out this week.
- Cupcake Truck w/ Skyview for Staff Appreciation- question about total staff in Arcola. Estimation of 100. Final confirmation to be provided by Mr. Ewerth to Gina. Gina asked about dietary restrictions. Will be held on May 9th.

6). SEA Report (Notes provided by email)

- . Thank you to Dr. Gravinese and Corina Todd for presenting an update on Elementary Supports & Services at our January meeting. We appreciate the opportunity to stay informed of the tweaks and changes taking place in Methacton's Special Education programming.
- Our next Home & School Meeting will be held March 26, 2025 at 7:00pm in the MHS Library. The Supervisor of Special Education for grades 9-12, Joelle Mensch will be updating us on Supports & Services within the high school.
- The PA Inclusion Collective has reluctantly decided to take a hiatus this year from their Inclusion Presentation Series typically held in February. They are regrouping and planning to be back next year. Therefore, the SEA Home & School will not be hosting any presentations this month. The next SEA Presentation will tentatively be held March 13th via Zoom. Please note this is a change in date from our original calendar. Stay tuned for details.
- . SEA is holding a Collegeville Bakery Pizza Kit Fundraiser! Pizza Kit pick up will be Friday, March 21st. Stay tuned for details!
- Mission Kids is hosting a Family Online Safety Night free of charge. This will include workshops for children ages 8-12 and parents or caregivers of kids age 2-12. It will be held at Skyview on March 25th from 6:30-8:30pm. Pizza will be provided. Please see attached flyer. Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/250096826565162>
- The Unified Sports Bocce Teams will have their final match at Pottsgrove February 4 at 3:00. We will be notified within the coming days if either team has advanced to the postseason.
- This year's Special Olympics will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Spring-Ford High School. The rain date is Friday, May 9, 2025. If you are interested in your child participating, please be sure to register with Dr. Dani Fowlston (dfowlston@methacton.edu)!
- . MSD Extended School Year (ESY) will be held July 7 - 31 at Skyview, Monday through Thursday, 8:30-12. IEP meetings to discuss ESY are currently being scheduled by case managers.
- Variety Club Camp will be held June 23 - August 8, Monday - Friday, 9-3.
- . Check out SEAofMCC on Facebook to find out more about the following:
 - a. PEAL's AAC Across Transitions: Join PEAL and Bekah Nesbitt from TechOWL next week to learn about Augmentative and Alternative Communication Across Transitions. Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 PM on Zoom. Registration required.
 - b. "7 Things to Know About College Disability Services"

c. EmpowerEd's "Conquering Math Myths with Universal Design"
d. The Arc Alliance's Love Without Limits Workshop: Join us Saturday, February 15, at 10 AM for a free workshop hosted by The Arc Alliance. Let's explore healthy relationships and understanding sexuality for individuals with IDD/A! Registration is required.

- There has been significant discussion online and in the press regarding potential changes coming from the Department of Education, as well as updates published through the department's official channels. One notable development is H.R. 899 – To Terminate the Department of Education, a bill currently introduced in Congress. More information on this legislation can be found here: Congress.gov - H.R. 899.
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/899/all-info>
For those interested in learning more or seeking clarification, the appropriate elected officials to contact include Pennsylvania's two U.S. Senators and Congresswoman Madeleine Dean, who represents our part of Montgomery County. Additionally, individuals may wish to reach out to their state legislators to inquire about Pennsylvania's response and any potential actions at the state level.
For official contact information, please visit the respective government websites. (See

Next meeting on Thursday, March 6th at 7PM on Zoom.

6).Closing- Meeting was adjourned at 7:37PM.