**MHS Home and School Association**

**Meeting Meetings**

**October 13th, 2022 9:15am Rm C149**

**Attending:** Jamie Gravinese, Gabby Winters, Susan Demedio, Sophia Pham, Laura Kemp, Cindy Hartson, Sandy Katz, Michelle Jackson-Greenwalt, Deanna Roeger

**MHS Staff Reports:**

**Principal-**Jamie Gravinese

Homecoming was a positive experience with spirit week, dance, powder puff, pep rally, and halftime recognition. Pictures will be highlighted in Happenings. The date of the dance was dictated by the schedule. Susan Demedio requested in the future if its possible to check league schedules prior to solidifying the date. Gabby and Susan mentioned possibly adding food offered by home and school as some students mentioned being hungry. Food could be kept simple (like waters and soft pretzels). Gabby mentioned home and school parents can also help to volunteer help at the dance if they are short on staff volunteers.

AP Window Closing Tomorrow. 400 exams have been ordered, though 900 should be.

Strategic Plan Survey will be on Monday October 17th during homeroom and should only take about 5-7 minutes of the students’ time

Class Ring Deadline is tomorrow.

Spirit Wear store is open and will be featured in Happenings.

Carline is congested and some misbehaviors occurring that are being addressed.

Halloween costumes are permitted at the high school with costume contests for both students and faculty. Dress appropriately or kids will have to go home to change and come back. No head coverings, drugs, alcohol, racial/religious ties, no prop weapons, and all parts covered.

**Upcoming Dates:**

**SAT:** 11/5/22 **Deadline to register:**  10/7/22 **Late Registration:** 10/25/22

**SAT:** 12/3/22 **Deadline to register:** 11/3/22 **Late Registration:** 11/22/22

**ACT:** 12/10/22 **Deadline to register:** 11/4/22 **Late Registration:** 11/11/22

Fafsa Night- 11/3 registration required

Fall Play- (after our next meeting) The Great Gatsby. Has 65 kids in it.

Tues Nov 8- In-Service Day

Wednesday Nov. 23rd- Closed

Thursday November 24th-Holiday Closed

Friday November 25- Closed

**Teacher’s Report-**Cara Woudenberg-Nothing to Report

**Counseling-**Cindy Hartson

700 Kids took PSATs, going over results in science class. All answers and links live so students can view their tests. Helps for future SAT Prep. 10th grade can take with accommodations (extra time). All students must sit until the time is done and if they finish early no books, phones, etc.

Career Forum had 9th graders heard keynote speakers from Financial Literacy, and Human Resources. Requested a grant to supply hospitality (or goodies) to be given to these speakers.

Act 339 plan going into effect which needs artifacts for financial literacy. Going into Social Studies classes for inventory. Today is the deadline for the Career Expo at Oaks (which will be held next week). Will have an upcoming Fafsa night, which is free federal aid for colleges. Can sign up through Montco with documents to help you fill out the form.

**H&S Reports:**

**Presidents-**Gabby Winters/Susan Demedio

Gabby presented three mini grants.

One was for $324.50 to benefit the whole freshman class for hospitality for speakers for underclassmen. Another one was for $335 and benefited all of the tenth grade for 7 copies of Caton. Caton is a videogame board game that teaches exploration, economics and involves critical thinking. The last one was for $230 for Ring Lights to benefit AP art submission (though can be used beyond that for others needing to submit high quality digital footage) of about 50-100 students. Helps take a better quality picture of artwork to be digital for portfolios.

Susan Demedio made a motion to approve and Deanna second it and all were in favor.

Gabby will notify the classes and then work with Lorraine to get it purchased from the High School Budget to then be reimbursed by MHSA.

MCC Update from September 13th Katie Shireman and Susan Demedio attended. Need to review the bylaws and we can submit any changes if we want anything adjusted. Sophia Pham said Dr. Zerbe is looking for alternatives to Konstella as the district pays for that.

There was a tailgate prior to homecoming for board members and volunteers held by the faculty, s/b administration of Methacton. Not too many in attendance but a very nice gesture of the staff. The timing may have been off with all current activities. Susan mentioned it was hard to fundraise and sell food at the game if a tailgate going on.

**Vice President Report-**Katie Shireman-Nothing to Report

**Treasurer-** Sophia Pham

No Expenses in September. No Frills Fundraiser is currently at $7,851 and bidgeted for $8560. Our gap is $709. We have $2000 leftover from the previous year. Hopefully can put towards the students and staff. May have MCC dues to pay.

**Secretary**-Jessica Fox/Deanna Roeger-Nothing to report

**District Reports:**

**SEA-**Sandy Katz and Michelle Jackson-Greenwalt (presented)

* **October SEA Talking points:**

1.     We have been enjoying participating in the Back to School Nights in person this year and speaking to our parents/caregivers. To date, representatives of the SEA have attended BTSN at 6 out of 7 of our schools. We look forward to Arrowhead’s on Oct. 12.

**2.**     Thursday, October 20, 2022- 7:30 p.m. Join us for Methacton’s First **Virtual**Back to School Night for Special Education.  The flyer has been shared via Mail Chimp to our email distribution list. We have also sent it to H & S representatives to share both on Konstella and Facebook pages. All Methacton parents/caregivers and staff are

    welcome. Please be sure to register at the link to receive the Zoom link.<https://forms.gle/eW5wJGEZNQn8Sj4WA>

Presented by:

Dr. Susan Angstadt - Director of Pupil Services, Methacton School District

Dr. Amy Mangano - Supervisor of Special Education (Grades K-4)

Dr. Danielle Fowlston - Supervisor of Special Education (Grades 5-8)

Dr. Erika Thomas - Supervisor of Special Education (Grades 9-12)

**SPECIAL Guest** – Ms. Alexis Washington, Methacton’s new DEI Climate

 Counselor

                          This meeting is for all parents and caregivers of:

\* Incoming kindergarten students with an IEP.

\* all special education students, new or current, with an IEP or 504.\*

The Special Education team will provide an overview of:

\* The special education structure in Methacton.

\* The roles and responsibilities of the supervisors of special education.

\* The roles and responsibilities of school psychologists, case managers

   and IEP teams.

\* IEPs, GIEPs and 504s.  
\* school-based therapy including speech therapy, occupational

   therapy, and physical therapy.  
\* behavior and emotional support, and more!

The team will be available to answer general questions from parents/caregivers, however, not individual questions regarding specific student IEP concerns.

\*IF YOU'RE TRANSITIONING TO A NEW BUILDING (E.G. MOVING FROM ELEMENTARY TO SKYVIEW OR FROM ARCOLA TO THE HIGH SCHOOL), THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO MEET YOUR NEW SUPERVISOR OF EDUCATION!

3.     Thursday, November 17, 2022 - **The 10 Myths You Need to Know About Inclusion and the Law** presented by Patrick G. Radel, Esq., Getnick Livingston Atkinson & Priore, LLP

      from Utica, New York. Mr. Radel is a Special Education Attorney and parent of child with a disability.

4.     December Social Outing, Variety’s Holiday Lane – Details will follow on an organized group outing.

5.     Mark your calendars for this year’s Special Education workshops on various topics.

      Details on topics will follow. **(Thursdays, Dates subject to change depending on availability of presenters and District events)**

-        January 19, 2023

-        February 16, 2023

-        March 16, 2023

-        April 20, 2023

-        May 18, 2023

6.     Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC> or contact us at [seamethacton@gmai](mailto:seamethacton@gmail.com)[l.com](http://l.com/)

**Post Prom-** Lisa Coupe/Gabby Winters (Presented)

Had a meeting to introduce people to what post prom is and how to get involved Tuesday night. First time they have held this event. There were about 40 people in attendance. Seemed like a good informational night which was well received. Gabby created a slideshow she shared and will hopefully try to upload for Home and School to share.

**School Board**-No Report

**Dates To Remember:**

**October**

12-10th and 11th Grade PSATs

**13-H&SMeeting- 9:15am**

13-NHS Inductions 7:00pm

14-Picture Retakes

**November**

**2- Souper Luncheon**

8- No School (In-Service-Election Day)

10th-H&S Meeting -9:15am

10,11,12- Fall Play

11- 1st <Marking Period Ends

23- No School\*Possible Make-Up Day

24-25- Thanksgiving Break