**MHS Home and School Association Minutes**

**September 14 Room C149 9:15 am**

**Attendees:**  Jamie Gravinese, Susan DeMedio, Heather DeWane, Laura Kemp, Sandy Katz, Michelle Greenawalt, Rebecca Mann, Sophia Pham, and Deanna Roeger

**Welcome-** Susan started off the meeting with welcoming Heather DeWayne. Heather introduced herself to the board. Heather was voted in to co-secretary with Deanna Roeger. Susan made a motion to have Heather as Co-Secretary this year and she was seconded by Deanna and approved by all those present.

**MHS Staff Reports:**

**Principal**- Dr. Gravinese Made note that PSATs for 10th and 11th graders are on October 11th and the cost will be covered by the school. Ninth graders will have a career fair and the 12th graders will have options for off sight volunteerism/work. Those in AP classes will need to sign up by September 21st as they are going to start ordering the tests.

They have just implemented a quiet lunch in a classroom for those looking for the option during their lunch period and it has done very well. More information will be contained in the Happenings regarding this.

Color Wars was a success last Friday as it enabled team unity of students and teachers. The staff was green and each grade was a different color. All but 3 students wore their shirts.

The Superintendents Planning Committee (a group comprised of 50 selected MHS Students) met to identify strengths and weaknesses of the MHS facility in case of any future refurbishments or construction is needed. The results of this focus group will be shared in October.

The lockdown drill on Tuesday was handled very well by all.

Mini-grant applications have been sent out to the staff.

They are videotaping traffic patterns to address concerns and ideas to make it flow better. Noticed that parents in car-line pick up tend to leave the line instead of staying and waiting for their turn and parking in random spots and they need to follow the directions for drop off and pickup for safe and smooth car line procedures.

The new coffee bar is going great and teachers have been awarded their appreciation prizes already. Sophia will be introduced to the lead there to take care of our $100 billing to cover expenses for this.

Keystone Results will be out soon.

**Teachers-** No Report from Andrea Borgman

**Counseling**-No Report from William Peck.

**H&S Reports:**

**President-** Susan shared six thank you notes from student recipients of the H&S Leadership Award. Cindy Hartson send a thank you for her wind chimes and gifts from her retirement send off last year. Gabby and Michelle re-vamped the wording for this scholarship to make it more user friendly going forward.

Mini-grants out until Oct 7 for due date. Will address them at the October 12th board meeting.

November 2nd is the Super luncheon and will need to man it the whole time and include more salads. Will request Katie make Sign Up Genius for This. The Dessert Buffet went well.

Susan made a motion to approve $100 donation for PSAT snack. It was seconded by Deanna Roeger and approved by all present.

**Vice President-**No Report from Katie Shireman.

**Treasurer-**Sophia said we had $3626 in our account in July. We have one outstanding check that will need to be cashed as we are changing bank accounts. We had $225 donated from parents to dessert buffet to get supplies. We have received $8090 for the no Frills fundraiser, with $1050 being mailed in, $388 paypal, and $6653 Venmo. Sophia’s recommendation of keeping the mailed envelopes will remain as it is a good reminder for parents and was still utilized. Susan gave it an overwhelming Thumbs up. Deanna recommended looking into a home and school stamp and pad instead of printing and putting on labels. Susan had done all the past labels and she will look into the cost for that. Sophia presented proposed budget of $9,550 for 2023/2024. Motion was made to approve and all were in favor.

**Secretary-**Deanna thanked Sophia for taking all of the remaining desserts to the Norristown Hospitality Center. She will also be in touch with Heather to collaborate all future job responsibilities as co-secretaries.

**District Reports:**

**Special Education Alliance H&S-**

1. The Special Education Alliance Home & School has been busy! We spent the Spring and Summer adjusting to our new role as a K-12 Home & School, as well as our usual Summer planning for presentations and events. In August we had representatives at every elementary school for the Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek event and we’re currently attending each of the district’s Back to School Nights. Come say hi if you’re at one!
2. Our 22-23 Year-In-Review has been posted to our website. Take a look and find links to some of the awesome presentations we hosted last year, as well as some other great info on what we’re all about! You’ll also find our Meeting Schedule for the upcoming school year there. Look for the Special Education Alliance shortcut listed on the district’s main page under “Site Shortcuts”. <https://www.methacton.org/cms/lib/PA50000637/Centricity/Domain/64/A%20year%20in%20review%202022-2023%20%20FINALVER.pdf>
3. **Important PA update:** The Pennsylvania Department of Education has made a change to the age children with disabilities may remain in school until. We have shared some community resources regarding this on our Facebook page.
   * The Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership (PEAL) Center, along with the Arc Alliance of PA, HUNE, Mission Empower, will host the Bureau of Special Education Director Carole Clancy to explain more about the new policy and answer questions on September 28 via Zoom. We have posted the flyer and details to our FB page.
4. If you haven’t done so already, reach out to [SEAMethacton@gmail.com](mailto:SEAMethacton@gmail.com) to have your email address added to our mailing list. This is the surest way to stay up-to-date on upcoming events, presentations and fundraisers. You can also find us on Facebook at SEAofMCC, in your home school’s Konstella, Facebook and S’mores updates, or at Home & School meetings.

**Post Prom-**No report from Katie Shireman

**School Board**- No Report

**MCC-** Sophia Pham attended and said they are transferring all Methacton H&S accounts to Ambler from TD. Also, they request each Home and school takes a design space for Post Prom.

**Dates to Remember:**

**September October**

20th -Grades 11 and 12 back to School Night 5th-NHS Inductions at 7pm

25th- NO SCHOOL 7th-SATS

9th-No School

11th-PSAT

12th-H&S Mtg Library 7pm

20th Homecoming Game 7pm

21- Homecoming dance 6-8:30 MHS