**MHS Home and School Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 2023 9:15am Room C149**

**Attendees: Jamie Gravinese, Susan Demedio, Sophia Pham, Lisa Chambers, Reba Mann, Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt, Ramonadela Rosa, and Deanna Roeger**

**MHS Staff Reports:**

**Principal-** Jamie introduced guest speaker Lisa Chambers who shared her personal story of her son who ended up dying from overdosing on heroin. She detailed the journey of the battle of where the addiction began and how it affected her, her family, and her friends. It was very emotional and impactful and the board thanked and encouraged her to return and share with others to raise awareness in hopes it can help families and also save lives. The information for Montgomery Mobile Crisis Support was shared (1-855-634-4673) as well as teent@lkline (text 215-703-8411 or call 866-825-5856). Both great resources to help those in need of help. We discussed how to reach kids and parents more and hoping Lisa may be able to speak again before post pron. The board brainstormed possibly hosting a resource night for parents at back to school night. There are lots of drugs coming in laced with fentinol that can take a life after 1 use and all need to be educated on this topic in hopes to prevent future drug related deaths or addictions. Between 18-25 there has been records of more young adults lives being taken due to drug overdose. The board thanked Lisa for her bravery and strength to be able to share her story.

Jamie then discussed Final Exams and Senior Exams on the horizon. All detailed times are listed in The Happenings. She posted the below on the Happenings as well as discussed at the meeting the following:

AP exams and Keystone exams are scheduled for the month of May.

* AP exams run from May 1-15.
* Keystones exams are May 15 (Algebra), May 17 (Biology), and May 18 (Literature).
* The makeup window for Keystones exams will be May 19- 25.

We are currently slated to be **off on Friday, March 17**for our makeup snow day (pending we don't need to use it between now and then).

We will also be **off for Spring Break Wednesday, April 5- Monday, April 10.**

(**Please note, NMTCC is closed on April 3 and 4 and we are open**. Part-time NMTCC students may come in late/ leave early with their own transportation and parental permission, or students will be in study hall during the time in their schedule when they would be at NTMCC.)

We had a wonderful time at Mr. Methacton this past week. This year's group of Mr. Methacton contestants did not disappoint! We had singing, dancing, and a fantastic evening overall. Congratulations to our 2023 winner, Bobby Kleckner.

Congratulations to Mr. Outland and the Methacton Academic Decathlon team who placed 6th at last weekend’s State Championship. **This is the highest Methacton has placed in over 20 years**. A special shout-out goes to Alice Liang, who was the 9th highest scorer out of over 200 students. In addition, Methacton students won 7 individual event medals. In the Scholastic Division, Nanditha Patil won a Silver medal in Science and Archie Lin won a Bronze in Math. In the Honors Division, Haley Chung won a silver medal in speech, Sameeksha Panda won a silver in Essay, and Alice Liang won a bronze in Science. Sameeksha and Alice also tied for the Gold Medal in Math, each scoring an astonishing 94% in this event. Besides the medal winners, Methacton had strong support from the rest of the State Championship Qualifiers: Anna Lu (Scholastic Division), Stephen McGrath (Varsity Division) and Logan Greer (Varsity Division). Congratulations to the whole team, who have been working since September studying over 900 pages of resource material, reading a full novel and preparing a memorized speech. The team is already looking toward next year, with a theme that features Neuroscience and the History of Technology.

Mark your calendars-- our ART SHOW: "Perspectives" is next month! You're invited to come to the high school to see the work of our amazing art students. The show will be open (in the library) Friday, April 21 from 6-9pm and Saturday, April 22 from 12-4pm.

Join us for a final farewell to the former Audubon Elementary School. The building is scheduled for demolition in June 2023, and the district has organized a walk-through event to be held at the site tentatively on March 23, 2023 from 5pm-7pm.

Address: 2765 Egypt Road, Audubon, PA 19403

Course selection process for students currently in grades 9, 10 and 11 will follow this timeline:

* February 13-March 8 - Counselors meet with students 1:1 to do course selection. Parent verification form will be online. (Check Smartpass for appointment!) Students will be directed to contact parent before leaving meeting to inform parent selections are live in Powerschool. **Online parent verification forms will be available for parents to review course requests and e-sign (see directions attached) .**
* March 2- 8: Counselors meet with 9th grades to pick classes for 10th grade

PARENTAL DUE DATES:

* **March 13 - 9th grade course selection parent verification forms due (picking classes for sophomore year).**
* **March 17 - Last call for any parental questions after verification or any last minute changes.**

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* March 24 - Final date for course request changes by students/parents.
* April 28 - Due date for waivers.
* End of MP 3 & 4 - Teachers confirm recommendation eligibility.
* **Attention Seniors! "Voice of the Class of 2023" Submissions are Open!**
* Have you have ever dreamed about giving a speech at Graduation? This may be your opportunity!!
* Several years ago, Methacton created a speaking opportunity during Graduation called “The Voice of the Class.” All students in the Class of 2023 are eligible to apply to be the Voice of the Class. If interested in applying for this honor, seniors must completely write their intended speech and submit it to Dr. Gravinese and Mrs. Deegan via email ([jgravinese@methacton.org](mailto:jgravinese@methacton.org); [ldeegan@methacton.org](mailto:ldeegan@methacton.org)) by 3:00pm on Friday, April 14, 2023.
* All submitted speeches will be anonymously reviewed by a committee of teachers, staff and select members of the Class of 2023. The Voice of the Class will be chosen from among those submissions.
* Graduation Date
* Graduation has been set for Tuesday, **June 13, 2023 at 4pm at Methacton High School**. Full graduation details will be released on March 1, 2023.
* The Prom is Friday, April 28 at the Sheraton in King of Prussia. It is for our 11th and 12th grade students. They may bring a guest.
* **Ticket sales**will be the week of 3/20 – 3/24 during at all lunches for $90. After that, tickets will be on sale for $100 during homeroom in either Mrs. Emery’s room (A105) or Mrs. Dunbar’s room (A107). Tickets to prom will be $100 from 3/27 – 4/7. All prom tickets are final sale and non-refundable.
* Please be sure to read the **Prom Website below** before purchasing tickets (see button below). ALL information about the prom, guest forms, Q&As, and **POST PROM** can be found by accessing the tabs at the top of the site.
* Please note, our 11th and 12th grade students do NOT need to attend the prom to sign up for the post prom. See the website below for full details.

**Teachers- No Report**

**Counseling-**

**Scholarship days are here**! Two of our school counselors, Mrs. Hartson and Mrs. Langan, have been walking around at lunch this week, handing out paper applications for students to apply to scholarships. We want to be sure our students are aware of the many scholarship opportunities that exist and are sometimes missed. Questions about scholarships? Please see our Virtual Bulletin Board to see all of the many opportunities that exist. Please also see the attached document for webinars and scholarships.

**SPRING 2023 SAT Registration Dates Have Been Released:**

Test Dates:

* **SAT**: 3/11/23 ***(MHS Hosting)***; **Registration Deadline**: 2/24/23; **Late Registration Deadline**: 2/28/23
* **SAT**: 5/6/23; **Registration Deadline:**4/21/23; **Late Registration Deadline**:4/24/23
* **SAT**: 6/3/23***(MHS Hosting)***; **Registration Deadline**:5/19/23; **Late Registration Deadline:** 5/23/23

**College Rep Visits**are back in person this year! Students may sign up through Naviance, make a smart pass and then report to the area for the visit. 60 schools and counting have signed up so far!

**Save the Date:**

The Pennsylvania Association of College Admissions Counselors will be hosting their annual In-Person College Fair this year.

Main Line Villanova at Villanova University

May 24th

6:00 - 8:30 PM Eastern

If interested in attending, please register using the link below. All students in attendance will need to register and secure a bar code prior to joining this fair.

<https://app.strivescan.com/registration>

A note to Juniors: Counselors will continue to meet with their students to talk about post-secondary planning. They will also be hosting some afterschool drop in workshops to review the college search process, starting the common application, as well as looking into career options on the following dates in room C133. These workshops are not to take place of the students meeting with their individual counselors, but to supplement the extra time to work on activities.

* Tuesday, March 14
* Wednesday, March 29
* Wednesday, April 12
* Tuesday, April 18
* Thursday, April 27

**H&S Reports:**

**President-**Susan DeMedio mentioned we have volunteers for the college scholarships for review. Mentioned encouraging 8th grade parents to come in May to get involved in the school. She has pens being ordered. They cost $225, up from last year’s $204. Brought up need to look at other platforms besides Konstella as we will be charged $375 to use their services. Will look into Google classroom and vote next month on how to proceed. We have extra funds to cover these costs next year. MCC will have a meeting on 3/14 at Woodland at 6pm. Post prom is still in need of volunteers.

**Treasurer-** Sophia shared that we spent $2675 in February and we have $4750 general funds available. We have roughly $2500 in our budget to spend. We still have $1400 in mini grants and gave out 13 applications.

**Secretary-**Deanna will contact Arcola to request a Konstella message be sent out with open board positions for High School so 8th grade families aware.

**District Reports:**

**SEA- *𝐓𝐡𝐞 𝐌𝐞𝐭𝐡𝐚𝐜𝐭𝐨n SEA was a proud partner of the PA Inclusion Collective and the PEAL Center of, "Starting with the End in Mind", a 4-part series on building an inclusive life for students with disabilities. Please see the list of the participating school district parent groups on the slide below.***

The recorded series is available here at Dan Habib's landing page **until 3/29/23.** Vimeo for Dan Habib Starting with the End in Mind series:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10205356>  PW: PEAL\_HABIB

Please share widely as we want as many staff and families/caregivers to access this informative and ***FREE*** series for parents with IEPs and preparing as early as elementary school for life after high school.



1. ***2/1/23 - Including Samuel Virtual Film Screening and Self Advocate Panel Discussion***
2. ***2/8/23 - Disabling Segregation and My Disability Roadmap for an Inclusive Life***
3. ***2/15/23 - Starting Early Creating a Roadmap for Inclusive IEP’s and Transition Plans***
4. ***2/22/23 - Action Effective Practices in Transition to Adulthood***

***2. The SEA and the Methacton Home & Schools Reading Fightin Phillies Fundraiser continues through the opening season!*** You can purchase 6 undated general admission tickets for only $42 for an outing with your school friends, Birthdays, Father's Day or Mother's Day, and family reunions at the ballpark. Tickets can be used **on any date** during the 2023 season. We are excited about the partnership with the Home & Schools to promote the fundraiser.  The funds raised will be used to bring informative presentations to our district and to support events that help connect families and caregivers!

Please share the pdf and jpg of the flyer widely! Purchase your tickets at this link and be sure to select the Methacton Special Education Alliance fundraiser **(be sure to select Methacton Special Education Alliance) :**<https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/team.asp?SponsorID=16413&promocode=FUNDRAISER&fbclid=IwAR2tzJrSlfgantAiswIjKWu9w8YRr2lKugqx4dn-wu_p50ryr41zXpadP2>



***3. Unified Bocce ended the season at the Montgomery County Championship on 2/21/23. This is the first year of Methacton Bocce with two teams and one of them qualified for the Mont. Co. Championship.*** This team finished the season 7-2 and in 3rd place out of 21 teams in Montgomery County. Both Bocce Teams did ***GREAT*** in their first year and the kids had a ***GREAT*** time ***(the smiles were priceless!)***

***4. Unified Sports Track & Field begins March 6....stay tuned for more details next month!***

**5. The SEA 2023 Presentation/Social Activities Dates! Mark your calendars!**

* **Stay tuned for more details on some end of the school year social activities!** Dates subject to change based on activity planning!

                     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/)

***Also, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns!***

**Dates To Remember:**

**April**

4- 3rd Marking Period Ends

5-10- No School

13- H&S Mtg 7pm

21,22- Art Show

26- Orchestra Concert 7:30pm

28- No School, Post Prom and Prom

**May-**

2-23- AP Testing

3- Choral Concert 7:30pm

5- Film Festival

11- H&S Mtg 9:15am

16- No School (In service)

17-23 Keystone Testing

18- Band Concert 7:30pm

24- Awards night 7pm

26- No School (in-service)

29-No School (holiday)