Minutes of the Methacton Coordinating Council

Date: 1/13/2025

Officer Attendance: Mary Beth Verano, Ian Hoffman, Erin Cardwell

Representative Attendance: Nikki Ferraro, Theresa Manzi, Amanda Hargest, Cathy Cleary, Katie Shireman, Sophia Pham, Jodi Kohar, Angela Pushman

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by

The minutes for the meeting held on 11/11/2024 were approval by majority vote.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

* PRESIDENT
* VICE PRESIDENT
	+ Nothing to report
* SECRETARY
	+ Continue to be mindful of phishing emails.
* TREASURER
	+ Q2 Ended 12/31
		- Most departments have submitted files already, thank you
		- Deadline is Wednesday, 1/15
		- Focus of this audit will be looking at surplus of funds to ensure compliance with the 50% carryover
	+ Reminder: board members should not be signing their own reimbursement checks
* Company Matches
	+ Total received so far: almost $12,000
	+ Everything MCC has received has been distributed out to departments so far with one exception
		- Brian Burns $25 Vanguard donation still needs designation
	+ As money comes in, I’ll keep mailing checks

**SEA REPORT**

Happy New Year from the Special Education Alliance Home & School!

* Mark your calendar:

Join us for our next presentation on Navigating Cyber Safety: Protecting Your Child in the Digital Age, presented by Sgt. Mark Stead (Supervisor of Community Policing/Traffic Safety for the Lower Providence Township Police Department), Nicole Urbanski (Social Services Liaison for the Lower Providence Township Police Department), and Michelle McDyre (Director of Prevention Education and Outreach, Mission Kids). When: Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM

[Register here: https://forms.gle/ojBCcC9oTqPK3b9H8](https://forms.gle/ojBCcC9oTqPK3b9H8)

* Navigating Cyber safety: Protecting your child in the digital Age, Thursday January 16th at 7 PM
* SEA Home & School Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the MHS Library. Corina Todd, Supervisor of Special Education, will provide an update on supports, services, and staffing at the elementary schools.
* Unified Sports Bocce Team: The season kicked off on November 18th! Be sure to cheer them on at their home games. Upcoming matches:
	+ January 9, 2025, at 3:00 PM vs. North Penn High School (Home Game)
	+ January 16, 2025, at 3:00 PM @ Upper Merion High School
	+ January 21, 2025, at 3:00 PM @ Methacton High School (Senior Day) vs. Perkiomen Valley High School
	+ February 4, 2025, at 3:00 PM @ Pottsgrove High School
* **Mark your calendar:**
	+ 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 your Supervisor of Special Education!
* Variety Holiday Lane Event:
	+ This festive event, was held from December 5th to 7th, included:
		- A Best Buddies meet-up was on Fri. Dec. 6th
		- An SEA Home & School meet-up and walk-through tour was on Sat. Dec. 7th
* Kendra Scott Gives Back Event:
	+ This event was held at the King of Prussia Mall on December 15th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, in support of the Methacton Special Education Alliance (SEA). Twenty percent of proceeds benefited the Methacton SEA—another successful holiday fundraiser!
* Visit SEAofMCC on Facebook to learn more about the following updates:
	+ What is your #InclusiveResolution? Check out empowerEd’s Ins and Outs for 2025!
	+ Register for the PEAL Center’s Two on Tuesdays:
* **Winter Bites Series, Tuesdays in December & January from 12 PM - 1 PM:** <https://www.tfaforms.com/5154381>
* **The Roadmap to PA Travel, Tuesday January 7th, 2025, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM:**

<https://www.tfaforms.com/5154228>

* **Attention Families of Incoming Kindergarteners for 2025-26:**

Methacton's Kindergarten Overview Program is scheduled for January 29, 2025, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM via Zoom. Register today:

[www.methacton.org/readyforkinder](http://www.methacton.org/readyforkinder) **Registration deadline: January 28, 2025, at**

**midnight.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Follow up on Amber Savings bank/TD bank information
	+ We appreciate everyone moving funds over to Ambler, please close out your TD accounts
	+ We are still in a holding pattern with TD, it took them a while to get back to us. As of now it appears that we cannot structure it the way we are looking to.
		- We do have some follow up question that we are waiting for answers from the TD branch manager.
	+ We are still looking for a solution and currently are sticking with Ambler.
* Student Loan Fund- Transferring back to the district
	+ We are working on getting the funds back to being handled by the district.
	+ There used to be parent volunteers who managed the fund
	+ MHS treasurer is just writing a check to the District and not to individual students
	+ So we are trying to have the district manage the account as it is about $75,000.00.
* Student Dance verbiage (Elementary Level)
	+ Thanks to Angela Pushman for the suggestion of “Someone Special Dance”, Dr. Gravinese liked this idea so the elementary level dances should use a similar verbiage.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Kindergarten Overview Program- January 29th
	+ The district will send out a zoom link after registration
	+ The flyer for this event will be forwarded to home and school accounts
		- Please post on your Konstella as well as Facebook pages if you have one
* Bus Driver appreciation hosted by Worcester this year
	+ Just a reminder that we voted to increase department contributions to $125 this year.
		- This was communicated to the treasurers
* High School Home and school currently manages the 2 programs of the leadership fund as well as the most improved award
	+ The Leadership fund is moving away from the High School
		- Dr. Maffei is going to assign a judges group for this.
	+ The most improved award will stay with MHS home and school
		- This year they will need volunteers to help with this as all members have a senior this year. Katie asked to spread the word and asked for anyone who has members willing to judge
			* This involves looking at transcripts and ranking the applicants
			* Counselors also provide feedback
			* Anyone who is willing to judge please reach out to Katie
* Reminder to start to identify future board members
	+ It’s good to start in February so that you can nominate in March and vote in April
	+ Don’t forget to use incoming parents from a lower school as options too.

**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting to be held on 3/10/2025 at 7:00PM via zoom

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion for adjournment was made and carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Hoffman

Recording Secretary