Minutes of the Methacton Coordinating Council
Date: 11/11/2024

Officer Attendance: Mary Beth Verano, Lauren Pires, Erin Cardwell, Ian Hoffman
Representative Attendance: Angela Pushman, Katie Shireman, Cathy Cleary, Michelle Greenawalt, Larcena Johnson, Gina Stover

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by President Mary Beth Verano

The minutes for the meeting held on 9/16/2024 were motioned for approval made by Lauren Pires, the motion was second by Larcena Johnson. The motion carried

## OFFICERS REPORTS

- PRESIDENT
  - Nothing to report, discussion on later agenda items.
- VICE PRESIDENT
  - Nothing to report
- SECRETARY
  - Nothing to report
- TREASURER
  - I've received everyone's Q1 files – thank you!
  - Taxes are filed!
    - Full 990 form required this year
  - Approving company matches – 80 so far totaling over $20,000
    - Arrowhead & Skyview fundraisers are over; Arrowhead already received some match funds
    - Woodland & Eagleville in the middle of their Read-A-Thons now
    - I expect a fair amount to come in over the next 4-6 weeks
    - Direct deposit has been set up for as many companies as I can – expediting MCC's receipt of funds
    - With virtual meetings, I'll be mailing checks directly to treasurers
  - The 2nd quarter of our current fiscal year ends Dec 30, and Q2 reports will be due to me by Jan 15
    - Everyone's major fundraisers should be wrapped up at that point, so the focus of that audit will be looking at surplus of funds to ensure compliance with the 50% carryover

## SEA REPORT

- Thank you to everyone who attended our Fall Fest last month! It was delightful
- connecting with families, new and old, while snuggling with farm animals. We're looking
- forward to holding it again next Fall!

- We hope everyone was able to attend our Transition presentation by Kris Koberlein. If
- you registered, the link to the recording should be emailed within the next week.
- Our next **Home & School meeting** will be held **November 20th at the MHS Library,**
- **7:00pm**. **Dr. Dani Fowlston** will be giving us an update on Supports and Services and
- staffing at Arcola and Skyview.
- Our next presentation will be by **Dr. Steve Stunder from Chestnut Hill College** on
- **College Access for Neurodiverse Students**, **November 21 at 7:00pm.** Stay tuned for
- the flyer for details and registration in the very near future.
- Watch for the **Unified Bocce team**'s competition schedule coming very soon! Their
- season begins 11/18. T ake some time to come cheer them on at their home games!
- Join the SEA Home & School to tour **Variety's Holiday Lane**, **December 5th through**
- **7th**! Stay tuned for a date and time for our meetup.
- Save the date for our annual **Kendra Scott** fundraiser to be held the weekend of
- **December 13-15**! Stay tuned for a flyer and details!
- Check out **SEAofMCC on Facebook** to find out more about the following:
- a. **Empower Ed School Solutions** *#NoExcusesNovember* daily clarifications on
- faulty reasoning often used in discussions regarding inclusive practices.
- b. **Coffee Closet with Barista Jake's "Inclusion Revolution"** Holiday Shopping
- Event on Wednesday, **12/4 from 6-9pm**. Vendor info available as well
- c. **TIES Center Universal Design for Learning Modules,** to learn more about this
- framework and how to support educators to design learning experiences that are
- **inclusive for each and every learner**
- d. **Right To Education - Montgomery County Local Task Force 23**'s **Families To**
- **The Max 2024 Fall Foundational Courses**, virtual trainings, free of charge.
- e. **Local Task Force Listening Sessions** hosted by **Dr. Carole Clancy, (**director of
- the Department of Special Education for PA Department of Education) **and Ms.**

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- **Sherri Landis** (director of The Arc of Pennsylvania).
- As always, please contact SEAMethacton@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Follow-up on Meeting with Ambler savings bank
    - We need to get all the schools operating at 1 bank under our EIN
        - Ambler is unwilling to make concessions with hours
        - Board met with TD Bank
            - The discussion has been escalated on their end to see if they can structure the account the way we need it.
            - Any department who is currently operating out of TD needs to move over to Ambler by the end of the fiscal year.
            - Any existing TD account would need to be closed even if we moved back.
            - Question about what signers need to be
                - 3 signers per account are needed
                - Treasurer really needs to be on the account
                - If a new Treasurer is coming in for next year and a current treasurer is not on the account transition to the new treasurer as a signer.
                - Erin advises that she is able to have a discussion with any department individually if needed.
                - When we have elections it was suggested that when you know who your new board is you can start reaching out to Ambler to get the new signer process started
            - Question in regard to if every department could have their own EIN
                - That would need to be a discussion escalated to Dr. Zerbe for discussion with the school board to see if that was allowed.
                - If that was something that was ultimately adopted then each department would need to file their own taxes
                - Discussion that when everything was initially set up it may have been part of the discussion and there was a reason as to why they didn't set it up that way.
            - The Board will continue to pursue TD as an option and report back.

- All departments need to be at Ambler by the end of this fiscal year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Verbiage around school dances at the Elementary Level
  - Frequent verbiage has been
    - Son's choice
    - Daughter's choice
    - Student's Choice
  - Dr. Gravinese has been reached out to and we are awaiting to here back on the districts opinion
  - Question as to "student's special someone"
    - That would be fine.
  - If we have any further guidance from the district we will reach out.

**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting to be held on Monday, January 13th at 7:00PM via zoom

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion for adjournment at 7:22 was made, the motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Hoffman
Recording Secretary

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