Minutes of the Methacton Coordinating Council
Date: 5/12/2025

Officer Attendance: Mary Beth Verano, Ian Hoffman, Erin Cardwell
Representative Attendance: Reba Mann, Larcena Johnson, Theresa Manzi, Kristen Carmona, Katie Shireman, Jodi Kohar, Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt, Gina Stover, Angela Pushman

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM by President Mary Beth Verano.

The minutes for the meeting held on 3/10/2025 were motioned for approval by Angela Pushman, with a second from Larcena Johnson. The motion carried

OFFICERS REPORTS

- PRESIDENT
  - Beware of phishing emails
  - With turnover of the board just be vigilant with those emails as well.
- VICE PRESIDENT
  - Nothing to report this month
- SECRETARY
  - Everyone can start to send contact info for new Boards so we can get a contact sheet started
- TREASURER
  - Company matches all done for the year
  - Q3 reports are all in
  - Please remember to send us your bank account signers for next year

SEA REPORT

- Thanks to everyone who came to our **Parents' Night Out at Giuseppe's**! It was great seeing so many new faces. We hope everyone had a relaxing night.

- Our **final presentation** of the year will be **May 15th via Zoom**. The current **K-12 Climate Counselor, Jodie Davis** will be speaking on **Building Belonging: Creating Inclusive School Communities For All Students**. Stay tuned for a flyer with registration details.

- Our final **Home & School Meeting will be held May 28, 2025 at 7:00pm in the MHS Library.** We will be holding elections for our next board.

- Stay tuned for plans for our annual End-Of-Year Picnic!

- **Stay tuned for our new merch link coming very soon!**

- Our **Reading Phils** fundraiser is in full swing! Buy a **book of 6 undated tickets for $45**! Please see our flyer for ordering info.

- We hope everyone was able to get to the **Post Prom** Walkthrough to check out our set design **"This Is Me" from The Greatest Showman – a theme all about confidence, individuality, and celebrating who you are**. It's an honor to share the task with such a talented and dedicated community!

- 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 have any questions contact **Dr. Dani Fowlston** (dfowlston@methacton.edu)!

- Check out **SEAofMCC on Facebook** to find out more about the following:

    - Pics from **Post Prom** and the **Unified Sports Track & Field Season**
    - **Integrate for Good**'s new **Inclusive StoryTime** on the **1st Saturday of every month at Norristown Public Library**. For registration and details, email emma@integrateforgood.org. Open to all ages and abilities.
    - **Temple University's Institute on Disabilities** is conducting a **research study** to learn more about experiences with **Pre-Employment Transition Services**
        - **(Pre-ETS) and other support from OVR**. Participate by **May 5th**.

    - The PEAL Center's Spring Training Series focused on transitions, 504 Plans and educational advocacy May 6 & 13 via Zoom.
    - **PA is updating its special education plan**, including the policy for students to stay in school until age 22. **Share your input by May 16, 2025.**
    - **CHOP** is leading a **workshop for siblings of people with disabilities on June 12th**. Consider joining to gain tips, strategies and insights on managing the unique challenges of adult siblinghood. Registration required.
    - **The PEAL Center** is collaborating with the The Parents' Place of Maryland on this year's **Wrightslaw Special Education Law & Advocacy Conference on September 18, 2025**! Tickets go on sale next month, so stay tuned for additional details.
- **Summer Planning:**
    - MSD Extended School Year (ESY) will be held July 7-31 at Skyview
    - Variety Club Camp wil be helpd June 23- August 8
- There has been significant discussion online and in the press regarding potential changes coming from the Department of Education, as well as updates published through the department's official channels. One notable development is **H.R. 899 – To Terminate the Department of Education**, a bill currently introduced in Congress. More information on this legislation can be found here: Congress.gov - H.R. 899. https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/899/all-info
- For those interested in learning more or seeking clarification, the appropriate elected officials to contact include Pennsylvania's two U.S. Senators and Congresswoman Madeleine Dean, who represents our part of Montgomery County. Additionally, individuals may wish to reach out to their state legislators to inquire about Pennsylvania's response and any potential actions at the state level.
- For official contact information, please visit the respective government websites

OLD BUSINESS

- Student Loan Fund update
    - MHS H&S has met a few times as a board and with Dr. Euker.
    - This will be the final year for the scholarships
        - Checks will be distributed at the awards ceremony
    - Letter is in the works and will be sent in the upcoming weeks
        - Katie is in contact with the district to have the letters sent out
            - People will receive a letter stating to make a final payment by June and then whatever remains outstanding will be forgiven.
        - Checks are being collected and deposited
    - TD account will be kept open until mid-summer
        - Katie will take control of the account to deposit checks and make sure the checks for this year clear. Deanna Roeger will also remain a signer on this account as she is remining on as a board member next year.
        - If the account is not closed before 6/30/25 Erin will need statements and Q1 reports for next year's fiscal year.
        - Funds will be transferred to MEF via one check when all the written checks have cleared
            - This will be a special account for the money to be held until a decision can be made for what to use it on at the High school
    - PO box is renewed from SLF monies for 6 months then it will be closed.
    - The goal is to have this handled by the start of the new school year

NEW BUSINESS

- '25-'26 MCC Board Nominations
    - President – Theresa Manzi
    - Vice President – Kelleigh Parker
    - Treasurer – Erin Cardwell
    - Secretary – Ian Hoffman
- Mary Beth Verano makes a motion to vote on the new board tonight, seconded by Angela Pushman
    - Role Call vote
        - Arcola: Larcena with a vote of yes
        - Arrowhead: Theresa Manzi with a vote of yes
        - Eagleville: Kristen Carmona with a vote of yes
        - Methacton High School: Katie Shireman with a vote of yes
        - SEA: Reba Mann with a vote of yes
        - Skyview: no representative

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    - Woodland: Angela Pushman with a vote of yes
    - Worcester: no representative.
- Motion made by Mary Beth Verano to have today's meeting be the last MCC meeting of this school year due to conflicts with multiple department meeting is June, seconded by Larcena Johnson. The motion carried

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING:
Next meeting to be held on 6/9/25 at 7:00PM via zoom

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ian Hoffman
Recording Secretary

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