

Skyview Home and School Mtg
May 12, 2025; 10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Nicole Berical, Lauren Pires, Erin Cardwell, Carolyn Maniscalco, Nma Emeh (PBIS representative), Jessica Viscusi, Gina Stover

Principal's Report: Nicole Berical

The year is winding down. This Friday we are celebrating the end of PSSAs with water ice for all students. We are planning for next year, visiting the elementary schools to acclimate the upcoming 5th graders as well as preparing our 6th graders for Arcola. 5th graders are enjoying Outdoor Ed and 6th graders are enjoying their trip to the Wissihickon Watershed. The school continues to facilitate PBIS for behavior.

Dr. Berical asked if home and school would help with decorations for the final school assembly and also asked if home and school would be willing to contribute money to items for raffle baskets for the PBIS reward program.

PBIS Program Update: Nma Emeh

Families are encouraged to participate in the shoe fundraiser to fund the SOAR rewards. Students are encouraged to use their SOAR tickets before the school year ends as they are not transferable to next year.

Other Business

Erin expressed a concern about the water ice event and that we should be prepared to have trays of pre-scooped water ice ready before the students come out so we don't have a backlog of students waiting. Dr. Berical said she's going to meet with Mr. Conran to discuss the flow of the event and will share the plan with us. Home and school will adjust the volunteer sign-up as needed.

2025-26 Board Elections

Lauren Pires – President, Jennifer Baumer & Michelle Loiacono as Co-Vice Presidents, Erin Cardwell – Treasurer and Gina Stover – Secretary

All nominations approved. Congratulations to the new officers.

April and May meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Erin Cardwell

We received an additional \$115 company match check from MCC for Skyview Strong and \$45 from Box Tops. Beth Pfeiffer is selling a few surplus yearbooks, so \$25 Venmo payments are coming in (8 so far). As for spending, the board approved 2 mini grants that have both been paid for already to Mrs. Bugosh: 6th grade band students performed at the Elmwood Park Zoo and home and school paid for either a carousel ride or giraffe feeding for each student (\$420). Mrs. McGowan: Special Education students took a life skill field trip, and home and school covered busing and funds for their activities out (~\$350). Home and School provided the DJ at the PSSA Pep Rally (\$250), made a \$200 donation to the backpack program and made a \$10 per student contribution in support of ODE (\$3,530). Rising food costs have really impacted Staff Appreciation spending this year and the board initially voted to increase budget from \$1,300 to \$1,900 based on early estimates/quotes. Some final bills came in higher than those initial

estimates. We have already paid out over \$2,000, which doesn't include any reimbursements for Monday.

Erin asked Jessica Viscusi to follow up with the Post Prom Decorating chair and Career Day chair for their expense reimbursements.

Lauren Pires inquired about a final Dine and Donate event. Sanne is working on it for Chick-Fil-a in Audubon. She should have the final details for that soon.

Jessica Viscusi said we still need volunteers for 6th grade Fun Day. We will continue to push the sign-up.

SEA Update

Thanks to everyone who came to our Parents' Night Out at Giuseppe's! SEA's 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.

SEA's 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! The Reading Phils fundraiser is in full swing! Buy a book of 6 undated tickets for \$45! See the flyer for ordering information.

This year's Special Olympics was held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Spring-Ford High School.

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

- a. Pics from Post Prom and the Unified Sports Track & Field Season
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. The PEAL Center's Spring Training Series focused on transitions, 504 Plans and educational advocacy May 6 & 13 via Zoom.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.

SEA Summer Planning:

- a. MSD Extended School Year (ESY) will be held July 7 - 31 at Skyview

b. Variety Club Camp will be held 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).
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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.

MCC Update

MCC announced its '25-'26 MCC Board Nominations: President – Theresa Manzi, Vice President – Kelleigh Parker, Treasurer – Erin Cardwell & Secretary – Ian Hoffman

Voting meeting is 06/09/25 7PM via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned.