The Methacton Special Education Alliance Home and School Association

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MEETING MINUTES FOR Thursday, October 6, 2025, 7:00 pm - MHS Library

Attendees: Jodi Kohar, Tara Ryan-Schill, Jessica Warner-Ragusa, Chelsea Hamilton, Christina Roche, Nerissa Spampanato, Reba Mann, Zenia Ardeshna, Amy Smith, Erin Wiggle, Benny Ufondu, Dr. Jamie Gravinese

1. Motion to Open Meeting: 7:03 am
    a. Motion to approve by: ___Amy Smith_____, 2nd by: __Reba_Mann_____. Motion passed unanimously
2. Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda with Flexibility:
    a. Motion to approve by: ___Amy Smith_____, 2nd by: __Erin Wiggle_____. Motion passed unanimously
3. Motion to Approve Meeting minutes from June 4, 2025:
    a. Motion to approve by: _Amy Smith_____, 2nd by: _Tara Ryan-Schill_____. Motion passed unanimously
4. Approve 25-26 Budget
    a. Motion to approve by: Reba Mann 2nd by Jodi Kohar. Motion passed unanimously
5. Reports

    Friendly Reminder: Please keep your questions general and refrain from asking about individual cases or specific IEPs, GIEPs, or 504 plans, as we won't be able to address them in this meeting. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

    a. Administrator's Report - Dr. Gravinese
        i. 3 special ed supervisors: reach out, they are your conduit for information. They will also attend the following SEA Meetings:
            1. Mrs. Joelle Mensch jmensch@methacton.org, 9-12+–Nov meetings to focus on the Apartment program for feedback gathering and Special Olympics (she is the chair for that, she will bring a sign up form, t-shirt size, medical form, and if you want to purchase a t-shirt as a parent you can for Special Olympics. At least 8 years old in May to participate. What are the qualifications to participate? Will answer next month)
            2. Mrs. Corina Todd ctodd@methacton.org, K-4–ESY in January (seven factors determine eligibility, she will explain them)

3. Mrs. Lori D'Andrea, ldandrea@methacton.org, 5-8 –March topic TBD
4. End of Year wrap-up – May with Dr. Gravinese

ii. Virtual presentations list
1. Diane Perry from the PEAL Center: very informative: IEP, NOREPS October 30th at 7 pm, via Zoom, to start us off. REGISTRATION LINK
2. Diane Perry from the PEAL Center on IEP Bootcamp December 4th at 7 pm, via Zoom
3. Either the Inclusion Collective Series or Long Term Care/Financial Planning for February, date(s) TBD
4. Family 2 the Max presentation on Communications and Collaborating on School Teams in Ways that Make a Difference on April 30th at 7 pm, viz Zoom

iii. High School-age children
1. Transition age starts at 14
2. OVR–meets with students during the day at the HS for the series
3. OVR is a state program that is highly recommended
4. These meetings are through English class for students with IEPs, early reach 9th and 10th, DI class passes for 10th grade DI English
5. Dates are subject to change, but the topics are here:
    a. OVR 101 [10/9/25]
    b. What is a job? [11/6/25]
    c. Self-Advocacy 1 (strengths/values/personality) [12/10/25]
    d. Documentation/Identification [1/8/26]
    e. Self-Advocacy 2 (self-awareness/relationships) [2/5/26]
    f. Summer Plans (job search/applications, volunteering) [3/5/26]
    g. Self-Advocacy 3 (disability disclosure/accommodations) [4/9/26]
    h. Problem Solving 1 (asking for help) [5/7/26]
    i. Problem Solving 2 (flashcards)

iv. Belonging
1. Belonging facilitator second round interviews this week.
2. Each building has a belonging liaison, a staff employee that will report to the facilitator and collaborate to make sure the messaging is getting shared to staff and students. New applications since old positions have been vacated and new job descriptions have been provided. Someone will be in this role in each building.
3. Staff training: school board and admin training through the IU for belonging, three part series. School counselors are also

participating in belonging training and weaving it into PBIS, Character Strong, to link everything together

v. Events
    1. Unity Day: school newsletter, October 20th-WEAR ORANGE
    2. International Fair: save the date, perform, share talents, April 10th

vi. Community Cares: program partnered with Rep Webster and Mission Kids, info delivered by high school students trained to talk with 6th and 7th grade students on community and culture. September was the first session and it is off to a great start!

b. President's Report - Jodi Kohar
    i. Welcome, glad to see you all!

c. Vice President's Report - Reba Mann
    i. Committees
        1. Fundraising - Jodi Kohar / Amy Smith
            a. MERCH! - Amy
                i. Push out the link to board members at each H&S for sharing
            b. Reading Phils: Amy to email back to get the amount and to get the check mailed to SEA
            c. Kendra Scott
                i. In-store promotion where we get proceeds on a specific date
                ii. Need to mention the SEA
                iii. Flyer is ready, just needs a quick update
                iv. Dec 7th 2 pm to 4 pm at KOP Mall
                v. Code to shop online that weekend (Friday to Sunday)
                vi. Posters and cards to take to the register to ensure the "credit" to SEA
            d. Goodness Bowls fundraiser: to schedule
            e. Collegeville Bakery Pizza Kit Fundraiser: to schedule
        2. Social Events
            a. Fall Festival October 25th
                i. Eagleville Park
                ii. Best Buddies using it as a partner event
                iii. Key Club members have signed up for HS kids to staff the event
            b. Variety Club Holiday Lane
                i. Will pick a day/time to try to go as a group
                ii. Let's publish it earlier on the schedule and share
        3. Presentation updates
            a. All through Zoom
            b. Will require registration
            c. Amy to update graphics with presentation dates

        d. Amy to create the a Google note with all frequently-used links for the board for easy sharing
    4. Post Prom
        a. Theme is entertainment and games
        b. Candy Crush is our design
        c. Sensory Hour–need to connect with Katie at Post Prom. Maybe we put together a committee to share thoughts and experiences? Bring up with Mrs. Mensch at the next H&S meeting in November.
    5. High School Clubs
        a. Nov 17th Unified Sports Bocce: Nov 10th is the deadline for a physical to be done, 10/16 interest meeting
        b. If not receiving Best Buddies emails at the high school Mrs. Andrea Boardmann
- d. Treasurer's Report - Tara Ryan-Schill
    i. $2905.12
    ii. $150 from Arcola for a donation
    iii. Current balance is $3055.12
- e. Secretary's Report - Amy Smith
    i. Nothing to report
- f. MCC Update
    i. Reba attended the meeting
    ii. Who can update the website? Need to talk to district comms director. Dr. Gravinese will check.
    iii. Bank usage is all sorted out. Treasurers will likely have a meeting in November to decide about credit or debit cards.
    iv. Reach out to Theresa Manzi for the fundraising information
- g. MSD Board of Directors Update: should have a vote about renovations at the high school campus during this month's meeting

6. Old Business
    a. Book Donation: reach out to the school liaisons regarding book presentations (Amy Smith)
    b. Talk boards
        i. The boards on the playground are in place and in use
        ii. Made edits to the bag design, more to come on that
7. New Business
    a. Worcester Trunk or Treat on Oct 19th 2pm to 4pm with Fire House
    b. Do we rotate through the elementary schools each year with trunk or treats?
8. Adjournment:

Motion to approve by: _Jodi Kohar_____, 2nd by: ___Tara Ryan- Schill. Motion passed unanimously

Mark Your Calendars

SEA Home & School Meeting dates:

- October 6,2025
- November 13, 2025
- January 29, 2026
- March 26,2026
- May 28, 2026

Presentation dates: (Thursdays, Dates subject to change depending on availability of presenters and District events)

- October 30 2025
- December 4 2025
- February 2026
- April 30 2026