Skyview Home & School Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

Attendees: Jen Baumher, Erin Cardwell, Michelle Loiacono, Carin Weidner, Sanne Eisenhauer, Dr. Matt Walsh, Bethany Coughlin, Paul Chavez, Viri Castillo, Elango Vasanthan, Katie M, Hayli Marquiss

Skyview Home and School Board Introductions: Jen Baumher - President; Carin Weidner - VP; Erin Cardwell - Treasurer; Michelle Loiacono - Corresponding Secretary; Sanne Eisenhauer - Recording Secretary

Principal's Report (Dr. Walsh):

- Enrollment for 2026-2027 Schol Year:
  - 350 5th Graders
  - 342 6th Graders
- Majority of staff is from last school year; a few new teachers joined over the summer
- Dr. Paldino (new principal) will be starting on Monday, Sept 14th
  - Dr. Walsh is the interim principal
- Mr. Conran is working the picture day schedule - date is Sept 14th
- Back to School Night is scheduled for Sept 30th
  - 6:30-7:15PM - 5th Grade
  - 7:45-8:30PM - 6th Grade
- Looking to get some recess equipment
  - PA has mandated that K-5 have 30 minutes of recess daily starting in the 2027-2028 school year
  - Theresa Manzi has a donation of balls & jump ropes
    - The school will be happy to accept this donation!

President Report (Jen):

- Lunch Duty Volunteers - Sign-Ups will go out on Konstella Mid/End of Sept
  - Kelly Gallagher in the office is our point of contact
- H&S will be putting together a weekly newsletter which will be included in the weekly Principal Newsletter
- Parent Meet & Greet to be held this Fall - details are still being worked out

VP Report (Carin):

- Save the date for Skyview Fall Fest at Arader Farm on Friday, October 9
- Home Room Parent Update:
    - 4 home rooms still need HR parent volunteers
    - 2 parties - Fall (Oct 30th) and Winter (Dec 23rd)
- Veteran's Day planning is in the works

Secretary's Report (Sanne & Michelle):

- Approve May Meeting minutes - Approved
    - Erin motion to approve; Jen second

Treasurer's Report (Erin):

- Closing Out Last Year:
    - Received $921 in returned overpayment from 2025 Lifetouch books and sales of extra 2026 books
    - Purchased 70 yearbooks for 6th graders in need, coordinated through guidance counselors plus 1 reprint to correct missing student photo ($1,230.94)
    - Reimbursed $211.58 for previously approved OT student aids mini grant
    - Reimbursed $62.01 for previously approved band sheet music mini grant
    - Paid $827.12 PBIS Grant Shirt & Ink invoice for incentive shirts and other rewards
    - Additional Bingo Night reimbursement ($33.88)
    - Closed out Staff Appreciation reimbursements ($659.80)
    - Remaining Fun Day vendor payments and reimbursements paid ($5,126.75)
    - $119.92 paid in Homeroom parent party reimbursements
    - Reimbursed $168.53 for previously approved table and white board adhesive roll mini grant
    - Approved and purchased mini grant for Readers Theatre Club scripts ($43.56)
    - Approved and purchased mini grants for classroom over ear headphones ($381.58)

- Income:
    - $359.26 in Spirit Wear sales at Popsicles with the Principal

- Spending:
    - Paid Konstella annual subscription invoice ($274)
    - Skyview receives a Title 1 discount
    - Purchased new checks ($27.69)
    - Assignment books invoice paid - 600 books for $2000
    - Spirit Wear inventory purchased ($209) for Popsicles with Principals and Back to School Night
    - Reimbursed $212.35 for popsicles
    - $400 deposit paid to Arader Farm for Fall Fest
    - Paid $129 for Welcome Back lawn sign & $23.85 for 1st Day balloons

- Vote on budget: APPROVED
    - Started the year with around $17,000, which is right on track for where we want to be for the year
    - This year's projected operating budget is $25,389. This is a $400 increase over last year, mostly impacted by an increase in the Homeroom Lead allotment to better support these volunteers and their party planning.

SEA Update:

- SEA Report - Jodi Kohar, President
    - Welcome back! We hope everyone had a safe and energizing summer, and a smooth start to the school year. The Methacton Special Education Alliance Home & School is a district-wide Home & School that provides a network of support for parents and caregivers of students with developmental, intellectual, emotional or physical disabilities, 504 Plans, IEPs or GIEPs. The SEA H & S offers access to relevant information and education while providing opportunities to connect with other parents and caregivers. We advocate for collaboration among families, school administrators, educators and professionals, to foster successful educational outcomes.

- You can find more information about us at Methacton.org > Community > Methacton Coordinating Council > Special Education Alliance.
- We had tables set up at the Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek Day on August 27th at each of the elementary schools. SEA will also have a representative at all the district's Back To School Nights.
- The SEA is always looking for new H&S Representatives within our buildings especially in our elementary schools. Let us know if you're interested! Responsibilities include attending our bi-monthly Home & School meetings, as well as your school's monthly Home & School meetings, and relaying any pertinent information between the two. It's a great way to stay connected and make new friends! Email SEAMethacton@gmail.com to let us know you're interested.
- Our first Home & School meeting will be October 1st at 7:00 pm in the MHS Library. Mrs. Michaela Zelli, Methacton's Belonging and Climate Facilitator, will be joining the meeting to provide an update on new initiatives and collaborations.
    - **Due to the nature of our outreach we hold our meetings entirely in person. All Methacton families are welcome to attend.**
- Our Fall Family Social is scheduled for October 24th @ Eagleville Park, 100 Parklane Drive - 2:00 - 3:30PM.
    - We will have crafts, games and snacks at this FREE event.
    - The flier will be posted to our Facebook or Instagram page for QR code to sign up for the event.
- Check out SEAofMCC on Facebook and Instagram to find out more about our upcoming events and meetings:
    - October 1st H&S Meeting @ 7 pm MHS Library
    - October 24th Free Fall Festival @ Eagleville Park 2-3:30
    - November 19th H&S Meeting @ 7 pm MHS Library
    - December 3rd - 5th - Variety Club Holiday Lane
    - January 28th H&S Meeting @ 7 pm MHS Library
    - February - Book Club Discussion - Date TBD
    - March 18th H&S Meeting @ 7 pm MHS Library
    - April - Parents' Night Out - Date TBD
    - May 27th H&S Meeting @ 7 pm MHS Library
    - June 4th - Free Summer Social @ Eagleville Elementary

- We are also excited to share our partnership with Shirt and Ink and SEA H&S Merch! The link is on our FB and Instagram page. Get yourself some gear for the new school year.
- Please reach out to SEAMethacton@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Old Business:

- Popsicles with the Principal was a success - great turnout
- Chalk the walk was also a success and the chalk survived the little bit of overnight rain!

Upcoming H&S activities (New Business):

- 9/30 - Back to School Night
- 10/5 - Skyview Moves Together Fundraiser will kickoff (3 weeks of fundraising)
- 10/9 - Fall Fest
- 10/30 - Fall Class Parties

MCC Update:

- First Meeting in person at Arrowhead on 9/16 at 7:00PM

The next H&S meeting is scheduled for October 13, 7pm - Google Meet

Meeting adjourned at 7:48PM