**MINUTES**

Skyview Upper Elementary Home & School Meeting

*September 6, 2019* | *9:30* | *Cafeteria*

Board members present:

Andrew Filshill | Lauren Majewski | Laurie O’Neill |Hemisha Ly | Elizabeth Shen |

1. Welcome/President Report
2. Recording Secretary - Approval of last meeting’s minutes – Not Applicable
3. Principal’s Report
	* *First fire drill went very well!  Everyone was out in 2 minutes.*
	* *Home & School meetings will be held in different locations throughout the building.*
	* *Cafeteria procedures and expectations are being reviewed with the students.  Additional staff is in the cafeteria to help with dismissal. Teachers pick up their classes from the cafeteria.  Students will be allowed to pick their own seats within their team starting around September 17th.  There will be a gathering before lunch with staff present to assist the students.  Seat changes occur 2-3 times per year.*
	* *Team meetings are being held to review Character Counts.*
	* *The Peaceful School Bus program has started to teach students appropriate bus behavior.  Students meet with other students on their bus to discuss the rules.*
	* *Jennifer Brucker, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator joined the meeting.*
	* *School counselors were introduced:  Mrs VanBuren – 6th grade, Mrs. Hadrick – 5th grade.*
4. Teacher’s Report- Not Applicable
5. School Board Report

In June, we passed the final budget of $111,863,608.65 which included a tax increase of 1.115%, the third lowest in Montgomery County.

Arrowhead Forward:

The district has worked to gather community input and feedback, analyze the facility study, taken tours of nearby newly constructed and renovated schools, refined enrollment projections, and worked with KCBA Architects on concept drawings for a new or renovated building.  In August, the board approved a motion for KCBA Architects to provide design and documentation services for new construction of the Arrowhead Elementary School. This is not a final approval or decision regarding new construction, but is a necessary first step in the overall process.

Also in August, the Board approved 3 additional elementary teaching positions: one at Arrowhead Elementary grade 3, one at Worcester Elementary grade 1, and one at Woodland Elementary grade 1. These positions were needed to best address meeting the targeted class size and keeping as many students within their home school boundary as possible.

Over the summer, a new phone system and new security cameras were installed district-wide, items which the board had approved earlier in the year.

Our next work session will be September 17th and our regular board meeting is September 24th.  Both meetings will be held in the LGI room at the High School. We welcome your attendance and input!

1. Methacton Education Foundation  ( MEF ) Nikki Krelovich
	* Mission is to raise private dollars to provide additional educational services
	* Awarded $170000+ last year to 100% of students across the district
	* STEM renovation of Skyview maker space in the library
	* Provided ukuleles to Mr. Bickle’s music class through an MEF grant
	* Music Technology course implemented at high school
	* OsBots in elementary schools
	* $17000 to economically disadvantaged students
	* First Day of School signs ; Share the Love certificates
	* Methacton Apex Awards – October – first time
2. MCC Report – Katie Shireman
	* Governing body of all Home & Schools
	* Meeting schedule- bimonthly
	* Sep 17 district wide volunteer social 6-8pm at MHS
	* Suggest that all attendees bring something to donate to each H&S meeting
	* Try to open up nominations in February since Skyview changes each year, being a 2 year school
3. SEA Update
	* Provides a network of support for parents and caregivers of students with physical of developmental disabilities to foster successful educational outcomes
	* First meeting on ADHD/social skills at MHS library – November 21
	* Oct 26 – Fall Festival at Varner’s Farm
	* Table at Back to School Night and Volunteer drive
	* Facebook group @SEAMCC
4. Vice President’s Report
	* Volunteer pool update
	* Committee needs
		1. Need chairs for Bulletin Board, Fall Fest, Yearbook (beginning no later than January), Fun Day co-chair
		2. Need more volunteers for Walkathon
5. Treasurer’s Report - Hemisha Ly
	* Approve budget-vote required
		1. Budget approved
			1. Agenda books amount adjusted to account for increased costs
			2. Biggest 2018-19 fundraisers were Walkathon and Yankee Candle
	* Mini-grants – Not applicable
		1. Encourage teachers to apply
		2. Simplify application process
	* Fund field trips, outdoor education ($3500)
6. Secretaries Reports - Laurie O’Neill
	* Konstella registrants at 900+ (includes multiple for families)
	* 50% read of first newsletter
	* Website is updated
	* Introduction of Elizabeth Shen as new Recording Secretary
7. Committee Reports
	* Walk-a-Thon (rain date) – 10/04 (10/08) Ro Joshi, Lauren Majewski : x5 signed up
	* Fall Festival – October 25 - x7 signed up
	* Yearbook
	* Bulletin Board:  x4 signed up
	* Fall Fundraiser options:
		1. Charleston Wrap [www.Charlestonwrap.com](http://www.charlestonwrap.com)
			1. Not just wrapping paper- kitchenwares, foodstuffs, tote bags, etc
				1. No minimum
				2. Catalog version requires 750 minimum units to get free shipping
				3. Online sales is an option
		2. CG3 Battery Fundraising [https://fundraisingpower.org](https://fundraisingpower.org/)
			1. Too expensive, not desired
		3. No Frills?
			1. Arcola does this and brings in about $6000
			2. Potential issues:  paying instead of volunteering; walkathon is no frills
		4. Other ideas
			1. Remind families to apply for corporate matching gifts on all H&S donations
			2. Raffling off parking and seating for music concert / back to school night successful and could be done again
			3. Large scale event planning needs to use several areas of the school (gym, lobby, cafeteria)
			4. Must be held Oct/Nov/early December in order to raise money in time to fund other events
		5. Loren Seamanns – Family Game Night / Bingo – Jan 24 or move it earlier
	* Art Goes to School
	* No Effort Fundraising
	* Spirit Nights – Laurie O’Neill
	* Library Volunteers - x2 signed up
	* Lunchroom volunteers- Michele Isbrecht – x5 sign ups
	* Student Council Liaison
	* Dine Out
	* Spirit Wear -Arrowhead & Eagleville post on H&S page they use Shirt & Ink. Is there a benefit to us using the same company?
	* Directory
	* Book Fair: x1 signed up
	* Family Game Night – January 25:  x 1 signed up
	* Fun-a-Thon – February 22
	* 5th Grade Science Fair – March 8:  x2 signed up
	* Career Day – March 22
	* Staff Appreciation – May 8,2019
	* End of Year Fun Day – June 07,2019 - Lauren Majewski x 5 signed up
8. Old Business
9. New Business

1. Motion to Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING IS  Thursday, October 10th – 7:00 PM – SKYVIEW Library**