Arcola Intermediate School

Home & School Association

Monthly Meeting

September 12, 2019 @ 9:15 AM

In attendance:

Shane Bone Courtney Kusy Mary Hull Meg Fitzgerald

Laurie O’Neill Donna Schuebel Nikki Krelovich Renee Miller

Carrie Loughran Jenn Zavertnik Altaira Heiser Reba Mann

Amy Timlin Katie Shireman Julia Nakhleh

!. Welcome – meeting called to order at 9:20 AM

2. Introductions

3. Approval of May minutes – Motioned by Laurie O’Neill

4. Methacton School Board Report – Mary Hull reported:

 -Shortage of TB tests for volunteers

 -Façade problem @Eagleville Elementary but no safety issue

 -Discussion on the property use for Audubon Elementary site, nothing finalized

5. Methacton Coordinating Council Report – Katie Shireman reported:

 -Volunteer Information Night Sept. 17 6-8 PM at MHS Cafeteria Atrium

 -Daily Bread Food Pantry in need of donations

 143 families in the district are served by the pantry and are in need of diapers, toiletries,

 New clothes, Halloween constumes

 -Discussion on where the best place is for information that is district approved

6. Special Education Alliance – Reba Mann reported:

 -Fall Festival Oct. 26 3:30-5 PM at Varner Farms

7. Post Prom Report – Golf Outing

8. Methacton Education Foundation – Nikki Krelovich reported:

 -30% of teachers and staff donated, 100% of students are impacted

 -Funds raised to support music technology course at MHS

 -Funds raised for ukulele program at Skyview

 -PCHF grant for Arcola Philanthropy Club

 -$1500 grant to go to the school that has the highest percentage of parent participation

 -Apex Awards to large sponsors

 -Save the Date March 21, 2020 Big community event to bring all the schools together

 More information to come

9. Officer’s Reports

 a. Co-Presidents’ Report – Laurie O’Neill and Shane Bone

 i. Laurie’s roles: Administration and staff liaison

 ii. Shane’s roles: Arcola H & S Board and MCC liaison

b. Vice President’s Report – Carrie Loughran

 i. register volunteers, instructions on Arcola website, under volunteers tab

 clearances are good for 5 years, renewals do not need TB test, fingerprints. Do need criminal

 background check and child abuse report

 ii. Volunteer opportunities at Arcola listed on Konstella

 need to volunteers to run errands, as well as chaperone. Events: field trips, field day,

 STEAM day, Staff Appreciation Day, 8th Grade Social, Activity Nights, Laser Lights Shows

 THERE IS A NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!

 c. Treasurer’s Report – Courtney Kusy

 i. 2019/2020 Budget proposed and approved

 ii. Surplus from 2018-19 approximately $5800. Spending plan to be put into place

 d. Corresponding Secretary’s Report – Donna Schubel

 i. 561 people signed up for Konstella

 e. Recording Secretary’s Report – Amy Timlin No report given

10. Principal’s Report – Gerald Thompson (Assistant Principal gave report, at this point)

 i. Back to School Night – Question arose about having two separate events, one for each grade, on the same night.

 ii. No Homeroom teacher – Make sure every room is hearing morning announcements

 iii. Intercom system – All are connected this year. Works in conjunction with new phone

 systems. Working on a PA system for outside. State of the art cameras have been installed

 and are working, although not continuously monitored

 iv. 8th period transition – more targeted for students with needs, more accountability for

 students. New clubs started. There will be an opportunity to change clubs mid-year.

 v. REACH Program – Re-started back up seamlessly, students with the greatest need chosen

 vi. Fall sports sign up – Need to have better communication prior to start of school

 vii. Arcola won PIAA Award for District 1, Sportsmanship; chosen by peer schools

 A. Principal’s Report – Amy Mangano (gave report at the end)

 i. Levels and Honors are still in separate classes, but rigors are at each level

 ii. Working on better communication regarding sources/locations for curriculum information

 iii. Lockers are available if students wants one

 iv. Red Ribbon Week – October 28, 2019

 Activities and new theme each day

11. Old/New Business – None

12. Questions/Concerns – None

13. Next meeting is October 2, 2019 at 9:15 AM

14. Adjourned at 11:15 AM