**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 10, 2017, 6:00 p.m.**

In Attendance:

Liz Drummond Ashley Wilkerson Marie Kramer

Cindy Rhoads Mercy Varghese Sarah Spletzer

Brenda Hackett Wendy Gerhart Nicole Drake

Trina Hershberger

1. Welcome (Call to order and Time) - Group was welcomed at 6:08 p.m.
2. Introductions – Introductions were made as needed.
3. Approval of November’s minutes - Minutes were approved and will be posted.
4. Principal's Report – Mrs. Mangano was not present.
5. Teacher’s Report – There was no teacher present.
6. Officers' Reports
   1. Co-Presidents’ Report – Liz Drummond and Nicole Drake

Neither co-President had a report under this section.

* 1. Treasurer's Report – Cindy Rhoads

The no-frills fundraiser has brought in $6,626.00 to date. Recent items on the budget are: Science Fair, Homecoming, Halloween, although Cindy has not received receipts from any of these. Cindy has learned that budgeted Science Fair funds will be needed as the students involved move further in the overall competition, for entry fees, etc. We cleared $557.00 with fall spirit wear. Soon we will send $150.00 to Post Prom and $50.00 to the Bus Drivers Breakfast. We will be ordering yearbooks for families in need soon. Lucy Kutz will be bringing her service dog home (and to school) soon, and we discussed an appropriate gift to recognize her dog as our newest Arcola student. We decided to use $50.00, part for a pet store gift card, and perhaps part for treats or an Arcola t-shirt. Cindy will contact Colleen Kutz to clear this with her.

* 1. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Ashley Wilkerson

Ashley had nothing to report.

* 1. Recording Secretary’s Report – Sarah Spletzer

Sarah had nothing to report.

1. Methacton School Board Report – Brenda Hackett. Ms Hackett discussed the special meeting scheduled for tonight regarding school consolidation, and explained that there would be a more focused meeting on this issue in February.
2. Methacton Coordinating Council Report – Ashley explained that MCC just met last night, that the Community Building committee is underway and that MCC is organizing a get together for 4th graders moving on to Skyview. She reported that the Special Education Advocacy Group is starting to hold functions/events. In general, the MCC has received requests to hold leadership skill building for home and school parents/officers.
3. Committee/Liason Reports:
   1. Homecoming – October 8, 2016
   2. Veterans’ Day – November 11, 2016
   3. Science Fair – November 19, 2016
   4. STEAM Day – April 11, 2017 – We discussed that the teachers run this. When the time comes, they will get ahold of Cindy. All H&S does is provide and serve the lunch. The budget this year is $500. We may need to get creative with the budgeted funds this year, as usually much more is needed to put on the lunch. Each child will see 5 or 6 presenters, and parents are welcome to come be presenters.
   5. Staff Appreciation – May – Nicole reported that we had this catered last year. Nicole will be meeting with Mrs. Mangano and will then organize a committee to help get letters out for donations for beverages. 10 people are signed up through Konstella to help. Nicole explained that closer to the event, we’ll put out requests for desserts, etc. Usually the paper products we use for this event are covered in catering.
   6. 8th Grade Social – June 2, 2017. Nicole spoke to Linda Valle, everything already set for this year’s social. She’s working on food because last year there was not enough. Nicole is not leading the event but has been working on it for the last couple years. We want to stress this year, the importance of having 7th grade parents come, help set up and stay for the duration of the event. We would like to present it as the “job” of 7th grade parents to plant the mindset, rather than asking for volunteers. Everything associated with the social will stay the same price. Konstella is updated only through March, and does not include this event at this time.
   7. Activity Nights – Year-round

We moved Activity Night from January 13th to 20th (snow date) and then were told that we didn’t have the space reserved. Something went wrong, there was some kind of breakdown. Liz will work with Mrs. Mangano to figure out where the breakdown happened. Next Activity Night is 10th of February, which conflicts with the Worcester Father/Daughter Dance. In February, the District is closed from the 17th—21st. Carol Davidson and Sherry Polidore will take the March date (17th) and plan their game night. The question was raised whether Carol and Sherry could take February for game night? Because of the Worcester conflict, the dance can’t be in February, or would have to be run by someone other than those originally interested in running it.

* 1. Spiritwear – Year-round;
  2. Fundraising – Year-round;

BoxTops/Giant – Mercy reported that this was mailed in November, seeking receipt of $40.00. BoxTops did not receive it, she insured it and just found the receipt to give the post office. Giant has resulted in $248.00 so far.

No Effort has raised $6,626.00. We discussed possibly spending some of last year’s surplus on 8th graders.

Dining Out – we decided against doing this.

Spiritwear -

1. Old/New Business – for next year’s board, the nomination process will be opened in February. We will make an announcement in March, and hold the election in April or May. We need to have a nominating committee, which can really be a single person, just to receive emails stating nominations. Marie Kramer agreed to act as the nominating committee.
2. Questions/concerns – will everything be in Konstella? We discussed the user non-friendliness of Konstella. MCC is discussing putting all H&S on same communication platform.
3. Next meeting February 14, 2017 at 9:15 am
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