**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**March 22, 2017, 9:30 a.m.**

**In Attendance:**

Mary Hull Cindy Rhoads Mercy Varghese

Ashley Wilkerson Liz Drummond Brenda Hackett

Nicole Drake Gene Dickey Sarah Spletzer

Marie Kramer

1. Welcome (Call to order and Time)

9:35 a.m. meeting called to order.

1. Introductions – none needed
2. Approval of February’s minutes – Minutes were approved
3. Principal's Report – Amy Mangano – Mrs. Mangano was not present, we did not receive a report.
4. Teacher’s Report – No teacher was present, we did not receive a report.
5. Officers' Reports
   1. Co-Presidents’ Report – Liz Drummond and Nicole Drake

Mrs. Yost is with the Student Congress, which is holding a dance Friday night. She asked for a contribution toward the event. She is planning for 100-125 kids, looking for financial donation or food: snacks water, prepackaged stuff. Initially the event ticket sales were really big and really popular sales-wise, but this week sales have dropped off. She was not planning on selling tickets at the door. Nicole will plan to shop for our food/drink donation on Friday.

Mrs. Macluckie is organizing the 5K this year, May 6, 9:00 a.m., proceeds to benefit Small Steps in Speech. She is asking for the same donations as last year: bananas, bottled water, pretzels and granola bars. There is a lot of community involvement for this event this year. Last year it was just Arcola. We have $400 from “One Book One School” event that we didn’t use this year. Registrations are due by 4/14, and they are aiming for 125 participants. Last year they had 81 participants. Last year H&S spent $58.96. The t-shirts they gave last year came out of their profits. Suggestion that maybe we can help with that this year since “One Book” didn’t happen.

* 1. Treasurer's Report – Cindy Rhoads

Cindy reported that laser show went great; Arcola cleared $881.01, and paid out $587.50. Those who attended could specify at the door or online what school they wanted to be associated with.

Mark Mueller contacted Cindy to ask Board about presenters for upcoming Steam Day.

We have $1,951.00 left to spend in mini-grants. We tabled Mr. Murgia’s $500.00 request for the history bee until now (Spring). Last year we paid for entry fees for history bee. Nicole asked Mrs. Mangano to remind teachers about this mini-grant period. We are trying to give back to students before school ends and are thinking along the lines of an event like an outdoor movie during the day?

* 1. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Ashley Wilkerson

Ashley reported on MCC items. The main one, which was brought up from various schools this year – is standardizing communications. At main meeting there will be a presentation from each school on what their communication system is, pros and cons. Ashley will present on Konstella. Nicole shared the feedback that people like the ease of Konstella re: ease of signing up for committees. Another school using Konstella just went in and took sign up information from last year, entered in email addresses and allowed people to opt out. Ashley commented that it sounds like with Konstella they’re working on integration. Nicole brought up mainstreaming our website through the entire district. We discussed that it might be helpful if there was a main screen with a way to click on H&S and get H&S info for all schools. On Arcola’s site, we are currently under “Parents,” and we want a sidebar back.

* 1. Recording Secretary’s Report – Sarah Spletzer will get write up to Ashley regarding 7th grade parents helping out with 8th grade social.

1. Methacton School Board Report – Brenda Hackett

Last night the Board approved the new elementary school boundaries - the original ones suggested by Malone and Broom. This has an impact on elections. Also, the Board discussed, and expect to vote on next week, next year’s calendar and changes to this year’s calendar. Vocational Tech school starts before district starts, so the Board is seeing if they can do something about that. We are supposed to start on 9/5/17. Vo Tech is supposed to start a week before.

The Board is also discussing a new student information system that was approved a couple of months ago. They are not sure at this point how that is going to affect each individual person. Gene Dickey believes there is a component of it that H&S can use. This will be Power School replacing Sapphire.

1. Methacton Coordinating Council Report –

They discussed transition for elementary schools and how that affects elections at those schools, as well as communication. Over the summer they will be trying to work with the district to standardize recycling and put that in every school. MCC elections will be at the next meeting. Nominations were announced at the meeting that just happened.

1. Committee/Liason Reports:
   1. Homecoming – October 8, 2016
   2. Veterans’ Day – November 11, 2016
   3. Science Fair – November 19, 2016
   4. Staff Appreciation – May 5, 2017 – Suzy Dowell handling this now.
   5. STEAM Day – May 25, 2017 – Discussed above.
   6. 8th Grade Social – June 2, 2017 – Nicole will send out a save the date, and we may consider using a different photographer and utilize him additionally instead of the booth. At the last event Nicole used him for, he had his own photo props, also did formal shots, brought everything in, and took candid pics throughout the night. Nicole is making sure he can do a disc. He also prints out pics throughout the night and places them in plastic frame with magnet on the back, though this event may be too big for that. Gene Dickey mentioned the size of the arch (over large), and thought that maybe two smaller arches or two balloon pillars with two photographers might expedite the process of getting kids through the formal photo line.
   7. Activity Nights – Year-round

Coming up on March 24 is the school dance hosted by Student Congress and April 7 Gym/Game night coordinated by Sherry Polidore and Carol Davidson. We are not yet sure of the level of interest, but they are trying to gauge interest by Tuesday before. We may want to consider coming into the lunch room to talk events up and put flyers on the tables. Gene Dickey added that usually when it comes to activity nights, they just show up at the door on Friday nights, they don’t buy in advance.

* 1. Spiritwear – Year-round – Spring sport spiritwear forms just went out. We discussed whether in the future the coaches could provide a website where parents could look at the gear before committing to buy? Cindy and/or Nicole will look into this.

* 1. Fundraising – Year-round

Box Tops/Giant – $126.00 for Box Tops by 3/15, Giant was $429.00. Giant is over now, we should be getting the check likely in June. Box tops we should get in soon.

No Effort

Dine and Donate – Nicole reached out to Bertucci’s.

1. Old/New Business

New business – discussion ensued regarding when we were announcing and voting on nominations. It was decided that we will announce in April and vote in May. New officers take seat on July 1. The May H&S meeting at the high school will take place at the VoTech.

1. Questions/concerns
2. Next meeting April 11, 2017 at 9:15 am
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