**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Minutes**

**November 7, 2016, 9:15 a.m.**

In Attendance:

Amy Mangano Nicole Drake Cindy Rhoads

Mercy Varghese Ashley Wilkerson Liz Drummond

Sarah Spletzer

1. Welcome (Call to order and Time)
2. Introductions, none.
3. Approval of October’s minutes – minutes were circulated, approved with one minor revision, and will be sent for posting.
4. Principal's Report – Amy Mangano. Mrs. Mangano asked about parent feedback in relation to her efforts to put out a monthly (at least) newsletter. She is trying to keep people informed and the website up to date. Liz shared that she has heard there is confusion about the magazine fundraiser. Mrs. Mangano explained that the fundraiser has been going on for years, that it is a big middle school thing. Liz suggested that maybe Mrs. Mangano would cover this in her newsletter. Mrs. Mangano explained that all the money goes back to the kids.
5. Teacher’s Report – No teacher present
6. Officers' Reports
   1. Co-Presidents’ Report – Liz Drummond and Nicole Drake

Nicole – reported on the H&S mini-grant we had originally received from Mrs. Cantello. We invited her to resubmit the interior beautification items request for consideration at this meeting. She has not resubmitted the request. The tablecloths/table toppers/canvas banners are off the table at this point. We said we would fund up to $500 under building beautification fund. We are hoping to have some left over for something else.

Nicole and Liz will follow up with Mrs. Cantello. Right now we have a quote of $332 for 7 tons of stone. Nicole will continue to work with the wood.

Liz let Mr. Mahan know that it is highly likely he will be granted his request for Toys For Tots.

Formal vote, to add the $500 building beautification; Murgia $500 holding off for Spring; Starson $356 coding club/algebra for 4 Spiro Spkrs full funding; both Spanish teachers $266.80 microphones; Mahan toys for tots added as a line item; Saul 308.83 for Kremona violin pick-up; McGinnis 7th science, 8th gifted breakout kit to access games, develop own games, uploaded to site for others $109; Kressman for ESL students, reading area for independent reading $98. Total of $1405.43. She will start writing checks as soon as she starts getting receipts. Liz will contact everyone to let them know they’re approved.

* 1. Treasurer's Report – Cindy Rhoads reported $6,421. Fall sportswear $8,000 ish. $504 profit from this.

$100 gift card to Wegmans, Ashley will get gift card and sympathy card to send to the O’Hara family.

* 1. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Ashley Wilkerson, people continue to sign up for morning announcements.

* 1. Recording Secretary’s Report – Sarah Spletzer, nothing to report.

1. Methacton School Board Report – Brenda Hackett, not present
2. Methacton Coordinating Council Report – not a whole lot different since last meeting. Special needs group had its first meeting. It was very well attended. They will be having monthly meetings on various topics. The first Community Beautification meeting will be this Thursday. The Kindergarten Committee should form in November. Sandy Katz reached out to Nicole to be on the Kindergarten Committee.
3. Committee/Liason Reports:
   1. Homecoming – October 8, 2016
   2. Veterans’ Day – November 11, 2016 – Nicole is going to continue to work on this project. Mrs. Mangano explained that Tara Cantello and Eddie are taking the lead on Veterans’ Day activities. It is not a team day. They will be working on an activity that will impact future years, and getting more students involved. The project may involve tile or mosaics on the wall near the flagpole.

* 1. Science Fair – November 19, 2016 – Science Fair Teacher Advisor is still scrambling for judges and still in need of a coordinator. Mercy is judging, Kate McShane stepped up even though not a parent here. Liz Ludwigson is trying to drum up people. Sarah will double check with any contacts she has. Ashley will send out another Konstella request.

* 1. STEAM Day – April 11, 2017
  2. Staff Appreciation – May
  3. 8th Grade Social – June 2, 2017 -
  4. Activity Nights – Year-round 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 5/12

Regarding planetarium shows, it is $500 plus shipping for pre-programmed projector set up for planetarium shows. Nicole and Adam Chantry will discuss further.

We discussed that there is interest in Fandom, and that this might lend itself well as part of Game Night in January. Powder Puff football may be something else to consider with game night.

* 1. Spiritwear – Year-round, Liz is having some struggles dealing with SVS, in terms of getting stuff from them. Nicole will call Ron from SVS as well regarding turnaround.

* 1. Fundraising – Year-round

Box Tops/Giant – already at $72 for the month of October. Still issues with H&S versus PTA.

No Effort – Cindy Rhoads, report above

Dining Out – Nicole Drake. Discussed Bravo’s, Tosco, Uno’s, Main Street Pizza, Buffalo Wild Wings, Bertucci’s as dining out fundraisers.

Spiritwear – Liz Rosti, residual supposed to be coming from Vance – he knows he owes a check, but so far we have not received it.

1. Old/New Business, none discussed.
2. Questions/concerns, none discussed.
3. Next meeting January 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm
4. Adjourn 10:35.