**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Monthly Meeting**

**April 10, 2019 at 9:15 a.m.**

**In attendance:**

Michelle Petko Karen Matthews Michelle Davis Amy Timlin

John Loughran Laurie O’Neill Bill Corne Erin Corne

Shane Bone Altaira Heiser Renee Miller Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt

Karyn Gormley Renee Bradford Kate Cherekos Gabby Winters

Jennifer Daugherty Carrie Loughran

1. Welcome meeting called to order at
2. Introductions
3. Approval of March Meeting Minutes -
4. Elections were held and the results are:

Co-Presidents - Shane Bone & Laurie O’Neill

Vice President - Carrie Loughran

Treasurer - Courtney Kusy

Recording Secretary - Amy Timlin

Corresponding Secretary - Donna Schuebel

1. Principal's Report – Dr. Amy Mangano

Dr. Mangano reported …

1. Teacher/Counselor Report – No report given
2. Methacton School Board Report – Reported electronically by Elizabeth Drummond

The 3/19 work session was held at Arrowhead Elementary (with the opportunity for building tours before the meeting) and the voting meeting on 3/26 was held in the HS LGI.  All recommendations listed were approved by the board at the voting meeting.  
  
  \*   Dr. Sosnovik presented a recommendation to engage ePlus Technology of Pottstown, PA to replace the aging phone system currently in place in the district with a Cisco Unified Communication Solution.  
  \*   Mr. Fretz and Fidevia presented a recommendation for KCBA Architects of Hatfield, PA to be approved by the board for Feasibility Phase Design Services for Arrowhead.  
  \*   The board held a discussion around the topic of "Arrowhead Forward", a summary of which can be found under the "Arrowhead Forward" heading on the district website. (Please note this is an ongoing process with many more opportunities for engagement, questions, and information sharing)  
  \*   Mr. Bricker presented a budget update that shows a projected tax increase of 2.157%.  This is below the Act 1 index cap of 2.4% and is subject to change as budget numbers are finalized.  
  \*   Summer 2019 Master Plan work for roofing projects at the High School and the Skyview/Arcola was approved.  
  \*   A number of textbooks are on display at the Farina Center for community review and will be voted on during the April meeting.  
  \*   The updated "Class Rank" Policy was approved which eliminates class rank at Methacton HS.  Class rank will still be available upon request if needed for scholarships or college admission purposes.  
  \*   The board approved the commencement date of Thursday, June 13 at 4:00 PM for the Methacton High School Class of 2019.  
  
Other news:  
The Daily Bread Food pantry extends its warm thanks to all Methacton Home and Schools for gift card donations to their raffle basket fundraiser.  I have attached a photo of the H&S basket which contained $140 worth of gift cards to local businesses as well as the basket from the Board and superintendent which contained $100 in gift cards and $35 in lottery scratch off tickets. Also attached is the flyer for the fundraising event itself, it would be great if you can go and support a worthy organization that helps many in our community.  
  
The Methacton Post Prom Community Walk-Through is on Friday, April 26 from 6:30-8:30pm.  The High School undergoes a transformation to keep everyone safe on Prom Night and it is amazing to see.  The Board is pleased to again contribute to the event with our decorated hallway portion featuring "Hamilton: The Musical".  Volunteers are always welcome- you'll find more information at Methacton's website, just look under Methacton High School, then Parents and Guardians.  
  
Please note that the 4/16 Work Session will be held in the HS Auditorium (not the LGI) at 7pm in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Methacton Post Prom event and will include recognition of Post Prom founders as well as current volunteers. The voting meeting on 4/23 will be held in the HS LGI at 7pm as usual. As always, we welcome your attendance, participation and feedback. Thank you!

1. Methacton Coordinating Council -
2. Special Education Alliance (“SEA”) - Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt reported:

Unified Sports has started at the high school. It is going well and there are meets coming up that we can all attend. The Meet & Greet dinner at Giuseppe’s in Skippack on March 27th was very well attended. They had about 15 people join them. Their next meeting on April 25, will have 6 attorneys. They might need to relocate it from the high school since Post Prom decorating will have began and might make parking difficult for those attending. Post Prom will offer a sensory free hour for students from 9:30-10:30 before the rest of the students arrive. There will be a spirit week at Chick-fil-A 4/29-5/4.

1. Methacton Education Foundation - No report given
2. Post Prom Report - Gabby Winters reported that the community walk-thru is April 26th from 6:30-8:30. Everyone is welcome to attend. It’s a great way to see how wonderful this event is.
3. Officers' Reports
   1. Co-President’s Report – Gabby Winters & Michelle Petko -Nothing to report
   2. Co-Vice Presidents’ Reports – Karyn Gormley and Michelle Davis – Nothing to report
   3. Treasurer's Report – Courtney Kusy sent her report. We discussed funding snacks for the PSSAs. We talked about 2 suggestions of snacks at the beginning of the testing to kick them off versus a celebration at the end of the testing. Student Congress was interested in helping with this so Laurie O’Neill will reach out to them. We earmarked an additional $500 for the snacks. We also discussed the induction ceremony for NJHS. They have moved this event from the morning to the evening. We agreed to allocate $100 to help with refreshments for the ceremony. It will come from the hospitality budget.
   4. Corresponding Secretary’s Report – Laurie O’Neill – Nothing to report
   5. Recording Secretary’s Report – Carrie Loughran – Nothing to report
4. Committee/Liaison Reports:

**Staff Appreciation - May 8, 2019**

Karen Gormley reported that the theme will be a 50’s diner theme. She got the results of the survey in and 75% of the responses said that they wanted the celebration to remain the same, meaning a big lunch. She said the teachers really enjoy getting to eat together. She is putting the sign-up together to send out to our families.

**STEAM Day – May 23, 2019**

Michelle Petko reported that she has reached out to the advisors and they will keep the same format as before. We serve about 100 presenters and last year it was held in the library because of the auditorium construction. It worked out well in the library, so we hope to continue with it in there. We get pizza for the student ambassadors.

**8th Grade Social – May 31, 2019**

Gabby Winters reported that the planning group got together in early March. They plan to keep most things the same but have sandwiches in addition to the other food. Sign-up will go out after Easter for parent volunteers.

**7th Grade Year-End –** Courtney Kusy has volunteered to lead this event and Gabby Winters and Michelle Petko will help plan as well since we did it last year. Michelle has requested a meeting with Mr. Hautzinger to help plan a station that possibly the gym teachers could plan and execute that has more “field day” type events. Meeting will be held soon, gym teachers are happy to help. This event along with 8th grade Mermaid trip that is the same day will be rain or shine. DJ has been booked for 7th grade event, the day will be similar to last year, kids will have many stations to run through. Planning is ongoing. We will need approx. 25 cleared volunteers for the day.

1. Old/New Business - none
2. Questions/Concerns - none
3. Next Meeting is May 8th at 9:15
4. Adjourned at 10:58 am