**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Monthly Meeting**

**May 9, 2018, 9:15 a.m.**

**In attendance:**

Ramona delaRosa Michelle Davis Suzy Dowell

Gabby Winters Sarah Spletzer Michelle Petko

Marie Kramer Gene Dickey

1. Welcome (Call to order and time)
2. Introductions
3. Principal's Report – Amy Mangano – Mrs. Mangano was not present
4. Post Prom Report – Skyview and Arcola decorated the Star Wars Hallway.
5. Teacher’s Report – none given
6. Officers' Reports
   1. President’s Report – Gabby Winters – Gabby reported:

● A couple of change of dates: the original end of year celebration was before memorial day, it is now being switched to June 8, much closer to end of year.

● We will need volunteers in the morning. Staff was asked to put a schedule together.

● We will have use of 14 minute-to-win-it games, they will be in the commons. Cahoots will be in the cafeteria.

● Bus Driver Appreciation was May 30, now May 31.

● NJHS induction is at Arcola May 30 at 8:30 a.m.

● Amy Smith, Gabby and Joanna Ruzzi will go to Bus Driver Appreciation and stay.

● For the year-end celebration, if we want to get pretzels or water ice – we can use activity night/student congress monies that we didn’t use through the year. Pretzels are .35 per pretzels by 800 students - $280. Gabby moved to take money in activity nights and replace it with a line item for the end-of-year celebration. Michelle P. seconded, motion passed by vote.

● We are able to avoid some costs for the celebration, we paid $20 balance to use the DJ that student congress had paid for earlier for a cancelled event.

● Considering water ice for 800 kids, pre-made cups about 30 for $10. Popsicles are messier; water ice is more expensive but neater.

● Gifts for 8th graders. If we do the high school survival kit with lanyards we already ordered, it’s about 2.25/2.50 per gift bag. The lanyards will be in Monday. We can arrange people to stuff bags. We will plan to have them go home with students the day of the dance, June 1.

* 1. Co-Vice Presidents’ Reports – Karyn Gormley and Michelle Davis – nothing to report
  2. Treasurer's Report – Suzy Dowell – Suzy reported:

● Main expenses paid for this period were PSSA mints, Science Fair luncheon $70, deposit for lanyards $423.

● Paid out all of mini-grants that have been applied for. Still $1000 in mini-grant fund that has not been paid out. Mrs. Whiston asked for rugs, would be $600. We approved the request for the rugs.

● The second box tops rebate is $73, and we are waiting for a check from Giant for around $700.

● Spring sports spirit wear, we waiting on invoice, but will likely subtract about $9500 from 18k shown.

● We have no receipts yet for Staff Appreciation.

● May be a good idea to ask Mrs. Mangano to push mini-grants in staff meetings.

* 1. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Michelle Petko – Michelle reported:

● Regarding high school students coming in to do our murals, she reached out to the 2 high school art teachers to see if some students would come over the summer.

● Gabby reached out to teacher in Eagleville whose daughter is an art student and she is also willing.

* 1. Recording Secretary’s Report – Sarah Spletzer - Approval of April minutes is pending.

1. Methacton School Board Report – Liz reported the Board:

● Approved a substitute teacher program to try to get more and better subs into the district when we need them – there is a statewide shortage. There will be increased pay and if sub is in for more than 25 days.

● May implement guest teacher program. Candidates would need a bachelors’ degree, would receive training and would act as teacher in the district. People in community can potentially act as guest teachers. The Board is open to looking at it further.

● Does not believe pay is the main driver for substitute shortage, probably availability.

● Offered early retirement program which closed on April 27. They received 16 applications. They are looking at positions that will be opened and whether they need to fill them or not.

● North Montco Tech just appointed a new director, an internal hire from Asst. Director.

● Approved hire of a German teacher so they can offer honors German and make it comparable to Spanish and French.

● Created the Minion mural for Post Prom.

● Gifted tomato pies to all schools to participate in teacher appreciation.

● Is considering different way of having school board engaged with H&S next year. Additional 7 meetings/month are a lot of meetings to get to. They are considering something like having a meet & greet once a month or hot topic meeting rather than school board rep coming to each H&S meeting. They may host something of interest to the community.

1. Methacton Coordinating Council Report – Gabby reported:

● They meet next Monday night, they will hold elections and will probably be talking about posting budgets on website versus not, or posting on Konstella. If anyone has an opinion one way or another, please send it to Gabby. The MCC will discuss but not vote until June.

● The new MCC board takes office July 1.

1. Methacton Special Education Alliance (“SEA”) Report – Ramona reported:

● Last week April 30, Maureen Stankowitz presented on how parents can be members of the IEP team

● SEA will be presenting to the School Board on May 16.

● Their next meeting is on May 21 on sensory processing integration, with a speaker from Theraplay. There will be information on OT interventions and suggested activities for home. A flyer will be forthcoming.

● Thank you for supporting SEA’s Chick-fil-a fundraiser.

● SEA is going to end the school year with Pot Luck Picnic at Eskie Park, on May 31.

● They are also working on surveying families for topics for next year.

● Another initiative is to get the word out more. Ramona asked about how many families are on Konstella – answer is about 435 or half the Arcola family population.

● They are looking to back to school nights to set up table and be where parents are, principals could push the messages, Angela Linch, principal newsletters.

1. Committee/Liason Reports:
   1. Homecoming Events – October 13, 2017
   2. Veterans’ Day – November 10, 2017
   3. Science Fair – November 18, 2017
   4. Staff Appreciation – May 9, 2018 – going on now
   5. STEAM Day – May 23, 2018

● Michelle P heard from Mrs. Prendergast, luncheon on 5/23, will need volunteers, sign up will go out as soon as staff appreciation is done.

● There will be 15 high school students speaking to the kids, as well as 90 presenters.

● H&S budget will pay for the main food, and maybe supplement with donated salads, etc. We should be able to buy main food for $500, we would like to combine the high school speakers with everyone else food-wise.

● The Keynote speaker will start at 8:00 a.m.

● Teachers will provide breakfast.

● The first lunch is at 11:30, second lunch at 12:05.

● Maybe 1 or 2 volunteers in the a.m., 2 or 3 for each lunch. Maybe a person at check-in, event is in the library.

* 1. Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast – May 31, 2018

● Arcola is hosting. Amy Smith, Joanna Ruzzi and Gabby are volunteering for it. There will be danish and muffins, juice and coffee, breakfast casseroles. Starbucks might be donating coffee - Tommy Avelar is looking into it.

* 1. 8th Grade Social – June 1, 2018 – Gene Dickey reported:

● Everything is coming along, right now we have 30 RSVPs, we expect a lot more over the next week.

● We need an urgent “get your RSVPS in!!!” message to go out to families.

● Some teachers had not even given the invitation out until yesterday. We should consider putting reminders on the TV in the commons, posting it on Konstella. Students can’t show up at the door with their check.

● Spoke to Magnifique about turning entrance to back of school instead – due to construction. She will come here next week and will make a recommendation, work with back or front. Then, they’ll have post prom people come in.

● They’ll do table cloths – plastic. If they get 225 (avg for last 3 years), they will have fixed expenses at $3,725.

● Brusters will come in and do all the ice cream, bring in their own people.

● There will be a professional photographer this year, professional photos, enhancements, and they will provide a link with a video of the night. Students will be able to download pictures, make a picture book, etc.

● When they leave for the night, they’ll receive a keychain with a photoframe attached.

● Food will be approx. $1700 but that number will change based on number of students. Total for night will be about $5400. If we get 250 attendees, we will take in $6200.

● Happy to have donations from Giant and Walmart.

● We will draft an announcement for the TV and provide an announcement to Sophie. Gabby and Michelle will handle the Konstella notices. We need 2 separate Konstella announcements – one for the RSVP, and one for volunteer spots. The deadline says May 14, but announcements will say, “its not too late.”

* 1. Year End Celebration – June 8, 2018 – discussed above.
  2. Activity Nights – Ongoing

November 10, 2017, February 9, 2018 (11/23 snowdate)

* 1. Student Congress Events – Ongoing

September 29, 2017, December 1, 2017, March 23, 2018, May 27, 2018

* 1. Fundraising – Ongoing

Box Tops/Giant – We will need someone to handle next year. Gabby has someone in mind for that.

No Effort

Spiritwear

1. Old/New Business – Ramona asked for back to school night dates for next year. Gabby will get back to Ramona, thinks its 9/6.

1. Questions/concerns
2. Adjourn