**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Monthly Meeting**

**January 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:**

Carrie Loughran Michelle Petko Jennifer Zavertnik

Gabby Winters Shane Bone Jennifer Dougherty

Laurie O’Neill Courtney Kusy Michelle Davis

1. Welcome (Call to order 7pm)
2. Introductions
3. Approval of January Meeting Minutes- Motion made by Gabby Winters
4. Principal's Report – Amy Mangano – Dr. Mangano called in and reported:

* Clubs are underway. A question was posed to Dr. Mangano as to how clubs are chosen. Students select their top 3 choices from the list and are chosen by lottery system. Clubs are run by teachers but not every teacher runs a club. If you have a question regarding club selection, your child should advocate for themselves. If there is still a question or a concern, start with the teacher and then if they are unable to help, please contact the vice principal or counselor.
* December ended on a really great note. Dr. Mangano and the staff are engaging the students and stressing being kind and having acceptance for others.
* We are approaching the end of the marking period. The next 12 weeks will be flex. We will have Math flex, Science flex & ELA Flex in preparation for the PSSAs. Math flex will take place on Tuesday mornings. A question was posed as to how it is that non Math Certified teachers are teaching Math Flex classes. Dr. Mangano stated that each teacher has been given lesson plans and teachers are stationed throughout the building for extra help. It is good for students to see teachers being vulnerable in positions that they are not necessarily accustomed to. The is always a support staff available to help if needed.
* Before Christmas break, students were surveyed on areas of strength and areas that may need some work within Arcola.
* Many students and staff are out sick right now.
* 7th grade recently attended the chorus concert and 8th grade attended the orchestra concert. In the Spring, it will be opposite where the 7th grade will attend the orchestra concert and the 8th grade will attend the chorus concert.
* We are getting information from the Health Dept. Regarding Sexting and Vaping to distribute to student.
* Dr. Mangano was thanked for the joint communication during the building evacuation. Dr. Mangano stated that we are working hard to keep communication with parents.
* Dr. Mangano met with a parent regarding Heart & Soul (Like Girls on The Run). So much attention is focused on the boy’s sports that this will be something good for the girls to have something specifically for them.
* Chair dedications in the Auditorium will take place on February 8th. There will be a penny challenge the week before.

1. Teacher’s Report – none given
2. Officers' Reports
   1. President’s Report – Gabby Winters & Michelle Petko

**Gabby Winters Reported**:

* This year is the 20th Anniversary of the Post Prom Event. Post Prom decorators are still needed. The theme is “Don’t Stop Believing”. Arcola/Skyview is in charge of decorating the hallway near the cafeteria and our theme is Katy Perry. The Post Prom Walk through will be held Friday, April 26 from 6:30pm-8:30pm.
* The Adult dinner/dance and fundraiser will be held on March 9th. There will be food, drinks and raffles. There are some Post Prom positions available for next year.
* Clubs started this week and meet on B & F days. Club assignments are located on the Arcola Website.
* Student Congress is now a club.
* The Veterans Chair is in and we will do a “Penny Challenge” to help cover the costs of the chair.
* The Science Fair went well. 53 students participated. 24 students were named to the team to participate in the competition at Souderton High School on February 24th. Home and school will pay for a dinner for them before they depart for the competition.

**Michelle Petko Reported**:

* The Christmas Carol luncheon went well. Someone did state that there were too many volunteers. This year we had a luncheon instead of the usual breakfast due to the entire grade attending the play all on the same day at the same time due to cross teaming.
* Helping Hands is a way of helping out students who need additional help with necessities like coats, backpacks, pants, tops, etc. This program is specifically geared towards Arcola students.
* There is an online sign up for donations to Helping Hands where you have the ability to choose items from the list, ex. sweatshirts, pants, shampoo, etc.
* It was suggested that something needs to be sent out from the school because families are unaware of this program.
* This is not Home & School run , it is run directly though the school. We are helping to communicate about the donations needed.
  1. Co-Vice Presidents’ Reports – Karyn Gormley and Michelle Davis – Have an email out to Tara Cantello for an update regarding Veterans Day (part 2) now that the auditorium is open.
* Have not submitted expenses for the Veterans Day American flag pins yet, will submit everything together.
* Will be reaching out to Dr. Mangano in the next few weeks regarding a date for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Will be asking her if the staff is willing to change it up a bit this year.
  1. Treasurer's Report – Courtney Kusy- See attached
  2. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Laurie O’Neill reported:

● Activity Night – The Cupid Shuffle Dance will take place on 2/8. It will be themed around Valentine’s Day. Budget for the dance is $500. There will be raffle prize chances for each student in attendance. Students will get additional raffle tickets for bringing donations for helping hands. There is a student band that could possibly play at the dance. Chaperones are needed for the dance as it is a Home & School sponsored event. Teachers only chaperone the Student Congress sponsored dances. Tickets for the dance will be $5 a ticket in advance or $7 a ticket at the door. Snacks and drinks will be included in the price of admission.

● Currently looking for a Student Congress Liaison, Gabby Winters is doing it temporarily.

* 1. Recording Secretary’s Report – Carrie Loughran – Nothing to report

1. Methacton Education Foundation Report — Nikki Krelovich- No Report
2. Methacton School Board Report – See attached

* ​Finance Committee is in development of draft 2019-2020 budget and draft proposal will be reviewed in January.
* Amanda Kelly, began working at MSD on January 2 as our new Communications Coordinator
* The end of the 2018 Pennsylvania Legislative session included the passage of several new bills which will require updates to existing policies including Bullying/Cyberbullying and Hazing.
* The Safe2Say Something program from the PA Attorney General will go live on Jan 14 and communication should be going our to families on Jan 9.  This is statewide and not a Methacton specific program, a hotline for safety and other concerns.
* Guest Teacher program information should be forthcoming.  Pennsylvania is facing a state teacher shortage and a substitute teacher shortage; under this program individuals can earn a Type 06 Teaching Permit following 6.5 hrs training as well as additional Methacton specific training; this requires a 4 year degree.  STS will host information night January 14th at the MHS Library.
* Celebration of the Arts on January 4th showcased student art and included musical performances by Methacton teachers, staff, school board, and friends.  The event included a ribbon cutting ceremony to relaunch the auditorium.   Over $1600 was raised, and funds will be used for two scholarships; one to a student in the arts and one to a student in music.
* Arrowhead discussions will continue in January, more information will be presented at the work session 1/15.

1. Methacton Coordinating Council Report – Gabby Winters Reported

● Gabby Winters will be presenting at the meeting on 1/22 and Dr. Zerbe will be the Guest Speaker at our MCC meeting.

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

● Holding a fundraiser at Margaritas in Collegeville & Lansdale

● 16 people signed up- Facebook advertising has helped double the interest.

● 16 people attended the last function.

● Handed out flyer regarding “Linking Executive Functioning to Social Skills Development”.. (see attached)

1. Committee/Liaison Reports:
2. Old/New Business –
3. Questions/concerns
4. Adjourned at 8:21pm