**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Monthly Meeting**

**February 13, 2019 at 9:15 a.m.**

**In attendance:**

Carrie Loughran Michelle Petko Kate Cherekos

Alaira Heiser Shane Bone Jennifer Dougherty

Laurie O’Neill Karyn Gormley Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt

Mary Hull

1. Welcome (Call to order 9:16am)
2. Introductions
3. Approval of January Meeting Minutes with Corrections to add Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt to attendance list from January’s Meeting- Motion made by Michelle Petko
4. Principal's Report – Amy Mangano – Dr. Mangano not in attendance. No report given.
5. Teacher’s Report – No report given
6. Officers' Reports

* Co-President’s Report – Gabby Winters & Michelle Petko
* Michelle Petko reported the important dates below:
* 5/23- STEAM Day
* 6/3- Reading Phillies Trip (8th Grade)
* 6/7- Variety Show to Raise Money for Charity
* 6/10- Year End Event (7th & 8th grade)-tentative
* 6/11- 8th Grade Picnic at Mermaid Lake Swim Club
* Helping Hands- The dance received many donations of toiletries. Closet is stocked with toiletries, still can use clothing.
* Veterans Day Assembly- Chair Dedication event was very well attended and there was news coverage of the event. The staff provided all of the food for the event. Home & School, students & families had penny challenge to raise proceeds to pay for the cost of the chair. The Penny challenge was a HUGE success. Needed $400 and raised over $500. Will hold this fundraiser again next year to dedicate to another worthy cause.

● Box Tops for Education- Melissa Schreiber getting ready for Spring submission of box tops.

● Nominations for Home & School Board Elections will be coming up soon.

* 1. Co-Vice Presidents’ Reports – Karyn Gormley and Michelle Davis – Nothing to report.
  2. Treasurer's Report – Courtney Kusy- See attached
  3. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Laurie O’Neill- See Committee Section
  4. Recording Secretary’s Report – Carrie Loughran – Nothing to report.

1. Methacton Education Foundation Report — See School Board Report (Reported by Mary Hull)
2. Methacton School Board Report – Mary Hull Reported

* Mary Hull reported that the following took place at the January work session and voting meetings, Presentations to the board included:  
    
    \*   Options, Considerations and Recommendations for the Arrowhead School property  
    \*   A check presentation from the Methacton Education Foundation for $1000 for First Grade Stem at Eagleville Elementary  
    \*   A presentation by Gabby Winters on "Volunteering in Methacton" which outlined the great work of Methacton's volunteers including Home and School, Watch Dog Dads, Post Prom, and many others.  
    \*   The 2018 School Performance Report presented by Dr. Katona and Tara Ricci.  
    
  The Board also approved a resolution to affirm the 2019-2020 fiscal year tax increase will not exceed the Act 1 index of 2.3%.  
    
  Perhaps most notable for the Methacton community was the approval of the Arrowhead Resolution which says, in part, "...the Board of School Directors reviewed and considered all available information and have determined....that the Arrowhead Elementary School shall continue to operate as a elementary school in the Methacton School District."​ We are currently planning how we can best engage the community around Arrowhead and are gathering more information so we can develop a more informed timeline.  
    
  The North Montco Technical Career Center is having an Open House on Thursday February 14th from 5:30-7:30pm.  You can explore the 22 career programs which include: Cosmetology, Culinary, Welding, Diesel Truck Technology, Mechatronics, Biotechnology, Horticulture, Allied Health and more.  
    
  The Methacton Education Foundation received a $6000 grant from Ambler Savings Bank for the STEM Makerspace at Worcester Elementary.  Coverage appeared on 6ABC Action News and more details can be found on the district website.  
    
  Methacton is hosting a Kindergarten Readiness program on Thursday, February 21st in the Arcola Auditorium.  This informational session will review Methacton's Kindergarten Curriculum, discuss benchmarks, and suggest activities to foster kindergarten readiness.  
    
  The next board work session is Tuesday, February 19th at 7pm and the regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 26th at 7pm.  Both meetings are in the High School LGI room. We welcome your attendance, participation and feedback.

● Complaints regarding car line, School Board is assessing parking conditions at schools throughout the district.

● Ambler Savings Bank supports Methacton Education Foundation with $6,000 Donation. The contributions benefits STEM programs throughout Methacton School District. A check presentation took place inside the library and STEM space at Worcester Elementary on January 31, 2019. Students demonstrated some on the STEM activities a d lessons funded by generous donations to the foundation. News Coverage.

● A question was posed as to whether the money was allocated specifically for Worcester Elementary or will it be divided between the schools. Please see above for the answer to the posed question.

● New Substitute Program- Meeting was well attended but having problems getting applicants to complete the process.

1. Methacton Coordinating Council Report (“MCC”) – Michelle Petko Reported

● Next meeting will take place in March and Board position Elections will also take place in March.

1. Methacton Special Education Alliance (“SEA”) Report – Michelle Jackson-Greenwalt reported:

● Switched 2/21 to 2/28 “Navigating the Secondary Transition Process”, post High School what Services will be available.

● The last event “To Be Social” was the most attended event to date with 30 people in joining us.

● 3/20 Parent Social at 7pm

● In April we will be having an attorney coming in as a Guest Speaker. People feel the meetings have been very informative.

1. Committee/Liaison Reports:

● Karen Gormley Reported- (Staff Appreciation)

The Staff Appreciation luncheon will be May 8th. Considering baseball theme, possibly hot dogs, popcorn, etc. Karyn put out a survey as to thoughts on “mixing it up” this year instead of just keeping it status quo with the typical luncheon. 5 people have volunteered to help with decorating.

● Michelle Petko Reported- (8th Grade Social)

Be on the lookout for sign ups to help. We will be looking for many 7th grade parents to volunteer to chaperone and help. We hire a party decorator and DJ. 8th Grade Social Committee to meet March 6th at Panera at 7pm.

● Michelle Petko Reported- (Post Prom)

The meeting last night, 2/12, was cancelled due to weather. There will be an email sent out soon asking for help and volunteers for decorating, food, etc. The Adult Fundraiser Basket Committee Meeting on Monday was cancelled due to weather. The Adult Dinner/Dance fundraiser will be held March 9th. Tickets will start being sold soon.

● Laurie O’Neill Reported- (Activity Night/Dance)

There were 160 students in attendance for “The Cupid Shuffle” dance. Due to advertising of “at the door” ticket sales, dance was unable to be cancelled even if ticket sales were low. Very happy with the numbers. Students were happy there were snacks available and had a great time. Home & School provided glow necklaces/bracelets which were handed out by the DJ

1. Old/New Business
2. Questions/concerns
3. Next Meeting is March 14th, at 7:00 pm.
4. Adjourned at 10:19am