**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Monthly Meeting**

**September 11, 2018, 9:15 a.m.**

**In attendance:**

Carrie Loughran Michelle Davis Jennifer Zavertnik

Gabby Winters Mary Hull Michelle Petko

Laurie O’Neill Jennifer Daugherty Kate Cherekos

Karyn Gormley Sarah Merlino Michelle Jackson-Greenwalt

1. Welcome (Call to order and time)
2. Introductions
3. Principal's Report – Amy Mangano – Mrs. Mangano reported:

* Feedback from Back to School Night was very positive.
* Teachers will meet with parents separately for anyone that did not make it to their classes.
* Clubs will start at the end of the 1st marking period this year instead of the usual time frame which had them starting the 2nd week of school. Waiting until the 1 Book, 1 School Program is over before starting due to the every Tuesday Flex schedule which allows students time to study and read. Also trying to get the students established in the new school year before starting clubs.
* Club offerings vary from year to year and are not mandatory and are completely optional.
* Clubs meet on B & F Days.
* Working to determine how we can be more efficient for our students so they do not feel rushed through their day.
* A group of teachers are meeting to go over how the schedules run for an 8th period day both in our school and at other schools to compare. Looking to see how other schools handle a school day in buildings consisting of a 7th & 8th grade building.
* Feels like students are on overload and do not have enough time to get things completed in the school day. Administrators at the Farina Building are involved in this process.

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

Gabby Winters reported:

● Dance tickets being sold until Thursday during lunches.

● Candy & waters sold at the dance donated to Student Congress by H&S.

● Chair person needed for the 8th grade gift. Continuing with the High School Survival Kit for gift.

● Executive Committee looking for a liaison for the Science Fair & 1 Book, 1 School

● 1 Book, 1 School- Fun run in the Spring. Home & School Association to supply pretzels & water to

benefit the Cancer Foundation

● Sharon Branca in charge of Science Fair she will need a H&S liaison to help her.

● Tara Cantello in charge of 1 Book, 1 School also will need a H&S liaison to help her.

Michelle Reported:

● $3,500 collected so far in the no frills fundraiser and more envelopes are coming in every day.

● Fundraisers have been proven to be more effective on paper than sending through Konstella.

● Proposed that ½ of the proceeds from ticket sales from each Laser Light Show, goes to individual

schools. Show goers will have to designate their school at time of reservation. Schools will then get half

based on that rather than each school selling concessions at the shows.

● Flyers available in the front Office for the Laser Light Shows.

● Shows will take place October 26, 2018 thru November 3, 2018.

* 1. Co-Vice Presidents’ Reports – Karyn Gormley and Michelle Davis – nothing to report
  2. Treasurer's Report – Courtney Kusy not in attendance but sent the monthly treasurer’s report. (see attached). Budget for the 2018-2019 school year was approved.
  3. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Laurie O’Neill reported:

Morning announcements have been going out every day and people continue to sign up for them.

* 1. Recording Secretary’s Report – Carrie Loughran - Approval of May’s minutes, no objections.

1. Methacton Education Foundation Report — Nikki Krelovich reported:
   1. The Methacton Education Foundation is a 501c3, an Independent non-profit with the sole purpose of raising money for Methacton to help fill gaps in the district budget for curricular needs.
   2. MEF has raised over $400,000 thus far and $190,000 last year!  These funds are used for enhancements not covered in the budget.
   3. Kicking the year off with a staff campaign and recruiting Teacher Ambassadors at each school.
   4. Parent Ambassadors will also be utilized this year to help drive the message.
2. Methacton School Board Report –

The Methacton School Board last met on 8/28. Highlights from the meeting include:  
The Methacton Education Foundation held its 2nd annual “We Run Out Hunger” 5K to benefit Methacton’s snack backpack program and asks everyone to “like” their Facebook page so they can keep up with Foundation news. The Foundation is poised to do some great things this year for our district!  
  
Transportation outlook is improved this year, the call center is staffed, all calls are tracked and categorized for prompt reposes. Individuals with questions related to transportation services and busing should contact the transportation services office at 610-489-5036  
  
The Board voted to approve the addition of a 2nd grade and 4th grade class to Woodland elementary based on increased enrollment there.  We also approved many new hires as we worked to fill remaining open positions for the new year. There was a discussion about Arrowhead as it relates to the facilities master plan.  
  
The next Board work session is 9/18 and voting meeting is 9/25, both at 7pm in the HS LGI.  You can find the committee meeting schedule on the website if you have a more specific interest. We welcome input! Remember that all meeting videos can be found online as well.

1. Methacton Coordinating Council Report – First meeting of this year will be held Monday October 8, 2018.
2. Methacton Special Education Alliance (“SEA”) Report –: no rep in attendance but we circulated their flyer and will continue to push all SEA announcements through Konstella.

1. Committee/Liason Reports:
2. Old/New Business – Mary Hull reported ongoing problems with Konstella. Laurie O’Neill replied that archiving of old files caused a glitch and parents with multiple children in the school were not transferred. Those families had to be invited back in to join Konstella. Laurie advised anyone experiencing issues to send an email to Laurie O'Neill.  It can be resolved quickly.  Directions are also posted on the Arcola home and school webpage.

1. Questions/concerns
2. Adjourned at approx. 11am.