**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2018, 9:15 a.m.**

In attendance:

Michelle Petko Mary Hull Altaira Heiser

Michelle Jackson-Greenwalt Shane Bone Karyn Gormley

Michelle Davis Kate Cherekos Gabby Winters

1. Welcome - Called to order at 9:16am
2. Introductions
3. Approval of October’s Minutes. Motion made and seconded, corrected minutes were approved with notation. Will be posted on Konstella.
4. Principal's Report - Amy Mangano and Gerry Thompson

* Scheduling committee still continues to evaluate if there is anything we can do differently to do it better. There will be a student, parent and teacher online survey administered to solicit feedback.
* Dr. Mangano reported they are seeing not so kind behavior and trying to be proactive here at school. Inappropriate behavior is happening on the bus and in less supervised areas. We need more conversations at home and at school to help decrease hate speech and inappropriate behavior. Hate speech of any kind is not tolerated and not acceptable at school as stated in the student handbook. Vaping is still happening, but the good news is that kids are speaking up so the school is becoming more aware of this. Consequences are strong and we are trying to add an educational component so it is not repeated. Teachers are walking around more. Bus drivers are told to advise the school of students who are behaving inappropriately so they can address it. The school officer is constantly walking around. Health teachers are incorporating the dangers of vaping in their lessons and trying to educate the kids. We need continued open communication between home and school.
* Arcola started a positive referral program to praise kids, their parents are notified of this good behavior. We are looking to start a program to demonstrate exceptional character within Arcola and District wide.

1. Teacher/Counselor Report – no attendance
2. Methacton School Board Report

* Mary Hull reported, in addition to the emailed report given by Liz Drummond below: Auditorium will be done end of November and the project came in on time and at budget. Future of Arrowhead, we are still waiting on information, projections and this is open to comments until 11/27.

Interviews for Angela Linch’s job are being held and the 1st round of interviews are complete.

* Liz’s Emailed Report: The Board met for a work session on 10/16/18 and held a voting meeting on 10/25/18. We were pleased to honor the academic achievement of Arcola 7th and 8th Grade students this month with "M" awards and to recognize outstanding staff from Woodland Elementary. We also saw a presentation of the District's Comprehensive Plan, which is currently posted on the district's website and outlines various aspects of performance and progress in Methacton. Feedback on the plan is welcome and will be accepted through 11/20.  The Methacton Education Foundation presented a check for over $14,000 from the We Run Out Hunger 5K, which will benefit economically disadvantaged students in the district and Shanondell presented a check for the funding of the Summer Reading Program held last summer in the elementary schools.  Our Student Board Members shared that the High School is presenting a production of  "A Christmas Carol" on November 15, 16 and 17 at 7pm.  
  We hope to see you at the special meeting that will be held on November 8th at 6:30 pm in the HS Auditorium for the presentation on the current status of the district including programs, enrollment, facilities, and strategic vision for the future. Public feedback is welcome.  
  There will be a Work Session on November 20th and a Voting Meeting on November 27th.  Please note that in December, we will be holding a combined Reorganization/Regular meeting on December 3rd. All of these meetings are in the HS LGI at 7pm.

1. Methacton Coordinating Council Report

* Gabby reported the MCC met on Monday night 11/12/2018 and Mary Katona, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment spoke. She talked about career readiness, curriculum, etc. looking to see how we can improve upon what we are already doing well and in areas that need improvement. Dr. Zerbe will be the speaker for January’s meeting.
* MEF grants are continuing to come in. They fund based on STEM, college readiness, and economically disadvantaged children. Good response from the staff donation campaign to MEF of approximately 30% participation and Eagleville had the highest participation winning them a luncheon. A large potion of the Administration and School Board donated as well.
* Nikki recognized that we all, H&S and MEF are requesting money and how do we not step on each other toes. We will continue to work together so each can benefit from donations and what programs get funded from where.
* Gabby’s H&S presentation to the school board regarding Methacton’s Volunteers got postponed until January so we can include more of what has recently been learned of H&S and volunteers contributing to educational programs at other elementary schools which many were not aware of.
* The district has a license for small games of chance in order to hold raffles, bingo etc.
* Art Goes to School increased by $80 per school and it was decided to pay the budgeted amount of $400 then revisit the increase before next year’s budgets are done. $80 increase was because Audubon’s closing so their cost was redistributed. It was brought up if this is something we could write a grant for to MEF.

1. Special Education Alliance

* Thursday 11/15/2018 they will have a speaker on Dyslexia and Dysgraphia. Dining out fundraising on 1/30 at Margaritas in Landsdale and Collegeville. No meeting in December. At the last meeting a PA advocacy group came out and discussed IEPs.
* Worcester Township is fighting an ordinance because of possible townhomes being built and increasing the population-this increased population is not in the pipeline and there may be as many as 300 new townhomes.

1. Methacton Education Foundation – reported previously
2. Post Prom Report

* Gabby reported Arcola and Skyview will be decorating together this year again. Katy Perry is our theme. We need volunteers and post prom overall needs many volunteers leading up to the Post Prom and the night of to continue the last successful 20 years. The Post Prom theme is “Don’t Stop Believing”

1. Officers' Reports
   * Co-Presidents’ Report - Michelle Petko & Gabby Winters

* Gabby reported we are working on a “Arcola Helping Hands” to gather toiletries and possibly gently used clothing. The closet used for this is currently being cleaned out and it is away from general areas. Students in need will be referred to this program by the school. A Konstella sign up will be sent out shortly for donated items for the Arcola community. This sign up will be sent out periodically as there is a need.
* Veterans dedicated chair is being delivered shortly and the school will be doing penny wars to help with the cost. It is a fun activity for the kids and a great way to raise money. Veterans day breakfast is postponed until December, more details to follow.
  + Co-Vice Presidents’ Report - Michelle Davis not in attendance
* Karyn Gormley no report given other than Veterans Day update previously noted.
  + Treasurer's Report - Courtney Kusy not in attendance
    - Courtney sent her report to Gabby who reviewed the monthly transactions.
  + Corresponding Secretary's Report - Laurie O’Neill not in attendance
* Gabby noted morning announcements have been going out on a regular basis through Konstella.
  + Recording Secretary’s Report - Carrie Loughran not in attendance

1. Committee/Liaison Reports:
   * Activity Night

* October 26, 2018 at Arnold’s was successful although not highly attended and we still made $80
  + Laser Light Shows
* October 26, 2018- November 3, 2018 made approx. $432, well attended and we thank Mr. Chantry for his time and the opportunity to give these proceeds back to the home and schools. Each H&S school profited from these events.
  + Veterans’ Day - November 9, 2018
* Breakfast was postponed until December and the dedicated chair is ordered and penny wars are to help pay for this chair which will be starting soon.
  + Science Fair - November 16th & 17th, 2018
* We have enough volunteers, but H&S was asked to reach out for more to help it run more smoothly.

1. Old/New Business-none
2. Questions/concerns-none
3. Next meeting January, 9th at 7:00 pm
4. Adjourned at approx. 10:45