Methacton High School

Home and School Meeting

November 3, 2016 – 7:00 pm

**Meeting Called to Order** – 7:03 pm

**Attendance** – Michelle McCubbins, Meg Cunnane, Mercy Varghese, Kathleen Schlenker, Judy Gallagher-Landis, Cindy Hartson, Anne Pellicano, Michelle Kolody-Cost, Robin Olisky, LoriAnn Verna, Kim Woodring, Mary Byrnes, Christne Capece, Kim Rosetti, Dawn Pataki and Janet Bolendz.

**Teacher’s Report** – No Report was submitted

**Counselor’s Report – Cindy Hartson**

* PSAT – taken by 800+ Sophomore and Junior Students
  + Results should be received before Winter Break
* Counselors will be going into classes in December, signing students into Naviance
* ACT & SAT Testing coming in December
  + Check Websites for registration dates

**Principal’s Report – Judy Gallagher-Landis**

* Mock Elections were held during Social Study Classes on Tuesday, November 1st
  + Held in a manner similar to regular general election
  + Students voted on each of candidate the same as in the national election
* President, Senate, House of Representatives, PA Attorney General, PA Treasurer, PA Auditor, PA Senate and PA House of Representatives.
* Students were also give two ballot questions
* Should the school have a School Store
* Should the school re-institute a Late Bus
* Nov 3 – American Red Cross Blood Drive during school hours
* Nov 3 – Last Home Football game for season – will include the dedication of donation wall
* Nov 7 – 11 – Buddies Pictures for Yearbook will be taken during all Lunch Periods
* Nov 7 – Basketball Game to support Mini Thon – Harlem Wizards vs Faculty Basketball Team
* Nov 8 – No School – In Service Day
* Nov 9 – Faculty Souper Luncheon
* Nov 10, 11 & 12 – Romeo & Juliet
* Keystone Re-Tests will be held in December for students who did not score a Proficient or Advanced Score when tested previously. These tests are required for Graduation for the current Freshman and Sophomore Classes only
* 8th grade or 9th grade – Algebra I
* 10th grade – Literature
* 10th grade – Biology
* The District has hired Scheduling Consultants to review the High School’s current Class Scheduling Rotation (Class Bell Schedule) – Ms. Gallagher-Landis will be requesting a few parents to meet with her in December to review the findings of the Scheduling Consultants. NOTE – If changes are made they will not take place before the 2018/2019 school year.
* Backpack Program has started up again for the school year
* 17 High School Students currently participating
* Panera Bread continues to donate the “End of Day” products to the school on a weekly basis
* Larger bags (Backpack size) have been purchased to assist with holding more food for the students
* Program is now including clothing items to assist students with items they may be in need of
* Donations of other non-perishable foods can be dropped off at the Front Office anytime during the school day
* Tuna To-Go\*
* Compleats Meals (Hormel) or Ready Meals (Prego)
* Mac & Cheese\* (Individual Serving Bowls)
* Spaghettios/Ravioli\* (Individual Serving Bowls)
* Chicken & Beef Soups\* (Chunky or Progresso)
* Canned Fruit Cups\* / Applesauce
* Breakfast Bars / Pop-Tarts
* Cereal (Individual Serving Bowls)
* Variety Snack Packs (Goldfish, Cheez-Its, Animal Crackers, Etc)
* Fruit Snacks
* Water Bottles (16oz bottles)
* Juice Boxes
* Pudding (Individual Serving Bowls)

**\*All cans should be Pop-Top Pull Tab Lids\***

**Secretary’s Report – Kathleen Schlenker**

* October Minutes were published on the H&S Website on October 20, 2016
* Minutes were read and approved by Kim Rosetti and Meg McCunnane

**Treasurer’s Report – Mercy Varghese**

* October’s Report was handed out and approved by Michelle McCubbins and Meg Cunnane
* October’s Beginning Balance - $ 7,615.35
* No Frills Fundraiser Income - 1,096.00 - currently $386 short of $8,500 budgeted amount
* October’s Ending Balance - $ 8,711.35
* Fall Mini Grants – approval given to –
* Jamie Gravinese for CPR training class for students to babysit
* Element Magazine - to help reduce the cost of each magazine
* Author Visit - to defray the cost of an author visit to school
* One Book – One School – purchase books for students under free and reduce lunch program

**Post Prom’s Report – Dawn Pataki and Janet Bolendz**

* Friday, April 21, 2017
* Theme – “Oh the Places You Will Go – World Travel”
* Juniors and Seniors may present Logo Design – Deadline – November 21st
  + Winner will receive two (2) free Prom Tickets
* Nov 9th Dine and Donate Day at Pizzeria Uno (Oaks)
* Uno will donate 20% of check to Post Prom – Applies to both Lunch and Dinner – Eat In & Take Out
* Meeting will be held at Uno starting at 7:00 pm
* Still Looking for someone to Committee Chair the Program Guide for the Walk-Thru

**School Board Report – Michelle McCubbins (in absentia for Brenda Hackett)**

The following items were discussed and approved at the Board meeting of October 25, 2016:

* Updates to curriculum, including
* German – levels 1-5
* French – levels 1-5 and French Honors 1-5
* Spanish – levels 1-4 and Spanish Honors 2-4
* ESL curriculum sections for Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing
* ELA curriculum for grades 7 and 8
* Policies on the following:
* Child Custody
* Foreign Exchange
* Contests
* Student Recruitment
* Homeless Students
* New Director of Business Services – Thomas Klaus
* The following items were discussed, but not yet approved:
* Superintendent’s Goals
* Policies on the following:
* Class Rank
* Unlawful Harassment
* School Resource Officer program
* Facilities Assessment implementation
* In addition, two Town Hall meetings were held:
* On October 27, 2016 to consider processes for making decisions on the following:
* School redistricting
* Facilities Assessment process
* Potential School Closures
* Full Day Kindergarten
* On November 1, 2016 to receive the enrollment and capacity report from Milone and McBroom and to receive input from the public.

**Methacton Coordinating Council Report – Michelle McCubbins**

* All schools are now abiding by the same By-Laws

**Meeting Adjourned** – 8:10 pm

**Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 – 9:15 am – Library Conference Room**