Methacton High School Home and School

Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2016

Meeting called to order: 7:02 pm

In Attendance: Michelle McCubbins, Meg Cunnane, John Maioriello, Kath Schlenker, Dawn Rieder, Mercy Varghese, Dawn Pataki, Brenda Hackett, Christine Capece, Colleen Rossi, Lori Ann Verna, Judy Landis and Cindy Hartson.

Counselors’ Report - Cindy Hartson

* Senior’s Mid-Year Reports – over 800 requests have been made
* Scheduling for the 2016/17 school year has begun
* PSAT Scores – delayed reports due to College Board technical problems
* Went over power point on “Using Your PSAT/NMSQT Scores to Increase College Readiness”. A copy is available on the High School web page.
* Explained benefits of new PSAT format – to familiarize the students with the new SAT test
* SAT at Methacton is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th - deadline to sign up is February 5, 2016.
* Reminder that KHAN Academy is offering free SAT/ACT prep programs

Teacher’s Report - No Report presented - Following items Judy Landis presented

* 9th/10th Grade Semi Formal
  + Very low ticket sales
  + May need to rethink this event
* High School Spring Musical - “Into the Woods”
  + February 25, 26 & 27

Principal’s Report - Judy Landis

* Ordering for Senior Cap and Gown
  + Information being given to students tomorrow, Feb 5
  + All ordering will be handled on-line this year
* Report cards for Second Quarter will be available on Sapphire starting Monday, Feb 8th
* Senior Nights for the Winter sports are currently taking place
* Scheduling for 2016/2017 currently taking place
  + Please refer to the Student Program Handbook regarding the “Appeals Process” and “Deadline Dates”
  + School Board approved the hiring of a Scheduling Consulting Group to see how the Arcola and High School can do scheduling more efficiently
* Group Parents to speak
  + 1-1 Computer Initiative Program
    - Does the community see this as a positive or negative
* Chrome Book Pilot Program (currently 167 students)
* Question was asked about getting all MHS teachers onto the same communication program
  + Starting Fall 2016 all MHS will be required to use “Google Classroom”
* Back Pack Program
  + Going well with students from Life Skills Program taking on more roles
  + Redners is going to allow the Back Pack Program to shop for food items at “Cost Price”
  + Whole Foods has given the Back Pack Program a gift card to use in-store
  + Arrowhead Elementary and Worcester Elementary looking to “piggyback” onto High School program
    - Arrowhead has 6 students - not sure of start up date
    - Worcester has 6 students - will begin on February 19th
* Food most urgently needed for program
  + Hormel – Compleat Meals OR Prego – Ready Meals
  + Horizon Organic Shelf Milk - individual size - vanilla flavor preferred
* Assessment Literacy Program went into effect for January Mid-Terms and will also be used in June End-of-the-Year Finals
  + New program initiated by State – Webb Depth of Knowledge
  + Questions are based on assessments based on various difficulty levels
  + For more info on this program you can go to the following link; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXXgloyYFkw>

Secretary’s Report - Kathleen Schlenker

* December Meeting Minutes were published on the Home and School webpage on January 20, 2016
* Minutes were read and approved by Meg Cunnane and Michelle McCubbins

Treasurer’s Report - John Maioriello & Meg Cunnane

* January Treasurer’s Report was posted on Home and School Webpage on February 3, 2016
* Highlights
  + Class donations of $500 each made to each High School Class
  + Post Prom donation of $1000
  + No Frill Collection - behind by $520 - budgeted amount for year was $8,500
  + Giant A-Rewards Program - shortened this year - ends March 17th
    - Only 194 people signed up for program
    - Has only brought in $1,086.39 thus far - budgeted $2000 for collection this year

Presidents’ Report - Michelle McCubbins

* Teachers Appreciation Luncheon was held on Friday, January 22 as the conclusion of Mid-Terms
  + Home and School purchased entrée portion from Tosco Pizza
  + Parents provided beverages and desserts
* Nominating Committee - accepting nominations for 2016/2017 school year
  + All current Home and School board positions are open
    - President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

Post Prom’s Report - Dawn Pataki

* Post Prom will take place on Friday, April 29th
* Adult Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016
  + Will be held at St Helena’s Catholic Church, Blue Bell
  + For information see the following website; <http://www.mhsadultfundraiser.com/>
  + Still Looking for Gift Baskets for raffles
* Registration will begin in a few weeks

School Board’s Report - Brenda Hackett (Home and School Liason)

* January meeting held last week (January 26th)
* Hired a “Scheduling Consulting Group” to assist High School and Arcola with student schedules
* Decision to NOT close any elementary school for 2016/2017 was made
* Budget expected to go up
* Still awaiting on State Budget to be approved

Coordinating Council - Meg Cunnane

* Changes – asking for each school to obtain their own Tax Exemption ID – still being researched.
* “Code of Conduct” and “Conflict of Resolution” Draft Documents have been sent to each school’s Home and School Board for review
* Each school will be responsible to appoint one teacher/administrator to become that school’s Conflict Negotiator
* Still researching the liability insurance issue. Looking at event specific coverage possibly through the District’s insurance company. Also looking into other options.
* Looking to hold a “Color Run” at Heebner Park as a fundraiser to benefit the Methacton community.
  + Each school will be asked for volunteers

Methacton Education Foundation - Sue Gabriel

* Purpose of MEF is to raise money to be used by the Methacton School District Community as a whole
  + School project have been
    - High School Fields Improvement
    - Arcola Planetarium
  + Fundraisers have included
    - Holiday House Tours in December
    - 5K Family Fun Run in the Fall
    - Golf Outing
  + Upcoming Fundraiser
    - Art, Corks and Forks be held at Chadwicks’ Restaurant on Monday April 4, 2016 – Tickets are $40 in advance and $50 at the door
* Art = Community Artists, High School Students and MSD Faculty display and sell art projects
  + Projects include art pieces, jewelry, sculptured pieces
* Corks = Wine and Beer Tasting from local Winery’s and Brewery’s
* Forks = Food Tasting from local Restaurants and Caterers

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Next Meeting to be held on Thursday, March 4th at 9:15 am \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*