**Methacton Home and School Meeting**

**February 2, 2017**

**Attendance**: Michelle McCubbins, Michelle Bauer, Mercy Varghese, Meg Cunnane, Judy Landis, Cindy Hartson, Christine Capece, Mary Byrnes, Brenda Hackett, Dawn Pataki, Marie Kramer, Cheryl Rothe, Herb Rothe, Colleen Rossi

**Meeting Opened**: 7:06 pm

**Teacher’s Report**: Not Available

**Counselor’s Report**: Cindy Hartson

* 9th Grade - met with students about schedulingg
* 10th Grade – met with students to explain the PSAT scores
* 11th Grade – kicked off college thinking program with one to one meetings; in March will have a March Madness program to further encourage conversations with teachers and students about college options; counselors corner will be available in lunches with college representatives in attendance
* 12th Grade – mid-year reports will be mailed out February 15

**Principal's Report**: Judy Gallagher-Landis

* Mid-terms have been completed
* The teachers and staff were very appreciative of the Staff Luncheon
* The school has completely transferred to the new School Officer (versus the School Resource Officer). Officer Snead is the new School Officer, a retired State Trooper who is armed and has all necessary qualifications and certifications. He is unable to arrest or cite, but he can detain until the State Trooper arrives.
* AP/Dual Enrollment night occurred on February 1. Not as heavily attended as in the past with around 50 attendees.
* 9/10th grade Formal will be held on February 3, with ticket sales up.
* 8th Grade Night is on February 9, with an hour long presentation, then an opportunity for parents to talk to teachers of the 9th grade classes.
* The School Musical will be presented at the end of February with a PG-13 version of Rent.
* The Chrome book program is going really well.
* The MHS Marching Band took home the Grand Champion Trophy from the Outback Bowl.
* The Electric Car Club is at the Philadelphia Car Show this week

**Secretary’s Report**: Michelle McCubbins

* December Meeting Minutes are posted on the Website
* Approved by Judy Landis & Mercy Varghese

**Treasurer’s Report**: Mercy Varghese

* We are currently below budget on Giant a+ rewards
* Payments were made to Winning Warriors, the Souper Luncheron, Post Prom and Staff Appreciation Luncheon

**Presidents Report**: Meg Cunnane

* A big thank you goes to Tosco's for their generosity to the school once again in the catering of the Staff Luncheon
* H&S needs someone to assume responsibility for the nominating committee. We want to encourage parents that haven't worked on the board to take advantage of openings on the board. It is a wonderful opportunity to really see what is happening at the school. Marie Kramer has volunteered for this position.
* We would like to involve Methacton Works in helping with our student mailers.

**Post Prom Report**: Dawn Pataki

* Thanks to H&S for their donation to Post Prom
* Community fundraising letters have been sent out.
* There are many opportunities open for VOLUNTEERS. We will need to Co-Coordinators for Post Prom next year, so come alongside them this year and learn how to be a partner so this will continue into the future
* The Adult Dinner Dance will be February 11, 2017 at St. Helena’s Church, Blue Bell; please attend. There are opportunities to donate auction items as well as raffle baskets.
* We are trying to encourage parents of younger children to get involved, so Post Prom will be able to continue giving our students this wonderful experience
* "Make Good Choices" slips of paper will be distributed to tuxedo rental places and florists so they can be handed out to students going to prom.

**School Board**: Brenda Hackett

* The School Consolidation Report will be discussed at the School Board meeting on 2/6 at Arcola. The decision will be presented on 2/21.
* The School Board is working on a new budget. They are trying to make the budget break even; there may be no salary increases due to increases in health insurance and pension contributions.
* This is a particularly challenging year as the state is considering changing school funding from property taxes to income and sales taxes. Go to PA School Board Association for more information.
* Our facilities needs are currently projected at $92 million to bring them up to standards. Some of the needs are urgent. They are trying to get funding through new bond issues.
* Someone from the IU will be overseeing First Student for transportation. Hopefully, with a better usage of software the problems from this year will be resolved.

**Methacton Coordinating Council**: Michelle McCubbins

* Discussions are ongoing on how to communicate more effectively with parents

**Meeting Adjourned**: 8:49 pm

Next Meeting – March 2, 2017 – 9:15 am in MHS Library