Methacton High School

Home & School Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 4, 2017

10:00 am

North Montco Technical Career Center

Attendance: Michelle McCubbins, Meg Cunnane, Mercy Varghese, Judy Gallagher-Landis, Cindy Hartson, Colleen Kurtz, Michael Hoy, Brenda Hackett, Marie Kramer, Deborah Regnier Knawby, Cheryl Rothe, Colleen Rossi, Kim Rossetti, Kim Woodring, Linda Kapralick, Cindy Rhoads, Mary Byrnes, Christine Capece and Michelle Kolody Cost.

Meeting Called to Order: 10:00 am

Meeting began with the distribution of thank you gifts to Mr. Sussman, Mrs. Woodenberg, Mrs. Hartson, Dr. Gallagher-Landis for their contributions. Small thank you gifts were also distributed to the 2016-2017 Home and School Board members present.

**Teacher’s Report**: Cindy Hartson (for Cara Woodenberg)

FCCLA – FCCLA and foods classes combined their cooking skills and charitable hearts by making meals for four needy families. In addition, proceeds from Mr. Methacton tickets sales provided store gift cards and pantry staples. Thanks to Jen Johnson, staff, who provided boxes, and the front office for helping with distribution.

Best Buddies – Although the Best Buddies club has been extremely successful with a large memberships and a sponsor who won a recent award, the best Buddies club will not run next year due to not being board-approved as a paid position.

From the Library – Thank you to Home and School for providing funds to allow for young adult author Paul Volponi to visit MHS in April. The visit was extremely successful. He met and consulted with 20 budding writers from the creative writing courses, as well as more than 200 9th and 10th grade students in his author sessions.

From the Algebra 1 Teachers – Thank you to Home and School for providing water for the upcoming Keystone testing.

**Counselor’s Report**: Cindy Hartson

Senior Destination letters were sent out – responses are due back by Friday to be included in graduation program = need all scholarships and college decision letters.

College Fair at Villanova University – Monday May 15, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

SAT – June 3 with registration deadline of May 9

ACT – June 10 with registration by May 5

Course requests – were on parent portal this year – appeals dates are coming up and procedure need to be followed – May 10 – 17 (See Student Handbook)

District has appointed Judy Schmitz as the district’s new Career Counselor

**Principal’s Report**: Dr. Judy Gallagher-Landis

Explanation of school clubs - Paid versus Unpaid – was discussed

Paid clubs are ones that are supplemental to curriculum

Teacher Sponsors are compensated above their annual salary

Unpaid clubs are ones of “interest” variety

Sponsored by teachers on a volunteer basis

Keystone Testing Dates (Graduation Requirements)

May 15 & 16 – 10th Grade Literature

May 17 & 18 – 10th Grade Biology

May 19 & 20 – Algebra I

May 23, 24 & 25 – Make up dates

Senior Awards – May 24

NMTCC Graduation – June 6

Elementary School Graduation Parades – June 7

Class of 2017 Graduation – June 9

Tickets for Graduation (6 per students) only apply for indoor graduation

No tickets are required for outdoor graduation

1 Parking Pass per student will be given

Handicapped Parking and Seating need to be requested and separate parking pass will

be issued

Robin Boehnieg has been appointed to replace Geraldine Ryan-Washington Special Education

to High School

One-Book – One School will be instituted for the 2017/2018 school year.

All Methacton High School students will be required to read “Life As We Knew It” over

the summer in addition to their required reading for their incoming English Class.

**Secretary’s Report**: Kath Schlenker

April’s minutes were posted to the MHS Home and School Webpage

Read and Approved by Michelle McCubbins & Mercy Varghese

**Treasurer’s Report**: Mercy Varghese

April’s Statement has been posted to the MHS Home and School Webpage

2 mini grants were paid for – Author’s Visit & Calculators for Algebra 1 Class

Pens were purchased to be given out to Seniors with yearbooks

Giant A+ reward received for 2016/2017 school year was $2,262 which was under the budget of $3,000 we were hoping to raise.

No-Frills fundraiser for the 2016/2017 school year was slightly over budget. This along with some savings on other budgeted items will help to offset the lower Giant A+ rewards program

**Co-Presidents’ Report**: Michelle McCubbins & Meg Cunnane

No new business was discussed

This is our final meeting for the 2016/2017 school year

2017/2018 Home and School meetings will begin in September 2017

**Post Prom**: Meg Cunnane (for Dawn Pataki)

Looking for new Co-Chairs to 2018 Post Prom (Current Co-Chairs have served their 2 year term and are stepping down.

In a two hour period, over 1,100 community members attended the Post Prom Community Walk-Thru resulting in additional donations of over $1,600 from amazed community members. The event was amazing as usual!

Post Prom is looking to get more parents of younger children (Elementary – Middle School) involved so that it will continue and be available to our younger students when the reach the High School. It’s never too soon to get involved!

**School Board Report**: Brenda Hackett

Negotiations continue between the Administration and MEA, Custodial/Maintenance Staff & Support Staff

2017/2018 Fiscal Budget – Preliminary Budget due May – looking at 2½% increase

Elementary Transition continues to move forward

New Elementary School Boundaries have been set and approved

Staff is being reassigned / relocated

**Methacton Coordinating Councel**: Michelle McCubbins

Transition – Boards for the all 4 Elementary School have been made

2017/2018 MCC Board has been made up

Special Needs Committee – growing in number

10:50 am – Meeting Adjourned

Upcoming Dates: TBD – Look for our Summer Mailer in August