**Methacton High School**

**Home & School Association**

**Meeting Minutes February 5, 2015**

**Attendees:**

Sue Gabriel, Meg Cunnane, Michelle McCubbins, Laura Winslow Cathy Stratoti, Christine Adams, Marissa Hack, Kathy Dietch, Chris Pirovitz, Linda Kapralick, Kim Woodring, Judy Landis, Cindy Hartson, Monica Holman, Sue Tierney, Matthew Alzamora

I**ntroductions – Sue Gabriel**

* The meeting began at 7:05 pm

T**eacher’s Report – Cara Woudenberg via letter read by Sue Gabriel**

* **From Mrs. Lynn Janssen and FCCLA:** TheMr. Methacton pageant will be on March 6th. Organized by Student Council and FCCLA, the pageant showcases fun and fabulous senior boys. Proceeds from ticket sales are donated to support local charities, school projects, families in need, etc.
* **From the Class of 2016:** Prom is April 24th at Franklin Commons in Phoenixville. Tickets are $75. Mr. Alzamora presented that the theme will be “Elegance.” Ticket sales will start in March for early bird sales. He also will need 3-4 parent volunteers to help decorate the tables during the day of Prom.
* **From Student Council:** Student Council sponsored a day of giving (teacher dress down day) for the Stone & Flick Children's Fund and raised $530 between the staff and the students.
* **From Mrs. Sue Cattie:** TheInternational Festival is again being held at the High School on April 11. All are welcome to attend a plethora of multicultural activities, demonstrations, and great food. If anyone is interested in participating by having a booth or table at the festival, please contact Susan Cattie at scattie@methacton.org before March 1.
* **From the Math Dept.:** Methacton was just notified by the College Board that one of our seniors was one of five students in the world who got a perfect score (earned every point possible) on the AP Calculus exam last May. Congratulations to Kevin Biju. (see attached letter)
* **From the Yearbook staff:** Yearbooks are still on sale but must be ordered through the Jostens website. There is a link to it on the MHS website (click on the activities tab which leads to the yearbook tab). Parents of juniors should also be on the lookout for a mailing from LifeTouch about senior portraits. The mailing should arrive towards the end of March. We will have the exact dates for the portrait sittings within a couple of weeks.

**Counselor’s Report – Cindy Hartson, Counselor**

* Scheduling has started with students having one-on-one meetings with the counselors. In mid-March, verification sheets will be sent out.
* The post-secondary planning meeting had 70 parents in attendance.
* There is an SAT on March 14th, the deadline to register is February 13.
* Counselors are adjusting the alphabet assigning around to balance the number of students per counselor
* Senior mid-year reports are coming up soon. This is the one that is sent to most colleges for application transcripts.
* February 10th is 8th grade night. Home and School will send a representative to introduce parents to H&S.

**Principal’s Report – Judy Landis, Principal**

* The field improvement project work is starting construction with a meeting.
* Graduation will be indoors. The date is announced by the School Board at its March meeting.
* Keystone results will be in March.
* NOPE, an anti-drug program, went very well. The parents meeting had over 100 in attendance. Perkiomen Valley HS will be hosting soon and using our format and perhaps our parent speakers.
* Discussion was held on the idea of adding to an Eagleville ES backpack program to provide weekend food for low income families. The idea is continuing, but the logistics need more discussion.

**Secretary’s Report –Michelle McCubbins**

* The December meeting minutes were approved. There was no scheduled January meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report –Cathy Stratoti**

* The report was presented and accepted. Ending January Balance is $5789.31.
* Spring mini-grants will be reviewed in February.
* We discussed the line item of the Student Loan Program. Sue agreed to follow up to confirm its existence and operations. The program manager has not been heard from in a while although some parents present confirmed they had worked with him in the past.

**Vice President’s Report – Meg Cunnane**

* No guest speaker was present. If you have any suggestions for guest speakers, please contact Meg.

**President’s Report – Sue Gabriel**

* Sue stated that the Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, after President's Day. The theme will be Asian gourmet. We are looking for salad and dessert donations.
* There is a Manufest Job Expo at Souderton HS on Saturday March 28.
* Next year’s H&S Board needs nominees. All positions are up for election every year. The nominating committee will be Chris Pirovitz and Kath Schlenker. Meg Cunnane and Michelle McCubbins accepted nominations for Co-Presidents. Further nomination information is on the Home and School webpage through the school’s website.

**Post Prom**

* The fundraiser will be on 3/14/15 at the Empress Room in Blue Bell. Announcements will be sent on how to get tickets. H&S is sponsoring a basket for the auction.
* The decorating committee has been hard at work and are meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.
* Nominees are still needed for next year’s coordinators and several committee chair positions.

**School Board Report – Kim Woodring**

* The high school Field construction is moving forward, although the lights are under an appeal.
* The fundraising for the fields includes a “Donor Wall,” that is being created.
* School Board reorganization has taken place.
* The School Handbooks are being reviewed for updating and accuracy.
* There will be announcements for meetings/hearings of the School Board to review the consultant’s findings on enrollment and building capacity.
* At the end of this year, 15 teachers are retiring.

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The Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**The next H&S meeting will be held on March 5, 2015, at 9:00 am**

**Please note the location will be in the MHS Career Center instead of the library.**