**Methacton Home & School Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 7, 2015**

**Attendees:**

Sue Gabriel, Meg Cunnane, Michelle McCubbins, Cathy Stratoti, Laura Winslow, Kim Woodring, Judy Gallagher-Landis, Cathleen Barrone, Kathleen Schlenker, Monica Holman, Colleen Rossi, Lori Beil, John Maioriello, Christine Adams, Michelle Bauer, Chris Pirovitz, John Midgley, Cara Woudenberg

I**ntroductions – Sue Gabriel**

* The meeting began at 9:16 am

T**eacher’s Report – Cara Woudenberg**

* **From the Class of 2017:** There is a spirit week for the class of 2017 at the Chick Fil A on Trooper Road next week from May 11-16. Patrons need to have a flyer with them or mention the class of 2017 and the class will receive a percentage of sales. T-shirts are still on sale and can be purchased in C214 for $10. See Mrs. Fabrizio or Mrs. Doyle for questions.
* **From Mr. Bob Helm, Science Fair Sponsor:** Congratulations to our High School students who advanced to the Delaware Valley Science Fair (DVSF) last week in Oaks. The DVSF is one of the oldest and largest Fairs in the country. The Fair was designed as a vehicle for stimulating interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) among students in middle and high schools in the tri-state area.
* **Science Fair:** Methacton, for the second year in a row, scored in the top tier of participating schools. The four top winners at the fair include Methacton High School, Biotechnology High School of NJ, High Technology High School of NJ, and Parkland High School (Allentown Area).
  + Every year 12 of the top medal winners advance to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). This year's ISEF is in Pittsburgh PA, in mid-May. Methacton has two students going to ISEF this year. Emily Cheng won the 10th grade GOLD MEDAL (top 10th grade project overall) for her Biochemistry project Development of a NGS Assay for Early Detection of HCC/CRC. Jeremy Wang won the 9th grade SILVER MEDAL (#2 ranked freshman research project overall) for his Mathematical Study of HCC Biomarkers in the Mathematics category.
  + We also had some top winners in other categories as well, please see the DVSF winners summary for a complete list. Here also is the DVSF Awards list from Montgomery County so you see how our winners compare to the other districts in the area. MHS students won in the neighborhood of $200,000 in prizes and scholarships participating in this fair.
* **From Mrs. Sue Cattie:** The TEAMS competition for High School groups will be in San Antonio Texas, and the Methacton team has qualified by ranking first and second in the state. They will be hosting a fundraiser at Chick-fil-A during the week of May 18 - 23. You only need to mention "METHACTON TEAMS" and 15% of your meal cost will be donated to funds needed to attend.

**Counseling Department Report – John Midgley**

* Mr. Midgley reported that some changes will be made to the alphabet ranges for the counselors for the incoming class.
* Senior destination sheets have been sent home and are due May 8 along with copies of all scholarships awarded. These destination sheets will be used to send final transcripts,
* Senior surveys were completed on May 1 and May 13.
* Counselors met with juniors and sophomores to review the Myers-Briggs assessments they completed in the Do What You Are program. There is a lot of information in their Naviance account to review about colleges and careers.
* The final SAT of the school year is on June 6, with a May 8 deadline. The final ACT is on June 13, also with a May 8 deadline.
* Course request forms went out one month ago. Changes only were returned to the Counseling Department. Appeals forms must go through the Department Chairperson. The time frame for appeals is May 8-15.

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

* Ms. Gallagher-Landis reported that the AP Spanish test was being held today. AP testing is scheduled for this week through next week. Keystone testing will be held: May 14 for Literature, May 18 for Algebra, and May 19 for Biology.
* Construction on the Field Project is ongoing without any disruption in the classrooms. The project has a substantial completion date set for August 14, 2015.
* Ms. Gallagher-Landis stated the Art Show was very successful.
* The library is undergoing changes in order to align with the new ILEARN flexible study hall program. More work will continue with new furniture being added and work spaces being moved.
* The final exam schedule will be posted soon along with information about graduation.
* Graduation will again be held inside the gymnasium. Some changes will be made to better manage loading the gym. The school encourages Corporate Casual dress, as the gymnasium can become rather warm. A request was made to have a good place for families to take pictures with their graduates.
* The Prom was very successful with 730 attendees. The food was good and the kids had a fantastic time. The same venue is already booked for next year's prom.

**Secretary's Report – Michelle McCubbins/Laura Winslow**

* Michelle McCubbins approved the minutes, and Meg Cunnane seconded.

**Treasurer’s Report – Cathy Stratoti**

* Cathy announced our ending balance a $2,169.37. We should be receiving our Giant Rewards check in early June. Thanks to all who support the program.
* Home and School Awards, pens for the Yearbook and Mini-Grants were funded.

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

* Meg presented gifts to Sue Gabriel and Laura Winslow for their great service to Methacton Home and School. They both have their last child graduating from MHS.

**President’s Report – Sue Gabriel**

* Sue thanked the Board and presented gifts to the school staff who attend our meetings and provide such valuable information and help.
* Officer nominations were received for the upcoming 2015-2016 Home and School year.
  + Meg Cunnane and Michelle McCubbins will be Co-Presidents
  + Chris Pirovitz and Kathleen Schlenker will be Co-Secretaries; also nominated was Michelle Bauer. Michelle may be the back-up secretary or take another position.
  + John Maioriello will be Treasurer
* Upcoming school board meetings:
  + May 14, Special Meeting, Field Change Order
  + May 12, HR Committee
  + May 14 and 21, Finance Committee
* The Freshmen/new student parent program/orientation will take place on Aug. 26 at 6:30, the Freshmen/new student Orientation will take place on August 31 at 1:00 pm.
* The next Coordinating Council Meeting will be held on May 11.

**Post Prom**

* Post Prom was fantastic again with attendance of 825 students. The Community Walk-through was very well attended.
* The first fundraiser will be held on July 18 with the Golf Outing. Volunteers are needed.
* Get involved now to insure the future of the Post Prom celebration. ***It is imperative that new co-coordinators are selected in order to keep Post Prom going***.

**School Board Report - Kim Woodring**

* Mrs. Woodring stated that there are many upcoming School Board meetings. The change order for the field is in regards to the bathrooms.
* The School Board has finalized the budget with the Tech School. The NMTCC Tech Show will be held on May 19.
* Many issues are being addressed by the Policy Committee. A Suicide Prevention Policy must be in place before the start of school.
* The Education Committee piloted a new math program last year for 5th and 6th grade to replace Everyday Math. It was very successful with everyone being satisfied with the new program.
* Please go out and vote on May 19 (PA Primary).
* Also new policy changes are being made for school volunteers. We will be notified after July 1 about the specific changes that are needed.

Our next meeting will be held on September 10 2015, at 7:00 pm

**The Meeting Adjourned at 10:43 a.m.**

**See you in September!**