

**MHS Home & School Association
Minutes
May 14, 2020**

In Attendance:

Peg Herbison	Michelle Greenawalt	Matt Varghese	Dr. Sorgini
Christine Steere	Ramona de la Rosa	Amy Smith	Cindy Hartson
Angelique Riley	Colleen Kutz	Karen Lutz	Laurie O'Neill
Mercy Varghese	Marie Kramer	Bob Kramer	Michelle Petko
Gabby Winters	Sarah Spletzer	Courtney Kusy	

Welcome – Introductions were made.

MHS Staff Reports

Principal – Jason Sorgini – Dr. Sorgini reported:

- Dr. Sorgini wished everyone well. He discussed that MHS has had to reinvent how they do everything now, and he has tried to keep communicating in the process. All of the information that he has and is communicating out is compiled on the website under "Announcements." At first the communication was more clinical, and now he has moved toward videos. Communications with staff is also ongoing.
- The last day of new instruction for seniors is May 29; for underclassmen it is June 5.
- They are putting together a plan for returning items to school/picking student items up from school. These items would include items in gym lockers, library books, text books, and 9th graders and seniors returning chromebooks. More information will be forthcoming but tentatively this will happen the first week of June for seniors and the week of the 8th for underclassmen.
- Drive-in graduation is scheduled for June 11. If everyone works together it can work. The district has contracted with a company that provides TV trucks. The stage will be in front of Skyview. There will be two TV screens, one near Arcola and one around behind Skyview.
- We are working to make June 11 special for graduating seniors and families. We plan to allow parents and students into the MHS building to take pictures, more details will follow.
- Also planning a catered lunch for seniors in August, if social distancing restrictions allow it, and this will accommodate yearbook signing, etc.
- We are hoping for a version of "normal" to return in the fall. Remember that right now kindness means a lot, and we appreciate your support.
- Marie Kramer asked about the yearbook signing pens from H&S – whether we can get them into the handouts given to the seniors. Dr. Sorgini indicated yes, that we'll work on it.

ELECTION HELD:

- Nominees for co-Presidents are Marie Kramer and Mercy Varghese.
- Nominees for Treasurer are Courtney Kusy or Steven Burda.
- Voting was held and recorded by electronic poll through Zoom.
- Courtney Kusy was present; Steven Burda was not present.
- Marie Kramer and Mercy Varghese were voted in as co-Presidents.
- Courtney Kusy was voted in as Treasurer.
- Congratulations to all.

MHS Staff Reports, cont'd.

Teachers – Cara Woudenberg (Report) – no report given

Counseling – Cindy Hartson – Mrs. Hartson reported:

- Guidance is very busy with supporting the administration.
- Schedule requests are in and the master schedule is being built.
- We thank you parents for helping your students at home.
- Awards night will take place May 20 and is by invitation only.
- Parents of seniors – we need to know where your student will be going after high school, whether its college, a career, etc., this information will be in the state report.
- For juniors – there are virtual college fairs going on, which are posted on google classrooms.
- The electronic waiver deadline was May 6. The system will open again and the final deadline will be June 22nd.

H&S Reports:

Secretary – Sarah Spletzer – Sarah reported:

- We have 718 Konstella users, and we are hoping the new freshman class comes in with big participation.

Treasurer – Bob Kramer – Bob reported:

- For the month of April, we made adjustments of \$1,800 for already-recognized expenses that will no longer be paid out in this school year (prom tickets, and 4 of the 5 spring mini-grants).
- Our current cash balance is approximately \$4,800 (with 1 check outstanding).
- For the balance of the fiscal year, remaining items include:
 - Approximately \$2,100 of income from the Giant A+ program.
 - For expenses, we have paid \$800 for the Home & School awards, and we're evaluating some form of recognition for the Seniors.
- We will likely finish the year with \$5-6k in cash, which will roll into our budget planning for the 2020/21 school year over the next couple of weeks.

Vice President – Gabby Winters/Michelle Petko – no report given

Presidents – Mercy Varghese/Marie Kramer – Mercy and Marie reported:

- Usually all of the H&Ss in the district donate to and throw a breakfast to appreciate the bus drivers. Meg at Arcola put out a request for pictures from students thanking bus drivers and received 60 pictures to pass along to the bus drivers.
- H&S gives awards to seniors. This year we are giving out 8. This is to the most improved students over their time at MHS.
- Regarding the Giant check – in the past it has been misplaced because it comes in through the district offices. Dr. Sorgini said he will keep an eye out for this check.

District Reports:

MCC - Gabby Winters/ Bob Kramer – Gabby and Bob reported:

- At the last MCC meeting a lot of time was spent on a change in the by-laws addressing what happens in the event of a conflict between any of the H&Ss and MCC.
- The MCC also clarified that H&Ss should not carry more than 50% of their budget, but put in place a waiver for this year.

SEA – Colleen Kutz (report) – Colleen reported:

- Please follow our SEA Facebook page for notifications of important and informative virtual meetings sponsored by other parent organizations regarding the impact of COVID-19 on IEPs, Re-Evaluations, Virtual Learning, Behaviors, Socialization, Extended School Year, etc.
- The SEA Planning Committee continues to meet regularly to discuss how we move forward as an organization through this summer and fall if schools remain closed. We are looking to continue providing our own information sessions using the Zoom platform so we can continue to connect with our families with children with special needs.
- We understand the challenges of raising a child with special needs in "normal" circumstances. We are here to listen and share experiences if you just need to talk to parents that "get it". These are difficult times for all of our families and students, as always if anyone would like to connect with our SEA Planning Committee, please feel free to contact us at seamethacton@gmail.com.
- Thank you all! Stay safe and healthy!

Post Prom – Gabby Winters/ Lisa Coupe – Gabby reported:

- No post prom this year, we are looking forward to this event next year.
- With the help of 30 Post Prom and H&S volunteers, we will be delivering yard signs to all graduating seniors yards tomorrow.
- The Dinner Dance which is a huge fundraiser for Post Prom, was cancelled this year. We have about forty (40) baskets which we will hold on to if possible, for next year.

School Board – Liz Drummond (report) – Liz provided the following report:

- The School Board and Methacton School District distributed food to children in the backpack program on April 3rd, with another distribution planned for May 20th. The May 20th distribution will include grocery store gift cards, bought with a generous \$5000 donation from the Methacton Education Foundation.
- The Board heard a presentation on full-day kindergarten on April 27th. Presented by Dr. Deb Euker, it covered the social and emotional benefits that full-day kindergarten could provide students. The board will continue to hear information regarding budget and facility considerations. The Zoom presentation is available for viewing on the website.
- At the board work session, we saw a presentation about the new Arrowhead building construction plan and offered input and considerations regarding size, cost, and logistics. The plan is for KCBA architects to incorporate the board feedback and present again to the board in the fall.
- Together with State Representative Joe Webster, we are planning for daily meal distributions for families with children in need. The logistics recently changed due to increasing demand on our supplier, but please be on the lookout for more information from the district. The anticipated start date for the program is Tuesday, May 12 and the pick-up location will be in front of Via Roma pizza in Eagleville.
- All Board meetings and committee meetings are now run on the Zoom platform, please check the website for meeting times and login information. We welcome community

feedback, advance sign-up is required to speak at the meeting, or you can always email the board with your thoughts or comments.

- Thank you for all you do!

Adjournment

Dates to Remember:

May May 22 - No School Grades K-12
 May 25 - No School Grades K-12
 May 29 - Last Day of New Instruction for Seniors - Last School Day for Seniors

June June 2 - Teacher In-Service K-4 and 9-12
 June 3-4 - Material/Instrument/Computer/Books/Uniforms - Exchange for Seniors
 June 5 - Last Day of New Instruction for Grades K-11
 June 8-12 - Material/Instrument/Computer/Books/Uniforms - Exchange for grades K-11
 June 9 - Last Day for Student Submission of Assignments
 June 11 - Graduation
 June 12 - Last Day of 2019-2020 School Year
 June 15 - Report Cards Issued