

MHS Home & School Association
Minutes
April 11, 2019

In Attendance:

Mercy Varghese
Christine Capece
Michelle Petko

Karen Lutz
Altaira Heiser
Bob Kramer

Jason Sorgini
Cheryl Rothe
Marie Kramer

Cindy Hartson
Sarah Spletzer
Kathy Schlenker

Welcome – Introductions were made.

MHS Staff Reports

Principal – Dr. Sorgini reported:

- This is a busy time. Report cards are coming out today and the 4th marking period is underway. The deadline for waiving into higher level courses is April 23.
- The Pre-prom assembly is Wednesday. Post Prom has put together a crash reconstruction scene. Students are off of school on April 26 for Prom. Prom this year will be held at the Valley Forge Sheraton.
 - We are about to have the longest spring break we've had in a while.
 - The Art show will be on display from May 3 – May 5 in the library.
 - Graduation will be held June 13 at 4:00 p.m.
 - The exam schedule is up on the website. Underclassmen and senior exams are different.
- Yearbooks will be distributed to seniors at the senior breakfast this year on May 23. Their trip is the following Tuesday. Seniors will tour the elementary schools and Skyview starting at 10:45 a.m. on June 11. There will be a Google Docs sign up for seniors who went to Audubon so they can pick which school to tour. Graduation rehearsals – the first one will be about an hour, the 2nd day will be a long day (rehearsal) at 2 hours, and the 3rd day depends on how 2nd day goes – could be an hour or longer.

Teacher – there was no teacher present.

Counseling – Cindy Hartson reported:

- Parents of seniors should have received senior destination info. All families are asked to fill out what their student's plans are regarding colleges, scholarships, working world.
- All scholarship information should be sent to the counseling office, where we keep track and we put all scholarships earned into the graduation program, if the information is in by the deadline.
 - Seniors are also completing an annual survey, some of the information from the survey will be extracted for state data reports.
 - Underclassmen and counselors have been very busy. Juniors have been working with Naviance and making plans to visit colleges over the summer. They are discussing volunteerism, accessing resources and opportunities.
 - There are summer opportunities on the website, including local leadership, trips abroad and academic opportunities. Summer opportunities link on the left. A lot of info going out on google classroom.
 - Schedule changes are due by 6/7 and the counseling department is really firm with that.

- The MHS International Festival will be held May 18, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

H&S Reports:

Secretary – Sarah Spletzer reported: March meeting minutes have been circulated, approved and posted.

Treasurer – Bob Kramer reported:

- Side 1 of the report shows no income this month and shows that No Frills leveled out. On the expense side we donated to the Bus Driver's Breakfast, provided student support with 3 Prom tickets, and a gift card for Daily Bread Food Pantry along with the District and all other schools in the District. Under Mini Grants, we only had one request – for a classroom document camera – and we funded it. We also funded pens for yearbook signing. This amounted to a little over \$600 for the month.

- Side 2 of the report shows the Board's "to-go" plan, and shows that we are winding down on expenses. We should be able to increase the H&S awards, to give \$100.00 each to 10 students, for a total of \$1,000. H&S will also fund "Graduation Pizza" at the end of the year, the day the seniors tour the elementary schools.

- Overall for the full year, we've pretty much matched our expenses to our level of income.

Vice President – Cheryl Rothe – no report given.

Presidents – Mercy Varghese/Marie Kramer reported:

- Elections will be held at the next meeting on May 2 at 9:00 a.m. This is for co-VPs, nominees are Michelle Petko and Gabby Winters, and for Secretary, nominee is Sarah Spletzer.

- The next meeting on May 2, which is our last of the year, is usually at North Montco Tech. A Sign Up Genius will be going out soon. The breakfast would start at 9:00.

- Administration Day is coming up. We usually hand out a gift to administrative staff in the office that day.

- We will also be preparing awards to present to selected graduating seniors whose grades have improved the most over their 4 years at MHS.

District Reports:

SEA – Karen Lutz reported:

- Sixteen kids are participating in Unified Sports and practices are going well. On April 25th they have a meet at Abington HS. They will have a meet here on May 8 and hope for a lot of support. On May 13 they have a meet at Souderton. All meets are at 3:30.

- The March SEA Social went well.

- We have a big event on April 25, which was moved to the Arcola LGI. This event will be a special education attorney event. We are hoping for at least 30 attendees.

- We are also planning an end of year picnic, combined with Best Buddies. We are trying to hold it at Eagleville Park.

- We are trying to encourage families to take advantage of the sensory friendly hour of Post Prom, since this will be its first year.

Post Prom – (report read in)

- Post Prom Community Walk Through is April 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. We have flyers to post in retail shops, etc. We are still looking for more volunteers. There will be training Monday night, Tuesday is an event to say thank you to Post Prom volunteers.

School Board – Report provided:

- The March 19 work session was held at Arrowhead Elementary (with the opportunity for building tours before the meeting) and the voting meeting on March 26 was held in the HS LGI. All recommendations listed were approved by the board at the voting meeting.

- * Dr. Sosnovik presented a recommendation to engage ePlus Technology of Pottstown, PA to replace the aging phone system currently in place in the district with a Cisco Unified Communication Solution.

- * Mr. Fretz and Fidevia presented a recommendation for KCBA Architects of Hatfield, PA to be approved by the board for Feasibility Phase Design Services for Arrowhead.

- * The board held a discussion around the topic of "Arrowhead Forward", a summary of which can be found under the "Arrowhead Forward" heading on the district website. (Please note this is an ongoing process with many more opportunities for engagement, questions, and information sharing)

- * Mr. Bricker presented a budget update that shows a projected tax increase of 2.157%. This is below the Act 1 index cap of 2.4% and is subject to change as budget numbers are finalized.

- * Summer 2019 Master Plan work for roofing projects at the High School and the Skyview/Arcola was approved.

- * A number of textbooks are on display at the Farina Center for community review and will be voted on during the April meeting.

- * The updated "Class Rank" Policy was approved which eliminates class rank at Methacton HS. Class rank will still be available upon request if needed for scholarships or college admission purposes.

- * The board approved the commencement date of Thursday, June 13 at 4:00 PM for the Methacton High School Class of 2019.

- The Daily Bread Food pantry extends its warm thanks to all Methacton Home and Schools for gift card donations to their raffle basket fundraiser. I have attached a photo of the H&S basket which contained \$140 worth of gift cards to local businesses as well as the basket from the Board and superintendent which contained \$100 in gift cards and \$35 in lottery scratch off tickets. Also attached is the flyer for the fundraising event itself, it would be great if you can go and support a worthy organization that helps many in our community.

- The Methacton Post Prom Community Walk-Through is on Friday, April 26 from 6:30-8:30pm. The High School undergoes a transformation to keep everyone safe on Prom Night and it is amazing to see. The Board is pleased to again contribute to the event with our decorated hallway portion featuring "Hamilton: The Musical". Volunteers are always welcome-you'll find more information at Methacton's website, just look under Methacton High School, then Parents and Guardians.

- Please note that the April 16 Work Session will be held in the HS Auditorium (not the LGI) at 7pm in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Methacton Post Prom event and will include recognition of Post Prom founders as well as current volunteers. The voting meeting on April 23 will be held in the HS LGI at 7pm as usual. As always, we welcome your attendance, participation and feedback. Thank you!

MCC – Marie Kramer reported:

- Not too much was discussed last meeting. They have not received enough nominations, so they are waiting for all other H&S to get their elections done, and MCC will do its nominations next month – they will be announced in May and voted on in June.

Questions & Answers – as time allows
Adjournment

Dates to Remember:

April

17–22 – No School (Holiday)

24 – Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm

26 – No School; Prom & Post Prom

May

2 – H&S Meeting – 9:00am – NMTCC

3–5 – Art Show

6–17 – AP Testing

8 – Choral Concert 7:30pm

13–23 – Keystone Testing

16 – Band Concert 7:30pm

21 – Tri-M Performance 7:30pm

22 – Awards Night 7:00pm

24 – No School (In service)

27 – No School (Holiday)

***Next meeting 5/2/19 9:00 am
in the NMTCC***