**Methacton High School**

**Home & School Association**

**Meeting Minutes April 9, 2015**

**Attendees:**

Sue Gabriel, Meg Cunnane, Michelle McCubbins, Laura Winslow, Cathy Stratoti, Christine Adams, Dana Reddington, Marissa Hack, Kathy Dietch, Chris Pirovitz, Kath Schlenker, Linda Kapralick, Kim Woodring, Judy Landis, Cindy Hartson, Monica Holman, Karen Kilgour, Sue Tierney, Gene Dickey, Herb Roth, Matthew Alzamora

I**ntroductions – Sue Gabriel**

* The meeting began at 7:05 pm

T**eacher’s Report –Sue Gabriel did not have a formal report.**

* **From the Class of 2016:** Prom is April 24th at Franklin Commons in Phoenixville. Mr. Alzamora reported that 700 tickets were sold. Traffic is expected to be a problem. Carpooling is highly recommended from Methacton High School. On Prom Day, he also will need 3-4 parent volunteers to help decorate the tables during the day of Prom. (Update: the volunteers were cancelled because the facility could not be ready in time in the morning, so they did the tables for us in the afternoon.)

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

* On 4/28 there will be a large College Fair at Villanova. See the counseling website page for more information and suggestions to best use your time at the Fair.
* “Do What You Are” software is in Naviance and is used with sophomores. It suggests careers based on personality. Students like it so far.
* College Acceptance and Scholarship letters are arriving to students. Please let the Guidance Department know what your student receives, for future students to see.
* Course request verifications letters are coming out in a week or two to Homerooms. The only ones that need to be returned are those that need a change. Change requests must have an email from the parent as well, so that the family and the counselor can verify the change request.

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

* Prom. On 4/15, a Judge will talk to the 11th and 12th graders about behavior. The week of prom will include several specials: M-Th: The Physics of a car crash, in physics classes.; W: Cruising, not Boozing: A Brain Injured Person Speaks Out. TH: The Grim Reaper Day.
* The Art Show will be in the Library on May 1-3.
* AP testing will be May 4-15.
* Keystone Testing starts within the dates of AP testing and goes through Memorial Day. Literature on 5/14, Algebra, then Bio, then Makeups.
* May 20th is Awards Night, which includes outside groups scholarships. Invites will be sent at the beginning of May.
* May 21 will be the senior breakfast and year book distribution.
* 5/28 will be the Senior Trip. Chaperones may be needed. Sue Gabriel will send an email volunteer request.
* 6/1: Finals begin. Students only need to be here when they have an exam. Open study hall with food will be available for those who need to stay on campus during school hours.
* 6/10 is Graduation. It will be indoors, similar to last year’s format in the gym, televised to the auditorium and on the local TV access channel.
* THON has been rescheduled to 5/29, the day after the senior trip.
* “Hope for Tomorrow,” given by a mental health speaker on suicide took place just before the spring break and went well. It was very interactive. All submitted questions were considered by the staff this week. The staff is figuring out how to post answers everywhere students look, i.e. Facebook, walls, announcements, Flyers, etc.

**Post Prom –Dana Reddington**

* Post Prom needs many more volunteers. All three coordinators are finishing this year. The reminder is It’s FUN, so step forward!
* Walk Through for the community will be 6:30-8:30 on Friday evening of Prom.

**Secretary’s Report –Michelle McCubbins**

* The March meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report –Cathy Stratoti-Handout.**

* The report was presented and accepted.
* The Spring mini-grants were approved and will pay out about $1,490. Each mini grant, by definition, is a request for funding of less than $500.

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

* No guest speaker was present.

**President’s Report – Sue Gabriel**

* Officer Nominations for Next Year: Meg Cunnane and Michelle McCubbins were named as Co-Presidents. Treasurer is open, but Sheri Christe may be named. Secretaries were named as Chris Pirovitz and Kathleen Schlenker
* Arts, Corks and Forks: is a fundraiser for the Education Foundation and will be held this Monday on 4/13 at Chadwick’s Restaurant. Tickets are $35 each and info is on the EFMC website or you can get tickets at the MHS Administration building.
* 9/1 is the first day of school in the fall. Wednesday Aug 26 from 6:30-8:30 PM will be the Incoming Freshman/New student Parent Presentation. Aug 31 in the afternoon will be Student Orientation.

**School Board Report – Kim Woodring**

* Budget Season has begun. The Max tax increase is 1.9%. Those interested in more info: the next meeting will be 4/21 in the evening.
* Consolidation project will be finishing committee meetings by Friday and then will communicate their activity.
* The Policy Meeting is not done. That meeting will be finishing Monday at noon. The Handbook project has major updating for it. The Volunteer Policy will include insurance coverage.
* The Field Project Groundbreaking was held. It was windy and wet but successful.
* A Transportation manager was hired.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**The next H&S meeting will be held on May 7, 2015, at 9:00 am**

**Please note the location will be announced by email or in the office that day.**