**Methacton High School Home and School Minutes**

**Thursday, December 3, 2015**

In Attendance: Michelle McCubbins, Meg Cunnane, Michelle Bauer, John Marioriello, Kathleen Schlenker, Judy Landis, Cindy Hartson, Kathy Dietch, Kim Woodring, Monica Holman, Cathleen Barone, Mercy Varghese, Molly Byrnes and Christine Capece.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:25 a.m. Meeting was held in the newly designed MHS Food Pantry.

**Teacher’s Report**: (submitted by Cara Woodenburg)

* **From the Class of 2017:** The Junior class is still taking orders for the Risher Van Horn Flower Fundraiser. It is $20 for a punch card that entitles you to one free monthly small bouquet or floral arrangement. Orders will be taken until December 18th. Junior class T-Shirts can be purchased for $10 in room C214. Any questions contact Gina Fabrizio in room C214 or email [Rfabrizio@methacton.org](mailto:Rfabrizio@methacton.org).
* **From the MHS Art Dept:** The following MHS art students were accepted into art colleges due to their high quality artwork during portfolio review sessions at the Pennsylvania Convention Center during National Portfolio Day on Sunday, November 8:

**Sarah Koshy:** Moore College of Art and Design, Kutztown University, University of Rochester

**Kevin Roy:** School of the Art Institute of Chicago – Merit Scholarship candidate; Rowen University – Scholarship candidate; Kutztown University

**Isabella Cabera:** Tyler School of Art (Temple)

**Julia McCrane**: Kutztown

**Megan Laird**: Moore College of Art and Design

The following students had previous acceptances during college visits:

**Julia Brumbaugh**: Kutztown University

**Nick Miller**: Kutztown University

**Emma Cortellessa**: Moore College of Art and Design

* **From Mr. Patrick Smith:** MHS Criminal Justice students went to Eagleville Elementary school for two days to teach the fourth graders about the 4th amendment and how it impacts their lives. They also spent some time helping them write essays to be sent to a national essay competition. While the subject matter was difficult, the students responded very well to the interaction and gained a decent knowledge of what the fourth amendment says (illegal searches and seizures).

**Counselor’s Report**: Cindy Hartson

* PSAT test results should be distributed:

Students – 8 – 10 weeks after test via email

School – 12 – 15 weeks via hard copy

* January 13th – Financial Aid Night – Please sign up to attend so they have enough copies materials. (7:00 – 8:00)
* January 26th – FAFSA Completion Night – High School Counselors will be on hand to assist with completion of FAFSA forms. (7:00 – 9:00)
* January 27th – College Planning Night – Counseling Department will go over the PSAT results with parents. (7:00 – 9:00)
* Sophomore students will be completing a “Do What You Are” program using Naviance. This program will allow the students to find out if they are introvert/extroverts, type of college they may excel at, career satisfaction, etc.
* 69% of Seniors have made transcript requests for a total of 1700 requests made to date.

**Principal’s Report**: Judy Landis

* Keystone Testings:
* Algebra I – approximately 170 students needing to re-take test
  + On-line Test – help with those needing reading of test as computer reads it for them.
  + All measuring devices (rulers, etc.) and calculators also provided in the computer.
* Literature – approximately 33 students needing to re-take test – Paper Test
* Biology – approximately 43 students needing to re-take test – Paper Test
* Mid Term Exams – week of January 19 – 22, 2016. Students are required to be present for only periods they are taking tests.
  + January 19th – Periods 1 & 2
  + January 20th – Periods 3 & 4
  + January 21st – Periods 5 & 6
  + January 22nd – Period 7

More information will be posted at a later date.

* Orders for Caps and Gowns will take place on February 24 or 25. Herff Jones will be taking them during the lunch periods.
* Class Rings will be delivered to the school. Less than 200 were ordered.
* Methacton High School Pantry (presented by Jamie Graveniese, Vice-Principal)

This program is currently providing weekend meals to 19 MHS students. Students are given 3 dinner, 2 breakfast and 2 lunch meals along with snacks, juice, milk and water every Friday.

* + Foods in the Pantry are being provided by donation system. Student Council’s annual Fall Food Drive provided some while other donations are coming in from teachers, parents and the community.
  + Panera Bread is donating its “end of day” breads and pastries every Tuesday. The sliced bread is being re-bagged and stored in a freezer. The whole breads and pastries are being purchased by the teachers to raise additional monies for this program. As of today (12/5) the school has raised $250 off of these bread sales.
  + Fresh fruit is being donated on a weekly basis.
  + Volunteers are needed Monday’s on a weekly basis to help stock all food donations. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jamie Graveniese at [JGraveniese@methacton.org](mailto:JGraveniese@methacton.org).
  + Other volunteers in this program are the students within the Methacton Works Program. Every week these students spend two days in the Food Pantry.

Day 1 –students pull the items off the shelves and place them in a plastic bin.

Day 2 –students hand fill the “food bags” with the items in the individual bins.

* + Once this program gets underway at the High School, it is hoped to be expanded to two of the district’s elementary schools who currently do not have any program in place. All of the districts other 5 buildings have a similar program already established within their own buildings.
  + The following list represents the food items the Food Pantry is looking for. Please send any donations to the high school attention Jamie Gravienese.
    - Tuna To-Go
    - Compleats Meals (Hormel)
    - Ready Meals (Prego)
    - Mac & Cheese, Spaghettios, and/ or Ravioli (Individual size)
    - Chicken & Beef Soups
    - Fruit/Applesauce Cups (individual size)
    - Fruit Bars
    - Pop-Tarts
    - Granola/Fruit Grain Bars
    - Cereal (Single Serve)
    - Non-Refrigerated White Milk (8 oz with straw) (Horizon Brand)
    - Water Bottles (16oz)
    - Juice Boxes
    - Fruit Snacks
    - Pudding (Individual size)
    - Individual Size Snack Packs (goldfish, cheese-its, animal crackers, cookies, etc)

\*\*\* When providing cans, please make sure they are “**Pull-Top**” lids \*\*\*

**Home and School Reports**:

**Secretary’s Report**: Kathleen Schlenker

* Minutes from the November Meeting have been posted to the Home and School Web-Page.
* Approved and accepted by (1) Meg Cunnane and (2) Michelle Bauer.

**Treasurer’s Report**: John Maioriello (Meg Cunnane)

* A new Treasurer’s Report was presented. (Available on the MHS H&S Website)
* It was noted that monetary donations via the “NO-FRILLS” fundraiser are behind year to date by $755.00. If you haven’t already sent in your donation, you are not too late, we will accept them any time.
* Giant Rewards Program –
  + Year to date we have collected $374.20 – so we are a bit behind on our goal of $2,000. We can only earn money through March 17th this year.
  + You need to re-register your card every school year. PLEASE re-register your card at giantfoodstores.com if you have not already done so. Registration ends January 31, 2016. The school ID for Methacton Home and School is 24050.

**President’s Report**: Meg Cunnane

* Staff Appreciation Lunch will be held Friday, January 22, 2016. This will be at the conclusion of the Mid-Term exams.
  + The main course will be catered (currently working on these details)
  + We will be asking for volunteers to provide desserts and drinks.
  + Please be on the look-out for an email requesting donations.

**District Reports**:

**Post Prom**: Gina Foley

* Logo Contest was held and voted on.
* The winner was Tyler Brynes. He will receive 2 free tickets to the Prom.
* Adult Fundraiser will be held on March 5th. Post Prom is currently looking for donations of Raffle Baskets for this event.
* Donations will begin being accepted in January via their website using Paypal.
* The fundraiser at Brother Paul’s Restaurant raised approximately $325. Thank you to all who participated in this event.
* Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th in the High School Library.

**School Board Report**: No official representatives present

* 5 new board members voted in on Tuesday, November 3rd.

**Methacton Coordinating Council**: Meg Cunnane

* Officially received its 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation status in July 2014.
* Currently in the process of completing all the paperwork in order to become Sales Tax Exempt.
* MCC has a representative from each of the 8 Methacton Home and School Boards. Meg Cunnane is the High School’s representative.
* A new board was approved in October 2015.
  + President - Vance Diezel
  + Vice President – Ashley Wilkerson
  + Secretary - \_Michelle Bauer
  + Treasurer – Gabby Winters

Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

**Next Home and School Meeting will be Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**