**Methacton High School**

**Home and School Meeting**

**Thursday, October 6, 2016 – AM Meeting**

Meeting called to order 9:15 am

In Attendance – Meg Cunnane, Michelle Bauer, Mercy Varghese, Kathleen Schlenker, Paul Spiewak, Cindy Hartson, Colleen Kurtz, Kim Rossetti, Cathleen Barone, Cheryl Rothe, Christine Capece and Gina Foley

**Guest Speaker: School Resource Officer (SRO)** – Officer Cherelle Cutting

* Officer Cutting has been on the Lower Providence Police Department 15 years.
* She begins her day by greeting students so she can get to know them and their routines. She wants the students to feel comfortable talking with her.
* She works with the Student Assistance Program (SAP), Counselors and Parents (“Community Policing”)
* Her goal is to understand why there is a problem, and to address the problem by working with those involved, and providing help when needed.

\*\*After Officer Cutting’s Speech – a few meeting participants inquired about the SRO Contract. As discussed in our Home and School meeting in May 2016, the contract between the school board and Lower Providence Township will expire on January 31, 2016.

* The School Board has cut this program’s funding due to financial concerns.
* Currently the SRO has jurisdiction over the High School, even though it is located in Worcester Township, and is being supported by the Lower Providence Township Police Department.
* There was discussion around having an SRO at Arcola only since it is in Lower Providence Township.
* The School Board is recommending the district return to the use of Security Guards.
* Use of Security Guards will result in a delay in action should a need during school hours occur (school hours include afterschool sporting events, dances, Prom, Post Prom, etc.)
* Meetings are taking place to discuss extending this contract to keep the existing SRO program in place.
* Concerns should be made known to The Methacton School Board – Everyone is being encouraged to share this information, and attend the School Board Meetings to voice their opinions.

**Teacher’s Report** – Cara Woodenberg

* From the Social Studies Department: On Tuesday, November 1st, the students will be participating in a school wide mock election. Students will be voting for President, Senator, Attorney General, and a few referendum questions.
* From Leadership Homeroom: Students attended a summit yesterday hosted by Congressmen Meehan. Speakers included the congressman, Alex's Lemonade Director Pat Scott, KUDZOO app and Co-CEO Logan Cohen, Young People in Recovery founder Carl Antisell, and FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Christian Zajac.
* From Mini-THON: Monday, November 8th, Mini-THON will be hosting the Harlem Wizards basketball team at 7 pm at the high school gym. The Wizards are similar to the Harlem Globetrotters with interactive theatrics with the fans as well as a legitimate game with the school faculty. Tickets are $12 for students and $15 for adults. Tickets will be available online next week and at the door the night of the event.
* From the Yearbook Staff: The yearbook can only be purchased online at jostens.com. The yearbook is $75 until November 30th. The price will increase to $80 after that and will be $85 in the spring. This will be the very first all color yearbook at MHS. For parents of Seniors only - Baby Ad photos and messages are due this month. They can either be done online at jostens.com or the form can be mailed in with a photo, self-addressed stamped envelope and a check for $35 made payable to Methacton Activities Account.
* From the Nurses’ Office: Flu shots for High School students will be given on October 18th. Registration information should be on School Messenger later today.
* From the Class of 2017: The Class of 2017 is in the middle of planning the senior trip. The senior banquet will be held at Normandy Farms on March 7th. They are currently in the process of getting the Risher Van Horn flower fundraiser underway.

**Counselor’s Report** – Cindy Hartson

* Thursday, October 13th – College Fair at Montgomery County Community College
* Tuesday, October 18th – FAFSA Completion Night at High School
  + Will Peck will be available for assistance
  + Register online
* Wednesday, October 19th
  + PSAT’s for all Sophomores and Juniors
  + Career Day for all Freshmen
* Counseling Department is looking for presenters that can share their career story: what they do, what they like best about their job, what education is needed to best prepare for the career, and other related careers.
* If you know someone who may be interested, please have them email Dave Ruminski at DRuminski@methacton.org.
  + College Essay Prep Day – Seniors
* Saturday, Oct 22nd – ACT’s \*\*
* Sunday, Oct 30th – NACAC (college fair) Convention Center, Philadelphia PA
  + Information is available in Counseling Office
* Saturday, November 5th – SAT’s \*\*
  + - \*\* as a side note \*\* please check College Board for future test dates and locations as well as registration dates

**Principal’s Report** – Paul Spiewak, Assistant Principal of Athletics and Activities

* November 7th – Homecoming Pep Rally
  + - Dance
* November 8th – 9:00 am – Homecoming Parade
  + - 10:00 am – Homecoming Soccer Game
    - 1:00 pm – Homecoming Football Game

**Post Prom** – Gina Foley

* Tuesday, October 11 – Kick Off meeting – High School Library
* Still Looking for a few Committee Chairs for this year’s post prom
* Friday, April 21, 2017
* Theme – World Tour
* Will be looking for New Post Prom Leaders for 2018

**Methacton Coordinating Council Report –**

* New By-Laws have been created that will pertain to all schools within the district
* Each school has at least one (1) representative that is part of the Methacton Coordinating Council
* Meetings are held the Second Monday of every month
* Please refer to the Methacton Website for the meetings date, time and minutes

**School Board Report** – Brenda Hackett (Not Present)

- No Report Presented

**Home and School Secretary’s Report** – Kathleen Schlenker

* September Home and School Minutes were posted September 12th
  + Approved Meg Cunnane and Mercy Varghese

**Home and School Treasure’s Report** – Mercy Varghese – (details available on MHS Home and School Website)

* Beginning Balance on August 31, 2016 = $1,771.07
* Income (No Frills Fundraiser) = 7,015.00 vs. Budged of $8,500 (short $1,485 to date)
* Expenditures = 1,180.72 – Summer mailer & Winning Warriors
* Ending Balance on September 30, 2016 = $7,615.35
* **Reminder to register your GIANT Bonus Card in the A+ program** to receive donations to Methacton Home and School. Go to <http://giantfoodstores.com/aplus> and register our SCHOOL ID# 24050 – approximately 23% of the Home and School’s budget comes from this program

**Home and School President’s Report** – Meg Cunnane

* Wednesday, November 9th – Annual Faculty Souper Luncheon
  + Looking for volunteers to provide Homemade Soups, Salads, Drinks and Desserts
  + A Sign-Up Genius signup email will be sent out, please respond with your donation
  + Also looking for volunteers to assist with setting up, serving and cleanup
* Upcoming Dates
  + October 7th – Homing Coming Dance – 6:30 pm
  + October 8th – Home Coming Events
  + October 10th – Financial Aid Night
  + October 11th – Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction – 3:00 pm
  + October 11th – Grade 11 Hearing Screenings
  + October 12th – No School
  + October 18th – Student Flu Clinic – 7:30 am – 2:00 pm
  + October 18th – FAFSA Completion Night, 6:30 pm
  + October 19th – 10th & 11th Grade PSAT testing
  + October 20th – NHS Induction – 7:00 pm
  + October 21st – Picture Retakes
  + October 25th – Student Flue Clinic – 3:00 – 8:00 pm
  + October 27th – 11th Grade Physicals (Girls)
  + November 3rd – Home and School Meeting – 7:00 pm – MHS Library

Meeting Adjourned – 10:28 am