**Methacton Home and School Meeting**

**March 2, 2017**

**Attendance**: Michelle McCubbins, Mercy Varghese, Meg Cunnane, Judy Gallagher-Landis, Leah Millrood, Cara Woudenberg , Michelle Kolody-Cost, Colleen Kutz, Cathleen Barone, Kim Woodring, Christine Capece, Mary Byrnes, Brenda Hackett, Dawn Pataki, Kim Rossetti, Gene Dickey, Marie Kramer, Cheryl Rothe, Colleen Rossi

**Meeting Opened**: 9:17 am

**Teacher’s Report**: Cara Woudenberg

* **From the World Language Dept:** Each year Montgomery County Association of Teachers of Foreign Languagues (MCATFL) hosts an Oral Proficiency Contest. Delaney Tyson, Vincent Zhang, and Shayan Farmand competed in French and Christopher Spletzer (from Arcola), Alexis Gordon, and Madeleine Smith competed in German. German I student Christopher Spletzer won a Silver Medal in his category and French I student Delaney Tyson won a Gold Medal in her category. All students are to be commended for having been chosen to represent Methacton School District at this very competitive county-wide contest.
* **From the Class of 2017:** The Senior Banquet will be held this coming Tuesday at Normandy Farms. The Senior class trip will be to Pocono Valley Resort and will take place on May 30. Ticket prices and sale information will be coming out shortly.
* **From Student Council and FCCLA:** The Mr. Methacton event is Friday, March 3 at 7 pm. Tickets are $8 during lunches through Friday and $10 at the door. Net profits help support local charities and help community families in need.
* **From Mini-THON:** On March 17, Methacton High School will be hosting their fourth annual Mini-THON. Mini-THON is an 8-hour dance marathon fundraiser that raises money for pediatric cancer. Some events coming up for Mini-THON is Stall Day (3/10), Tie-Dye Day (3/14) and Community Hour (3/17 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the flagpole).
* **From the Library:** Award-winning young adult author Paul Volponi will be visiting Methacton on April 4 thanks in part to a grant from Home and School. The author will be meeting with creative writing students for a session where he will provide feedback on their work. He will also be presenting three other author sessions throughout the day. Students can sign up online to attend one of these sessions.

**Counselor’s Report**: Leah Millrood

* March Madness is coming up which will include a number of different methods of encouraging secondary education. There will be trivia on the announcements, Counselors Corner will be available in lunches with college representatives in attendance, and information from staff and teachers about their college experience will be available to students.
* Counselors have just finished one on one scheduling for next year.
* The upcoming SAT dates are 3/11, 5/6 and 6/3; upcoming ACT dates are 4/8 and 6/10
* Scholarship opportunities will be targeted to students that can apply.
* FCS and Health will be offered on-line from 6/19 - 7/27. Registration begins for rising seniors on 4/3 and 4/10 for the rest of the students. You must send in an intention to accelerate form by 3/15.

**Principal's Report**: Judy Gallagher-Landis

* Scheduling is going well, though we are trying to pick up any students that were missed.
* There will be activities every Friday night in March, so make sure you keep an eye on the MHS website.
* The graduation parade will continue again this year. Details will be forthcoming as soon as the graduation date is set.
* Keystone testing will begin on 5/14 with one module scheduled for each day. Every test will be conducted with paper and pencil versus computer.
* The transition to the new School Officer has been very successful. He has been very effective since the change occurred.

**Secretary’s Report**: Michelle McCubbins

* February Meeting Minutes are posted on the Website
* Approved by Dawn Pataki & Judy Gallagher-Landis

**Treasurer’s Report**: Mercy Varghese

* We are currently below budget on Giant a+ rewards
* Payments were made to Class Donations and Self Defense
* Approved by Kim Rossetti and Colleen Rossi

**Presidents Report**: Meg Cunnane

* Mari Kramer headed up the Nomination Committee for Home and School. The following nominations were made: Meg Cunnane for President, Cheryl Rothe and Marie Kramer for Vice President, Mercy Varghese for Treasurer, and Ronda Neider, Sarah Spletzer, and Marie Kramer for Secretary. Voting will take place at the next H&S Meeting.
* We will look into having our last meeting at North Montgomery Technical Career Center. Next year we will try to plan the December meeting or a special breakfast meeting in January at NMTCC prior to class scheduling.

**Post Prom Report**: Dawn Pataki

* Post Prom is on track. Meg Cunnane is the committee chair for the Community Walkthrough. Donations from the public are coming in well. However due to some deficits we may have to dip into our reserve fund.
* There are many opportunities open for VOLUNTEERS. We will need Co-Coordinators for Post Prom next year, so come alongside them this year and learn how to be a partner so this will continue into the future
* We are trying to encourage parents of younger children to get involved, so Post Prom is allowing the elementary children to draw pictures about travel that will be posted around the high school. The front hall will be dedicated to Audubon.
* A former student will be doing some social media work as part of her internship.

**School Board**: Brenda Hackett

* Audubon Elementary will be closing this June which will have a major effect on three of the other elementary schools. Meetings are occurring to help parents figure out how the changes affect their students. Melissa Gorla will be principal over the transition.
* The new student information system will be Power School. The transition is beginning now, and the new program will go live on 7/1.
* The school board has accepted resignations for Tom Klaus and Geraldine Ryan-Washington.

**Methacton Coordinating Council**: Michelle McCubbins

* The council requested the H&Ss send out the SEA calendar for the rest of the year so families can plan accordingly.
* Nominations for elementary school H&S boards were deferred until the school consolidation effort is complete.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 10:52 am

Next Meeting – April 6, 2017 – 7:00 pm in MHS Library