MCC Meeting minutes October, 19, 2015

Attendance: Sherry Polidore, Carol Davidson, Jen Stephenson, Liz Drummond, Meg Cunnane, Suzy Dowell, Ashley Wilkerson, Michelle Davis, Michelle Bauer, Amy Smith, Jennifer Cancro, Nicole Drake, Gabby Winters, Tracy Courtney, Vance Diezel & Gene Dickey
The following members will serve as officers on the Coordinating Council Executive Board for the coming year. A vote was made by paper ballot and a quorum was present.

President : Vance Diezel
VP: Ashley Wilkerson
Sec: Michelle Bauer
Treasurer: Gabby Winters
1. MCC is asking each Home & School to keep the $250 line item for CC dues, but they are NOT asking to pay it right now. Two members of the board strongly voiced their opinion that money should not be collected until it is clear what is to be done with it.

2. Insurance for volunteers is covered for this year. All H&S's in the district use the same tax ID, and as CC is federally incorporated, we are under their umbrella. The board voted to have a district-resident CPA, Brian Earnshaw, He is well-versed in non-profit accounting and finances, offer the board professional support with tax filing. The treasurer will work closely with him.

3. MCC is reluctant at this time to streamline the accounting practices at each school. Its goal is to have everyone give to the treasurer the information that is needed, regardless of the format employed by that school's treasurer. This topic was tabled for discussion at another time.

4. By-laws: Last year, North Penn School District's were examined, since Dr. Zerbe wanted that school district to be what Methacton was modeled from. Last year's council crafted bylaws that were molded from all of the district's schools and contained "user friendly" language. The board will vote on approving the modified bylaws.

5. Vendors/Donations: CC does not want to overstep its bounds by interfering with relationships between vendors and the schools in the district. There is no need to put CC on any correspondence between a H&S and its vendors. However, a guiding standard of requirements for vendors to meet will be drawn up and issued to H&S. This is for insurance purposes and to protect our board members/volunteers. The suggestion was made to include approved vendors as well, for those who need the reference.
Action to take: providing CC Treasurer Gabby Winters with a list of outside vendors from each H&S.
6. The President brought up holding a district-wide event at the beginning of the year or at the end of the year to bring the H&Ss/volunteers/families together. The idea of doing this as a fundraiser brought up many objections, saying that the only real expense is insurance, and that is not something we should be raising funds for. The President stressed that this event would be for communication and networking, not fund-raising.

7. The suggestion was made that the President should speak at the next School Board Meeting. It was reported that the next meeting's agenda has not yet been released to the public, and that the District should be contacted to have him present. This would be an opportunity to provide updates at each meeting, from him or another representative of the CC board. Next school board meeting is October 27th.
Next MCC meeting November 9th

8. Past "Up Close and Personal" meetings were brought up, where each school's H&S board took turns hosting a meeting with the boards from the other schools to foster networking and communication. To revive this in some capacity was discussed and tabled for another time.

9. The lack of use and efficiency with e-alerts was also brought up. The VP mentioned a website/app called Constant Contact. www.ConstantContact.com Is it $180 a year and currently in use at Audubon Elementary. Emails can be tracked, multiple distribution lists can be created, and it is user-friendly. Another site mentioned was Remind for texting. https://www.remind.com/about
Adjournment was motioned by Nicole Drake and seconded by Ashley Wilkerson @ 8:17PM