Methacton Home & School
District Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2012
Worcester Elementary School

In Attendance: Cathleen Barone, Lynette Becattini, Anne DiSpaldo, Linda Fisher, Sue Gabriel, Heather Gulsby-Steiner, Karen Kleger, Judy Landis, Dana Leahan, Sandy Leistensnider, Angela Linch, Bruce MacGregor, Janeen Marzewski, Lucretia Page, Timothy Quinn, Zanthia Reddish, Aaron Roberts, Shawna Rondeau, Sandi Schultz, Jason Sorgini, Kim Woodring, Donna Andora, Diane Barne, Brooke Heubner.

Welcome: Sue Gabriel welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Review & Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: The February 2012 Minutes were approved.

District H/S Council Update:

- Methacton Student Loan Fund – More information to be available at a later date.
- Methacton Post Prom - Invitations were sent to the Juniors and Seniors 1½ weeks ago and additional copies are in the Main Office. Early registration is ongoing for the next few weeks. Several drawings are occurring to entice students to register early. Volunteers are still needed. The Community Walk Through will be 7-8:30 PM.
- The 2012 / 2013 school calendar was reviewed.
- Director of Technology – Interviews will be May 9. Mr. Harney has requested 3 parent volunteers - 1 person each from the Elementary, Middle School, and High School levels.

School Board Update:

- Cathleen Barone advised the Turf Field initiative was moving along. The district is talking with Worcester Township. Nothing is definite, but talks are moving ahead. The budget is on-going. Finance Meetings are open to the public. She also mentioned that there are legislation changes coming up.

Administrative Updates:

- Superintendent's Report – Dr. Quinn thanked everyone from Home & School for their work behind the scenes.
- Director of Pupil Services – Dr. Fay – No Report.
- Coordinator of District Services – Janeen Marzewski gave an overview of the Walking School Bus initiative for several schools including Eagleville and Woodland. Summer programs are listed on the website. She hopes to have the scheduling activities for next year ready by May 1.
- Director of Communications – Angela Linch advised the calendars will be available in an electric file on May 1. She requested changes within 1 week. She will forward to the principals. Conflicts will be handled at the beginning of the school year. The schedules for the end of the school year are posted on the website. There were changes in Alert Now including accounts for parents to sign up and update information. 2000 families have logged in. Kathy Kifer helped 50 others.

- Coordinator of Curriculum & Instruction – Diane Barry advised the PSAA Math and Reading tests were completed in March. Writing (Grades 5, 8 and 11) and Science (Grades 4 and 11) will be in April. She thanked Home & School for their support during the testing weeks. The Atomic Learning presentation will be archived. Guided Reading is occurring in Grades K-4. The teachers are getting ready for the 4/24 in-service.

Teachers Report:

- Brooke Heubner gave the Teacher's Report for Diana Kernop. She reviewed PSSA Testing and upcoming field trips, concerts, and art shows. She thanked the district for investing in consortiums to lower health care costs and get best solutions. She also advised everyone should keep up-to-date with the governor's budget.

School Reports:

- Arcola – Nominations for H&S Officers and Chairs are in progress. The next Friday Fun Night will be April 20. There will be a STEAM career day for students this month. Added "Art" into STEM.
- Arrowhead – Two mini-grants were awarded for a Dell projector (4th Grade) and Alley Oop Basketball nets for the PE Teachers. The H&S raised $1300 in the Gertrude Hawke candy fundraiser. There will be a Bruster's Scoop Night on April 23 at the Limerick location.
- Audubon – They will be having a Native American assembly coinciding with their Native American Art Show. Upcoming events include Book Fair, ice cream fundraiser, Bus Driver Breakfast on 4/25 and International Fun Fair on 6/7.
- Eagleville – The spring Book Fair was held in March. There will be lots of activities coming up including Bingo on 4/18 and a dance on 5/11.
- Methacton – Spring mini grants will be awarded soon. Nominations for H&S Officers are on-going, but the officers will probably remain the same. The May Meeting will be 5/3 at North Montco. Judy Landis thanked H&S for the pretzels during PSSA testing. They are busy with graduation and other spring events.
- Skyview – H&S nominations are on-going. They held a Read-A-Thon on 3/30 with fantastic teacher involvement. Over $10K was raised for the American Cancer Society. Payments for Outdoor Education will be due 4/13. The payment plan initiated this year worked well. Every single family need was covered. 90% fundraising went to students' activities. The 6th graders will be going to the Reading Phillies game on 5/16.
- Woodland – Several activities will be occurring including a Chick Fil-A fundraiser, clothing drive, Talent Show on 5/4, and the 4th Grade Social in June. H&S nomination are on-going.
- Worcester – Upcoming events include Family Game Night 4/13, Science Fair 4/16, Staff Appreciation 5/11, Concert 5/7, and 4th Grade Finale 6/8. They are having a Plant Sale through the end of the moth. They hope to plant 500 trees in 5 years.

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- Employees are organizing and have picketed Arcola 1 day. No other dates have been scheduled. The district hopes to obtain an agreement soon.

Next District Council Meeting: September 10, 2012, Arrowhead Elementary School.

Next Up Close and Personal: Arcola, April 24, 2012 and Worcester May 22