Methacton Home & School District Council

Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2011
Audubon

In Attendance: Kim Woodring, Lynette Becattini, Linda Fisher, Anne DiSpaldo, Cathleen Barone, Sue Gabriel, Judy Landis, Sandy Leistensnider, Janeen Marzewski, Tara Ricci, Shawna Rondeau, Jane Martin, Zanthia Reddish, Lucretia Page, Jason Sorgini, Melisssa Gorla, Marijane Barbone, Genevieve Dickey, Cheryl Kelly, Aaron Roberts, Meg Cunnane, Lisa Earnshaw, Dana Leahan, Heather Gulsby-Steiner, Sandi Schultz, Lori Egan, Kelly Fleischmann, Karen Kilgair, Karen Kleger, Maria Shackelford, Sherry Polidore

Welcome: Sue Gabriel welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Review & Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: The September minutes were reviewed and approved.

District H/S Council Update:

- Methacton Student Loan Fund – Steve Kotch was unable to attend.
- Aramark – Susan Turnbull
    - Susan reviewed "Where we've been and where we're going" for Armark's first few months in the district.
    - Aramark is largest food service provider
        - Able to get large discounts from vendors
    - Updates in cafeterias
        - Painted MHS and Arrowhead
        - Menus developed based on National School Lunch Program Guidelines
        - Wellness messages each month and Healthy for Life brochures
        - POS will be in elementary schools beginning in January
- Post Prom – Karen Kilgour
    - Theme is "Life's a Beach, Have a Ball"
    - Logo contest voting this week
    - Decorating Committee is meeting each Tuesday
    - In desperate need of Set Up Chair Person
    - Fundraisers
        - Krispy Kreme
        - Premier Jewelry 12/1
        - Adult Fundraiser 2/11 at St. Helena; $45 per person
- Dept of Education PA School Report Card – Kim Woodring
    - Dept of Ed is putting together report card of schools
    - Kim was in a focus group that provided feedback
    - 3 areas to focus: Fiscal Responsibility and Academic Achievements were 2 of the areas

School Board Update:

- Marijane Barbone reviewed the following:
    - Election – Congratulated Cathleen Barone, Kim Woodring, Maria Shackelford, Mark O'Neil, and Joyce Petrauskas
    - Facility Improvements – Board is reviewing engineering/architectural firms for turf fields
    - Worcester Township is now supporting lights at the football field
    - Teamsters – close to agreement
    - Budget – Due to election year, the budget will need to be presented in January.

Administrative Update:

- Dr. Quinn – Unable to attend due to conflicting schedule / facility improvement firm interviews.
- Dr. Martin reviewed minor change in elementary report cards, pvas.sas.com, and Act 48 improvements
- Dr. Fay – No report available

- Janeen Marzewski reviewed several Activities and Safety issues:
    - Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon 11/17
    - Forks, Corks, and Art 11/19 – Methacton Education Foundation fundraiser.
    - AAUW events for leadership development and Discover the Future
- Sue Gabriel for Angela Linch reviewed info on the several topics:
    - Going to all of the schools to attend H&S Meetings and report on Community info, district upgrades, and taking pictures at main events
    - Alert Now Audit – more info coming
    - Wegmans donated $1,475 to the district in 2011. They will attempt to spread out requests more equitably in the future
    - December 8 parent presentation on drugs and alcohol. To be rescheduled.

Teacher's Report: Sue Gabriel for Diana Kernop

- Teachers busy across district with volunteering and fundraising opportunities in addition to teaching responsibilities.

School Reports:

- Arcola/ Lynette Becattini –No Frills fundraiser almost at goal; Friday Fun Night 12/16.
- Arrowhead/Sherry Polidore – Had problems with parents signing up for E-Alerts; provided flyer to Kindergarten parents; participation increased to 75% from 50%.
- Audubon/Sandy Schultz – Have had problem with lack of volunteers so H&S board is running events; suggestions included having a Volunteer Social or targeting HR Mothers
- Eagleville/Cheryl Kelly – Also having problems with lack of volunteers; invited new parents to 1st H&S meeting; suggestions included directly asking individuals to help as opposed to asking everyone for help.
- Methacton/Sandy Leistensnider – E-Alerts only going to 600 of 1500 families; teacher morale is up this year; new gym floor.
- Skyview/Shawna Rondeau– Found transition to Skyview harder for parents than students; working on several holiday charitable projects; fundraising ok; donated $1,250 to families in need.
- Woodland/ Heather Gulsby- Steiner – Also having problems with lack of volunteers; willing to try other suggestions already presented; raised over $8000 with Walk-a-Thon due to letter writing campaign.
- Worcester/Dana Leahan – Lack of volunteers also a problem; re-evaluating budget to ensure H&S monies being spent appropriately.

Old Business: H&S Treasurers need to have audit. District calendar is not flexible for scheduling future meetings.

New Business: No new business issues discussed.

Adjournment: Linda Fisher adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2012 - Eagleville

Up Close and Personal Presentations: November – Skyview; December – Methacton HS; January - Eagleville