Methacton Coordinating Council Meeting Notes
March 11, 2019, 7 p.m.

I. Attendance

Jessica Fields, Laurie O'Neill, Dr. Susan Angstadt, Katie Shireman, Marie Kramer, Michelle Price, Gabby Winters, Jenn Zavertnik, Amy Vassalluzzo, Shane Bone, Michelle Jackson-Greenwalt, Jennifer Daugherty, Courtney Kusy, Michelle Petko.

II. Key Communicator: Dr. Susan Angstadt

Dr. Angstadt, director of pupil services, spoke about the umbrella of pupil services including:

- **Nursing:** 9 nurses across the schools; responsibilities include immunizations, student health records, individual health plans, management of chronic student conditions.
- **Counseling:** 14 counselors , 4 mental health specialists and 1 career counselor across the schools; responsibilities include SAP program, counseling, transitional planning, push-in lessons.
- **Special Education/Gifted Education/504 Plans**: Special Ed. follows Ch. 14 regulations. Services include speech, OT, PT, autistic support, communications support, ESY. Gifted follows Ch. 16 regulations and services include GIEPs, 504s, and universal gifted screening in 2nd grade.
- **School Psychology**: 4 full-time psychologists plus one open position.
- **Home and School:** 1 licensed social worker for K-12; services include homeless liaison, homebound instructors, guardianship/custody issues, wrap-around services, families in need program and free/reduced lunch program.
- **ELD Services**: 8.5 ELD (English Language Development) teachers across the schools.
- **Current Projects**: SAP training, special ed. compliance audit, ESY programming planning, special ed/gifted projections for 2019-20 school year, immunization notices, changes to the way gifted programing is offered across the schools, REACH: new mental health services program at Arcola.

III. Methacton Education Foundation: Nikki Krelovich

Treasurer Jessica Fields reported for an absent Nikki Krelovich, director of Methacton Education Foundation:

- MEF awarded a $9,548.48 grant for third grade coding in all 4 elementary schools
- New MEF announcement at Woodland's art show on Tuesday, March 12

IV. Meeting minutes for January: Approved

V. Officer Reports

A. President's Report, V.P. Laurie O'Neill reported for an absent Pres. Megan Fitzgerald:

1) **Student loan fund:** audit complete; $140,000 in outstanding (not overdue) loans. MCC not interested in taking over the SLF program. Zerbe to propose to MEF. If program ends, discussion of outstanding monies being divided across and redistributed to the H&S's.
2) **District social:** June 6; 90 min.; a "thank you meet and greet"; MCC recommends having on the grass at the HS with the option to move indoors to the HS cafeteria if it rains.
3) **Elections/Nominations:** Some H&S's have extended nominations a month to allow for more time to fill open positions. MCC recommends opening MCC nominations now with a possible May or June voting date to allow time to generate nominations. Marie Kramer will serve as nominating chair for MCC.

B. Vice President's Report, Laurie O'Neill: no report

C. Treasurer's Report, Jessica Fields reported:

1) **Quarterly financial reports**: due April 15
2) **Current balance:** $4,250
3) Discussion around when SEA was established and what portion of monies should be directed to them; Jessica has no check register before April 2016

D. Corresponding Secretary Report, V.P. Laurie O'Neill reported for an absent Kathleen Bacon:

1) **Art Goes to School**: Volunteers, most without students in the program, volunteer 500 hours to run the program. Methacton falls under the Delaware Valley Chapter. Norristown School District under a different chapter so their pricing is different. Our chapter pays $2,400 in dues for our K-6 program. No tiers to the program. No customizing the program. Question was posed if we want to request less be spent on pencils and more on art. The majority felt no change is needed to the program. MCC reiterated the need for the K-6 H&S's to budget for $480 for AGS for the 2019-20 school year; all agreed.

E. Recording Secretary report: Jennifer Daugherty/Courtney Kusy; no report

VI. Committee Reports

A. Special Education Alliance, Michelle Jackson-Greenwalt reported:

- **March meeting:** Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m., Giuseppe's in Skippack. No topic; an informal meet & greet for parents to talk and share stories. Meetings are getting attendance from outside the school district due in part to the quality of the speakers/topics.
- **Unified Sports program:** approved by school board. US is an inclusive co-ed high school sports program that facilitates social inclusion by bringing together students with and without intellectual disabilities.
- **Post-prom sensory hour:** 9:30 to 10:30 p.m.; after the public walk thru but before the students attending prom arrive.

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business

A. **APEX Fundraising:** Katie Shireman meet with a representative from APEX, which is a company that collaborates with H&S boards, school faculty and admin to run school fundraising efforts. Campaigns generally run 2 weeks and APEX charges a $1,500 fee. MCC felt that it's up to the schools to decide with their individual principals if they'd want to partner with the company.
    - Jenn Zavertnik, co-prez at Arrowhead, is partnering with a fundraising mom from Oaks Elementary school in the Spring-Ford school district for a similar fundraising campaign effort for the 2019-20 school year for a $600 fee.
    - Jessica Fields expressed an interest in a presentation from the Oaks mom at the June meeting to decide if there's interest from the individual H&S's. Jenn Z to followup with the mom.

B. **Daily Food Pantry:** Arrowhead conducted their 1st annual Kindness Project, with a birthday bash theme. Students collected birthday party supplies (cake mix, icing, candles, party plates, napkins, decorations) from the beginning of the year until February when the students came together to pack all the supplies into individual bags for children who might not otherwise have the means for a birthday party. The Daily Food Pantry will distribute the bags to children in our community. Jenn Zavertnik is coordinating a date with Daily Food Pantry for representative of the H&S's to tour the pantry and see what other projects we could partner together with them.

C. **Art Goes to School:** See Corresponding Secretary report

D. Discussion around what organizations or events should the H&S's be promoting in their school newsletters? Discussion around forwarding events not school-related to Amanda Kelly for inclusion in a community calendar

IX. **School Board Report; none**

X. Adjourned at approx. 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting is April 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school library