**DRAFT MINUTES**

Arcola Intermediate Minutes

Home & School Association

Monthly Meeting

February 12, 2020

In Attendance:

Shane Bone Laurie O’Neill Michelle Jackson Greenwalt Judi Schmitz

Sandy Katz Julia Nakhleh Mr. Thompson Dr. Mangano

1. Welcome and call to order – 9:16 am
2. January meeting minutes – approved by Michelle and Laurie
3. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Report passed around table for review
   2. No additional discussion held
4. Guest Speaker – Judi Schmitz – K-12 Career Counselor
   1. She has been making her rounds to all the schools to share and answer any questions
   2. Highlighted that District is collecting Career Readiness Evidence at all grade levels
      1. 7th Grade – Learning Styles Inventory – Reflective writing after STEAM Day
      2. 8th Grade – Job Shadowing Project
   3. Big conversation/shift in philosophy is that 4 years of college is not the only way to achieve success post high school graduation. Will be encouraging students to look at all options available to them to help them reach their personal career goals, such as vocational training, hands on work, military, community college
5. Principal’s Report – Dr. Mangano & Mr. Thompson
   1. STEAM Day – April 7th – Teacher Liaison – Mark Mueller
   2. Acknowledged and discussed several staffing holes
      1. German Teacher – hired but has not completed all paperwork as of yet, but is helping to write the teaching plans for the classes
      2. We are down 2 aides
      3. Mrs. Starson is on Maternity Leave
   3. Dance/Events – H&S Questions about cancelled Cupid Shuffle
      1. Do volunteers have to have a child in the District to volunteer?
         1. No. Anyone can apply for volunteer status by following the district protocol and be eligible for volunteering at school events. Examples: grandparents
      2. Can we host dances offsite?
         1. Yes.
         2. Benefits - Less chaperones needed, and more kids might participate if they know their parents won’t be chaperoning
         3. Cons – Cost
      3. What are the expectations for the Student Congress Send-off Dance?
         1. Dr. Mangano is going to follow-up with Student Congress and H&S Representatives to discuss.
   4. Conferences scheduled as needed
   5. Spring Testing on District Calendar
      1. All testing at Arcola will be in the morning
   6. Parent Concerns
      1. Traffic Patterns – Bus/Carpool Issues
         1. School Board is aware and all concerns need to be addressed to the School Board as this all falls under the Traffic Study
6. Officer Reports – Nothing Additional
7. Committee Reports
   1. Activity Night – April 3rd – We are in need of a Chair for this or it will be cancelled
   2. Staff Appreciation Day – May 8th – Karyn Gormley – Sign-up on Konstella – Many volunteers needed
   3. 8th Grade Social – May 29th – Next meeting is 3/4/2020 at 7pm at Chaps
   4. Post Prom Decorating Committee – Linda Troutman [ltroutman@rocketmail.com](mailto:ltroutman@rocketmail.com) – Sign-up on Konstella - Many volunteers needed
   5. Helping Hands Committee – Semira Ayitey – In need of new socks, underwear and in need of all toiletries to begin stocking for summer send-off bags for students in need.
   6. Building Beautification – Mural completed by Deanna Roeger and her Girl Scout Troop
   7. Spirit Wear Coordinator – Need committee chair
   8. Fundraising
      1. Box Tops – Melissa Schreiber – Year to date collection - $14.10 – keep scanning receipts!
      2. Giant – Melissa Schreiber – Year to date collections - $307.70
8. MCC Report – Report prepared by Courtney Kusy
   1. Report passed around table for review
   2. No additional discussion held
9. Special Education Alliance – Michelle Jackson-Greenwalt & Sandy Katz
   1. Sandy Attended MCIU Taskforce Meeting where Susan Angstadt was presenting/representing Methacton
      1. Reported that we are farther ahead in our practices than some schools and behind in other areas
   2. Feb 19th – Guest Speaker on Executive Functioning – Arcola LGI @ 7pm
   3. Will be promoting upcoming events and guest speakers via email, Konstella and school newsletters
   4. Recruiting new SEA committee members especially at the elementary school level
10. Methacton School Board Report – Report prepared by Elizabeth Drummond
    1. Report passed around table for review
    2. No additional discussion held
11. New Business - 2020/21 Arcola H&S Board Elections Process – Nominating Chair – Amy Timlin [aftice@aol.com](mailto:aftice@aol.com)
    1. Reviewed process and timeline
       1. February – Announce opening of nominations
       2. March – Announce nominations received
       3. April – Elections held
12. Meeting Adjourned – 10:15 am