**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Monthly Meeting**

**September 16, 2020 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom**

1. Welcome (Call to order and Time) – Shane Bone
   1. Attendence: - Meeting was recorded
      1. Shane Bone, Diane Coppola, Lauren Majewski, Beth Pfeifer, Jen Bogle, Kelly Skinner, Hemisha Ly, Amy Mangano, Laurie O’Neill, Nikki Krelovich, Katie Shireman, Reba Mann, Sandy Katz, Georgianne Guarini, Miguel Jaimes

1. Approval of May Minutes – Jen Bogle – Nikki Krelovich motioned, and were seconded, approved
2. Principal's Report - Amy Mangano
   1. Principal Q&A
      1. Overview of struggles, guidelines and controls are being put in place to best navigate communication in the virtual environment
      2. All teachers are using power school for assignment that are being graded. This is the primary tool that should be used for grades and assignments since google classroom may not always reflect what is requested of the kids by the teacher
      3. Advisory is the same as 8th period – it is not required to stay on now, but will that shift?
         * Each kid has an advisory link, so they can get the help they need in various areas
         * Right now, we don’t see it as it being required but they do have to at least check in.
      4. Morning Announcements will now be Monday’s once a week during advisory time

Q: Will they also be available to parents?

A: Yes – **Follow up action:** **Amy** will follow up on this, they are supposed to sent

* + 1. Working on a plan for clubs, this is district wide
    2. Exit Slips

Q: What is the best course of action when missing exit slips?

A: To teach independence the recommendation is to have the student reach out.

* + 1. Google Classroom Missing assignments

Q: I receive notifications on missing assignments, but some are not actually required to be submitted by all students. How can I weed through to find actual missing assignments?

A: Use Power School as the source of truth. This year all teachers are putting assignments into Power Shcool and are supposed to update it at the end of each week.

* + 1. SAP (Student Assistance Program) described as Mental and Emotional Health Program

Q: Can information about this be put in the newsletter?

A: Yes, a link to the orientation will be added to the newsletter. A**ction:** Amy

* + 1. Back to school night will be 9/30

1. Officers' Reports
   1. Presidents’ Report – Shane Bone
      1. Communication – Konstella & Facebook – Newsletter will go out 2x a month and are the main forms of parent communication
      2. Schedule of Events – Trying to keep a similar to schedule as on-premise
      3. Supporting Arcola Families – Please reach out if you know of any needs
   2. Vice President’s Report – Lauren Majewski
      1. Special Events Volunteer Coordinator – First event is 10/23/20 and will be virtual
         * Looking for people to chair/ volunteer this event and share ideas
           1. **Hemisha Ly indicated she was interested** in help via the chat window
         * Keeping the planned in-person events that are currently on the calendar and will adjust if needed as time progresses
   3. Treasurer's Report – Diane Coppola
      1. Review & Approve 2020/2021 Proposed Budget – VOTE – Beth Pfeifer motioned and was seconded, approved
         * COVID 19 line item as “we were allowed to roll over unused funds from last year and they can be used as needed to meet unexpected expenses this year or to cover for low fundraising due to COVID 19” and note who motioned to approve the budget
   4. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Beth Pfeifer – no report
   5. Recording Secretary’s Report – Jen Bogle - no report
2. Committee/Liaison Reports: - Volunteers can sign up to support the events listed below on Konstella.  Home & School can only provide these activities if volunteers are willing to organize and run them.
   1. Fall Activity Night (Virtual) – October 23, 2020 – Virtual Fun Night – Home & School
   2. Winter Activity Night (Offsite) – February 26, 2021 – TBD - OPEN
   3. Spring Activity Night (Offsite) – April 30, 2021 – TBD - OPEN
   4. Staff Appreciation Day – May 7, 2021 - OPEN
   5. 8th Grade Social – June 4, 2021 - OPEN
   6. Post Prom Decorating Committee - OPEN
   7. Building Beautification Committee – Year-round - HOLD
   8. Spirit Wear - Year-round - OPEN
   9. Fundraising - Year-round – HS Board
      1. No Frills – Q: Can we donate electronically? A: Not at this time, but will continue to research and look to offer at a later time. Our no-frills fundraiser is the main source of fundraising we do at Arcola.  We understand that it may be a difficult ask this year, but feel it is important to move forward with the fundraiser which will be announced in the next week.  The flyer is being edited to soften the ask and also to encourage families in need to reach out. We will be accepting donations via mail.
      2. Box Tops
   10. School Activities Supported by Home & School
       1. Helping Hands Committee - HOLD
       2. 7th Grade Pizza Lunch Committee – TBD
       3. STEAM Day Committee – March 29, 2021 – OPEN
3. Methacton Coordinating Council Report – Shane Bone –
   1. Readout highlights – see MCC notes for details
   2. Reminder that we can reach out to Amanda Kelly about events being hosted by our school
   3. Backpack funds & supplies have been fully used – H&S will help support their program
   4. Student Loan Fund – the proposal was submitted and approved
   5. New Business – reviewed what other schools are doing and supported each school handling the zoom meetings in their own way
4. Methacton School Board Report – Elizabeth Drummond via Email
   1. Readout highlights – see Board notes for details
   2. Reminder - school food pick up Tues/ Thrus at Skyview
5. Special Education Alliance – Reba Mann
   1. Readout of notes – All events are on zoom, but must be on the mailing list to receive details
   2. 10/15/20 = First Presentation (K-12 and beyond)
   3. 11/19/20 = Stress and Anxiety
6. Methacton Education Foundation – Nikki Krelovich
   1. 4 Primary Areas – STEM, Career Dev, Student Wellness, Economically Disadvantaged Student Support
   2. Trying to expand the REACH program to Skyview and the Elementary schools
   3. Help on FB Page – Looking for preschool students in need who are 5 and looking for Kindergarten education and need funds for private education.
      1. Also available in Spanish
      2. Partnering schools are non-profit schools
7. Old/New Business
8. Questions/Concerns

Q: Do we have a budget for the virtual event in Oct

A: Yes, $500 for the year

1. Next meeting October 7, 2020 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom
2. Adjourn – Motioned by Jen Bogle, seconded by Nikki Krelovich and approved