**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Monthly Meeting**

**October 7, 2020 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom**

1. Welcome (Call to order and Time) – Shane Bone
	1. Meeting was recorded
	2. Attendees: Beth Pfeifer, Lauren Majewski, Diane Coppola, Jen Bogle, Shane Bone, Sandy Katz, Laurie O’Neill, Jerry Thompson, Katie Shireman, Julia Nakhleh
2. Approval of September Minutes – Jen Bogle – Lauren motioned, Diane seconded, = Approved
3. Vice Principal's Report – Mr. Thompson
	1. Q&A
	2. Laurie – will clubs open since organized sport have? A: no formal answer, but the sense is that it wouldn’t happen before we have kids able to be back in the building. Sport programs are held to different rules and regulations, so they can’t be compared equally.

Comments/ Notes:

* 1. Jerry - Classroom observations for instruction have been overall positive
	2. Shane – quality teaching, ability to reach out to teacher easily and are accessible. Another take away is that google classroom is a great way to provide consistency between teachers and teams and hope to continue with that approach.
	3. Jen – agreed with Shane, also stated the ability to reach out to teachers seem easier
	4. Beth – same with accessibility, but also a small struggle with consistency on when items are due, hard for teacher to teach to a blank screen
	5. Laurie – Echo that google classroom approach. Teachers are going above and beyond. It does seem to be a struggle for her child due to technical issues. 8th period done virtually has been much more productive from her experience.
	6. Jerry – growing pains with zoom in the first week. A couple “zoom bombing” incidents this past week. Has been much better from the start, but looking to tightening security as much a possible.
	7. Sandy – Parents of Freshmen to the high school are missing the way the Arcola teachers laid out the weekly assignments for parents. Having this communications from teachers to parents have been great.
1. Officers' Reports
	1. Presidents’ Report – Shane Bone
		1. Konstella, Facebook, Arcola Website – Updated regularly, FB has the most frequent updates, Konstella and Arcola Website less frequently but continue to be updated and used
		2. Backpack Program – see below for details
	2. Vice President’s Report – Lauren Majewski – In process of virtual fall fun night for 10/23, included in the morning announcements, and through Konstella and FB. Have some that have signed up already, but please spread the word
		1. Need an extract paid zoom account that they can borrow – Sandy Katz volunteered
		2. Still looking for volunteers to chair a hosted event
		3. Throughout the year H&S is open to planning events at offsite locations (see #5)
	3. Treasurer's Report – Diane Coppola No change since last meeting, no deposits or withdraws
		1. Mail checks for donation to the school and they will picked up for deposit
		2. Mail only option will be revisited as necessary
	4. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Beth Pfeifer – nothing to be shared
	5. Recording Secretary’s Report – Jen Bogle – nothing to be shared
2. Committee/Liaison Reports: - already discussed above
	1. Fall Activity Night (Virtual) – October 23, 2020 – Virtual Fall Fun Night – Lauren Majewski
	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 – Shane Bone
		1. No Frills
		2. Box Tops
	10. School Activities Supported by Home & School
		1. Helping Hands Committee - HOLD
		2. 7th Grade Pizza Lunch Committee – HOLD
		3. STEAM Day Committee – March 29, 2021 – OPEN
3. Methacton Coordinating Council Report – No Report – nothing to report
4. Methacton School Board Report – Elizabeth Drummond via Email – Board notes are shared below
5. Special Education Alliance – Reba Mann – Sandy shared on Reba’s behalf
	1. 10/15 – Inclusion for K-12 & Beyond - 30 people already signed up!!
	2. 11/19 - Mindfulness – Learning how to create a peaceful home – Jacquelyn O’Malley, Project Mindful
	3. 1/21/21 With a grant from student loan fund - Executive Function coming in 2021 more to come
	4. SEA page and logo is found on Community tab on main MCC page <https://www.methacton.org/Page/317> - contains event schedule and resources for parents.
		1. Still also go to FB -- https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC
6. Methacton Education Foundation – Nikki Krelovich
	1. Partnered with Jill Barbara group (Relator group) will donate
7. Old/New Business
	1. Backpack Food Drive – Does this need to be voted on? A: No each school can do their own thing
		1. **Shane will follow up** to see if there is anything particular they are in need of and if not Arcola will use the standard list
		2. Julia – should we include toiletry items (like the helping hands program)?
			1. Shane to find out
				1. If we can, should we do both or just toiletries? Discuss more after more information is gathered
				2. Start with Liz Drummond at point of contact
			2. Stick to communicating any drive to only parent recipient communications and not in something likely a student announcement.
8. Questions/Concerns
9. Next meeting November 11, 2020 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom
10. Adjourn – Motioned by Jen, seconded by Lauren = Adjourn approved

**Backpack Program**

**Methacton Backpack Program**

Welcome to the launch of the Methacton Backpack Program's Facebook page! [https://www.facebook.com/Methactonbackpack/](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Feur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%2F%3Furl%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.facebook.com%252FMethactonbackpack%252F%26data%3D02%257C01%257C%257C840300fe402948eba45408d8693aac93%257C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%257C1%257C0%257C637375048009651068%26sdata%3DuNJb5cogxAU56SSKlyPHWx3N8IuWxlvhuiWzo5Iss1w%253D%26reserved%3D0%26fbclid%3DIwAR2kKM-Ar1XBcoo7nl4jQ89AcxBho4TbwKFhYYiUe00HtqeUqqN_yCwnPDE&h=AT1wI2-NTOvCjo2DD1M32fLLtmWdP4PTH9tgBVPpeQXXOLB9UvIkI4iZUoq5Q65e9Gy0F85cFbmxFuHvOvwmNTrHIgnhMaFqt9uHeR_cHfww5xoQiOZuYhUDdhPc4kmDVg&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT3j17mxTXT-Chwj8aQlm7I2U1T4mbguQjOkPvH3XBhq5lnKplrXXpZUXidc9WbL9BXAUeyY-ysN-gO2xm0x9wCm5Sqj0GvCRVSxk2Wtln3XwJ4d_Y9J-FW1fbJ1i-v8IRkpo5sKtajnx1pHNc24XoCLvRGwgrls7iVlw3J6_iOeHfS37NOqWjLitkOkodFCM7ytQbdDcfTz2khbea0TVCc) We are excited to work together with the Methacton Community to support our students. Over the summer, the Methacton School Board, staff, and volunteers helped to distribute food to our families in need and our **cupboards are now bare!**

So many members of the community have reached out to ask how they can donate to this program, which has prompted us to create an Amazon Wish List, where you can order items and ship them directly to Methacton High School (our central collection point). Don't forget to select "No Weekend Delivery" when shipping to the High School.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Y75GZGW6DXNJ...](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fhz%2Fwishlist%2Fls%2FY75GZGW6DXNJ%3Fref_%3Dwl_share%26fbclid%3DIwAR14akp9UiQnhuEclircpwj8gU5l8gEkMISnrr8IJy-3rsAeqnOGpQI64G8&data=02%7C01%7C%7C840300fe402948eba45408d8693aac93%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637375048009661064&sdata=GMHMoYrvOisHsL%2BDdo76zc0itaWXk7PosYWWAf9tzbE%3D&reserved=0&fbclid=IwAR3f554tMRozJSkGzmp5DJL58pWxTrrBjITWwJwRzXiGnyZj30kF4Rx4HFY)

**Delivery Address:**

Methacton High School

Attn: Backpack Program

1005 Kriebel Mill Rd, Eagleville, PA 19403

\*Please make sure “no weekend delivery” is marked.

**Questions can be emailed to** methactonbackpack@gmail.com

**In This Together!**

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**October 2020 Update from the Board:**

**Good news:** Starting on a positive note, in September the board was pleased to welcome 2 new student representatives, recognize winners of the “M” award for academic achievement at the High School and acknowledge the outstanding contributions of several employees at Farina and Facilities.

**Backpack Program:** I am very pleased to announce the launch of the Methacton Backpack Program Facebook page! Please “like” us! Right now there is an Amazon Wish List of items you can browse and have shipped to the High School (our main collection center). We are working on putting out a couple drop boxes (Arcola and High School) so that if you pick up something while you’re out and want to drop it off, you can do that. Dr. Jamie Gravinese was able to secure a program for October through the USDA that supplies fresh veggies, fruits, dairy and meats to families through a “Farmers to Families” food box. Families will receive a box each week in October through that program and the regular backpack program will resume in November.

I know first-hand that Home and Schools have been very important to the success of the Backpack program. Please reach out to me if you’re interested in helping with the donations or logistics of this program. Take a look at the Wish List and if you want to coordinate a drive at your school, I would be happy to promote that through Facebook. I know we can replenish the (currently empty) shelves of this program, thank you in advance for all your work!

**Return to School:** The board voted in favor of authorizing the administration to prepare a hybrid model for return to school, K-12, which would start on or about November 12th. Please note: the board will be voting on the return-to-school model in a special meeting on Tuesday, October 20th, held just before the regular work session.

**Other news**:

* Matthew Walsh, formerly from Wissahickon School District, just started as our new Curriculum director.
* There is still time to provide your thoughts to the board about the Arrowhead Forward project by emailing Mary Mandia at mmandia@methacton.org to share your feedback. Just write Act 34 Hearing in the subject line and let us know whether a new Arrowhead is important to you. All written testimony must be received by 4pm on Thursday, October 8.
* Board meetings are now being held virtually on zoom and live streamed through YouTube. Please join us at our upcoming meetings:
	+ Special Meeting for Return to School/Work Session: Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 PM
	+ Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 PM
* Check the website for login information and instructions on presenting comments to the board at the meeting.

Thank you for all you do!

Any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me or to any board member.

Liz Drummond

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