**Arcola Intermediate School Home & School Association Monthly Meeting September 14 @ 7:00 PM - Commons**

**Attendees: Heather DeWane Michelle Speranza Reba Mann Kelley Ludwig Lisa Bruno Jess Viscusi Jess Friendy**

1. Welcome (Call to order and Time) – Heather DeWane (started 7:03pm) – intros of attendees
2. Principal's Report – Mr. Bourdreau

-great start to school year

-consistent structure

-students interacting

-no separation = collaborative work

-7th grade – in the process of booking a swimming pool trip

-activities back in full motion

-field trip funds include bussing

-town hall meetings with each team

-review code of conduct

-what middle school is and expectations; get involved

-example: drama club, athletics

-lens of respect

-great to back to normal

a. Q&A

1. Officers' Reports

a. Presidents’ Report – Heather DeWane

-MCC Meting 9/13 – asking H%Ss to come back with 2 communication options besides Konstella

-maybe something in PowerSchool

-voting in January or February on decision for next year

-Bus Driver Appreciation Day – April (Eagleville is hosting)

\*update: Skyview is hosting

-Feb. 28th – H&S presents at School Board meeting

Next MCC Meeting in November @ Eagleville

1. Vice President’s Report - Michelle Speranza

-8th Grade Social committee is FULL

1. Treasurer's Report – Lisa Bruno

-cleared 2 checks form end of last year

-we are balanced

-Box Tops – no chair; will be communicated through Home & School

-Veterans Day – working on finalizing what will be done; need a committee chair

-Student Congress Dance – TBD; will not be as soon as October

-PSSA/Keystone Treat – not needed this year

\*Free Breakfast for all students; just passed in PA

-Lisa: Motion to approve 2022-23 budget – 2nd by Jessica Viscusi – APPROVED

1. Secretary's Report – Jessica Viscusi
2. Morning Announcements

-received from Arcola TV Studio (Arcola News Journal); script is shared daily through Konstella for those that have opted to be in the Arcola Morning Announcements Committee

4. Committee/Liaison Reports:

1. Fall Activity Night – November 11 Fri – TBD: OPEN

-will be off site

1. Winter Activity Night – March 24 Fri – TBD: OPEN

-last year skate night was a success

-maybe Roller Rink for Fall Activity – Jess Friendy volunteered to be committee chair; activity needs to go through approval process with the district

1. Staff Appreciation Day – May - OPEN
2. 8th Grade Social – June 2, 2023 - FULL
3. Post Prom Decorating Committee - OPEN
4. Building Beautification Committee – Year-round - HOLD
5. Spirit Wear - Year-round - OPEN
6. Fundraising - Year-round – Heather DeWane & Lisa Bruno
   1. No Frills – Raised $1700 so far!; send communication that checks can be sent
   2. Box Tops
7. School Activities Supported by Home & School
   1. Helping Hands Committee - ? HOLD
   2. 7th Grade Pizza Lunch Committee – ? HOLD
   3. STEAM Day Committee – March – OPEN
   4. End of Year Picnic - ?
   5. 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony - ?
8. Methacton Coordinating Council Report – No Report – Next Meeting:
9. Methacton School Board Report –
10. Special Education Alliance – Kelly Ludwig

a. See next page for updates

1. Old/New Business
2. Questions/Concerns

10. Next meeting February 10, 2021 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom 11. Adjourn

SEA Updates:

**September SEA Talking points:**

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1. Warm welcome to all our students and staff and wish for a great 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to attend the Back to School Nights in person again this year.

2. **THURSDAY, October 20, 2022** - 7:30 p.m. A Virtual Back to School Night for Special Education – presented by Dr. Susan Angstadt, Dr. Amy Mangano, Dr. Danielle Fowlston and Dr. Erika Thomas

We are calling on parents/caregivers of:

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incoming Kindergarten students with IEPs

new or current students with an IEP, GIEP or 504 moving up to a new Methacton building (for example, an elementary school student moving up to Skyview) to meet your new supervisor of special education

any student and simply interested in Methacton’s special education process.

Come meet our Special Education Team! Dr. Susan Angstadt, director of Pupil Services and her team will provide an overview of the special education structure, roles, and responsibilities of the supervisors of special education, school psychologists, case managers and IEP teams. The team will be available to answer general questions from parents regarding IEPs, GIEPs and 504s, school-based therapy including speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and behavior and emotional support, and more.

3. Mark your calendars for this year’s Special Education workshops on various topics. Details on topics will follow.

**(Thursdays, Dates subject to change depending on availability of presenters and District events)**

* -  October 20, 2022 – Back to School Night with Special Education
* -  November 17, 2022
* -  January 19, 2023
* -  February 16, 2023
* -  March 16, 2023
* -  April 20, 2023
* -  May 18, 2023

4. We are excited to continue to provide programming that will help ALL our students succeed! Follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC or contact us at seamethacton@gmail.com