Arcola Intermediate School Home & School Association

Monthly Meeting

April 12 - 7:00

Attendees: Mr. Bourdeau Heather DeWane Michelle Speranza Lisa Bruno Jessica Viscusi Larcena Johnson Lauren Pires Reba Mann

Welcome (Call to order and Time) – Heather DeWane - 7:01

Approval of Mar. Minutes – Jessica Viscusi - Approved

Principal's Report - Mr. Bourdeau

-end of 3rd marking period; check PowerSchool

-Spring assessment season

 -1st day-ELA

-Spring Activity planning; 8th grade social coming up

-Student voice day-good ideas to be implemented

 -1 idea-Social Emotional Awareness Day

 -approximately 40 students participated in 7th and 8th grade

Officers' Reports

a. President’s Report – Heather DeWane

Spring Activity Night-last year-ice skating: on the calendar this year and decided to plan with student council; 4/21-H&S gave $1500 towards it

-great preparation for students to plan activities; high school students plan all activities

-there will be a Konstella for some chaperones, food items, drinks etc.

Yearbook Update: Mr Haley

Next year nominations - Loren Seamans

1. President - Lauren Pires
Vice President - Larcena Johnson
2. Vote
3. Vice President’s Report – Michelle Speranza

-Co Presidents: Lauren and Larcena

-Vice President: Michelle Speranza

-Treasurer: Lisa Bruno

-Recording Secretary: Jessica Viscusi

-Corresponding Secretary: Heather DeWane

1. Committee Updates
1. Staff Appreciation & End of Year Picnic & Post Prom

-staff appreciation 2nd week of May; PSSAs 1st week of May

-End of year picnic-June 6th (rain date June 7th); reaching out to volunteers/committee chair

-Post Prom-looking into Arcola’s requirement; will most likely donate rather than decorate a room

c. Treasurer's Report - Lisa Bruno

 -mini grant requests:

-Mark Mueller-12 x $30 for yearbooks for reduced lunch students-voted Yes

-7th grade Blizzard-$50 prizes for Earth Day poster contest

d. Secretary's Report – Jessica Viscusi

5. Committee Report

a. 8th Grade Dance – results of survey, updates, and Next Mtg date?

 -7 sign-ups so far

 Monica Panetta:

 -Talking to vendors

 -Shore Thing theme-rooms planned

 -Need sizes for t-shirts-getting tomorrow

 -Funding clarification-self funded for dance

 -Gift budgeted for $1500

 -Konstella volunteer list will go out; waiting to get an idea of # of attendees;

approximately 380 total 8th graders

-H&S funded deposit of $2500

-Info going in Friday newsletter then to 8th grade parents only

Old/New Business

Methacton School Board Report

Methacton Coordinating Council Report

9. Special Education Alliance a. See Below

10. Methacton Education Foundation – dodgeball was a success

a. Teacher Appreciation fundraiser

Questions/Concerns

Next meeting May 10, 2023 @ 7 pm

Adjourn 8:00pm

April SEA Talking points:
1. Mark your calendar for the next SEA Workshop on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. The topic is: Belonging Matters: Unlocking the Power of Relationships to Build a More Inclusive School Community featuring Dr. Al Condeluci. Register here to receive the Zoom link: https://forms.gle/f7e17UtPCPgR3ecNA

2. Gather up your school friends and family for a fun meet up at the reading Fightin Phils! It's the opening of the baseball season! Let's swing for the fences and support the SEA! You can purchase 6 undated general admission tickets for only $42 for an outing with your school friends, Birthdays, Father's Day or Mother's Day, and family reunions at the ballpark. Tickets can be used on any date during the 2023 season. We are excited about the partnership with the Home & Schools to promote the fundraiser. The funds raised will be used to bring informative presentations to our district and to support events that help connect families and caregivers! Please share the pdf and jpg of the flyer widely! Purchase your tickets at this link and be sure to select the Methacton Special Education Alliance fundraiser (be sure to select Methacton Special Education Alliance):

3. ACCESS EXTENDED TO APRIL 12: Vimeo for Dan Habib Starting with the End in Mind series:

https://vimeo.com/showcase/10205356 PW: PEAL\_HABIB 𝐓𝐡𝐞 𝐌𝐞𝐭𝐡𝐚𝐜𝐭𝐨𝐧 𝐒EA was a proud partner of the PA Inclusion Collective and the PEAL Center of,

"Starting with the End in Mind", a 4-part series on building an inclusive life for students with disabilities. See list of the participating school district parent

groups on the slide below. Please share widely as we want as many staff and families/caregivers to access this informative and FREE series for parents with

IEPs and preparing as early as elementary school for life after high school.
2/1/23 - Including Samuel Virtual Film Screening and Self Advocate Panel Discussion

2/8/23 - Disabling Segregation and My Disability Roadmap for an Inclusive Life 2/15/23 - Starting Early Creating a Roadmap for Inclusive IEP’s and Transition Plans 2/22/23 - Action Effective Practices in Transition to Adulthood

4. Unified Sports Track & Field first home meet was partially held on March 27 then postponed due to weather. The home meet will be continued on Wednesday,

April 12 @2pm. Check out the video from Warrior News - Video
5. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 21 for the SEA End of Year Social! More details to follow!
6. The SEA 2023 Presentation/Social Activities Dates! Mark your calendars!
April 20, 2023 Belonging Matters: Unlocking the Power of Relationships to Build a More Inclusive School Community

May 21, 2023 End of Year Social at Eagleville Elementary School - More details to

follow
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