**Arcola Intermediate School**

**Home & School Association**

**Monthly Meeting**

**February 8 @ 7:00 PM – Zoom**

**Attendees: Mr. Bourdreau, Heather DeWane , Michelle Speranza**

**Reba Mann, Tara Ricci, Methacton Coordinating Council Gina Stover**

1. Welcome (Call to order and Time) – Heather DeWane 7:00pm
2. Principal's Report – Mr. Bourdreau
   1. Introduced Tara Ricci, Supervisor of Professional Development and Continuous Improvement
      1. State coordinator for mandated testing.
      2. Talked about testing misconceptions and asked for boards help to increase participation of state testing as opt outs have been high. Especially at Arocla.
      3. The state mandate is 95% participation and all opt outs appear as non-proficient which skews data.
      4. Testing data is used for many purposes throughout the year such as showing student’s growth year over year, staff and teacher’s professional development content, curriculum planning and how to determine where resources and time should be spent based on student aggregate scores, and scheduling.
      5. Misconception that tests scores apply to honor’s criteria.
      6. Ed Gerety author and speaker living with gratitude and being accountable, being kind and mindful of others. The students enjoyed his message and Arcola is leveraging this message and resources and weaving into the remainder of the school year.
      7. Student’s of positive influence were pulled together to have team building activities, and self-management, social awareness, responsible decision making turned out to be a planning guide from a student point of view. Ideas that students came up with where valuable and easily implemented such as Is there a quiet place to go to during lunch to get away from the noise.
      8. Activity night and dance from the Student Council. They will reach out to us regarding the planning, but looking at sometime in March for a date.
      9. 7th grade how has a pool day and it is a full day activity.
      10. 8th graders are going to the Reading Phillies.
      11. 8th graders are also doing an egg drop activity from the roof.
      12. Fun Day is still a question mark for June. Do we build on what we have planned or do something new. These talks are still in the beginning discussions.
3. Officers' Reports
   1. Presidents’ Report – Heather DeWane
      1. Fun Day for June
         1. There is money to spend in the budget
         2. Mr. Bourdreau will follow up with us on the Fun Day at the next meeting
      2. Line Item for 8th Grade Social

-Gift budget set at $1,500

* + 1. Accepting nominations for 23/24 Arcola Home and School Board. Nominees will be accepted through March, and will vote at the April home and school meeting.
  1. Vice President’s Report - Michelle Speranza
  2. Treasurer's Report – Lisa Bruno

January Summary:

* + 1. No expenses in January
    2. All checks previously issued have cleared the bank statement
    3. All Venmo money has been cashed out to the bank (no frills and winter social payments): $10,481.27
    4. Total Cash Available to Spend: $22,112.49
    5. There are no Mini-Grants to approve.
  1. Secretary’s Report - Jessica Viscusi

-approved minutes for January

1. Committee/Liaison Reports:
   1. 2023 Activities
2. Methacton Coordinating Council Report - See next page
3. Methacton School Board Report – See next page
4. Special Education Alliance –Reba Mann - See next page
5. Questions/Concerns
6. Next meeting: January 11 @ 7:00 PM

-talk Spring Activity

Other:

-Arcola H&S presenting at Feb 28th School Board Meeting along with other home & schools

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1. Adjourn

-7:30