

## **FACULTY AND STAFF GIVING CAMPAIGN – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What is the Methacton Education Foundation?**

The Methacton Education Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise funds for innovative and educational programs in Methacton that are not supported by the district's budget. Since 2009, the Foundation has awarded over \$370,000 in additional funding to our schools.

### **What is the Foundation Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign?**

The Foundation Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign is a fundraising effort for our district employees in addition to our outreach to parents, alumni, neighbors, grandparents, philanthropists, businesses, corporations, institutions, and foundations.

### **Why is a Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign Important?**

The most successful education foundations across the country have Faculty and Staff Giving Campaigns. Many large institutions and foundations in our area offer generous grants and donations. Faculty and staff giving at a high level is a huge plus when identifying other sources of support. By getting our faculty and staff involved with the Foundation, we can qualify for large grants and donations, not only from institutions, but also from individual donors.

### **Why does Methacton need additional Funding?**

We can no longer rely solely on traditional sources such as taxes and government aid. Just to maintain the status quo, additional funding is required. The Methacton Education Foundation is dedicated to finding innovative funding sources to continually enhance our district.

### **Is the Foundation independent from the district?**

Yes. The Methacton Education Foundation is an independent entity. We currently have 19 directors on our Board and one part-time Executive Director employed by the Foundation. We are fortunate to have support and involvement from the Superintendent and School Board Liaison on our board. We also have three faculty representatives who share their valuable perspective as board members. While our Foundation Board sets and drives initiatives, district faculty members play key roles by applying for grants fund important programs that are not covered by the district's budget.

### **Which areas does the Foundation fund?**

The Foundation has 4 primary funding areas:

1. STEM: (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
2. Career Readiness
3. Programs for Economically Disadvantaged Students
4. Student Wellness

We also fund other projects as appropriate.

### **Do other districts run Faculty and Staff giving campaigns?**

Yes. Faculty and Staff Giving Campaigns are a standard in successful education foundations.

**Is my donation tax-deductible?**

Yes. The Methacton Education Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit so whether you make a one-time donation or give through ongoing payroll contributions, your contribution is tax-deductible. You will receive an acknowledgement from the Foundation for use in preparing your taxes.

**How can I contribute to the Foundation?**

Methacton School District Faculty and Staff can support the Foundation via payroll contribution, or by making direct donations by cash, check, or credit card.

**Who administers the payroll deduction program? How often will my pledge be deducted from my paycheck?**

**Do I need to renew yearly?** The Methacton payroll department administers the program. Your contribution will be deducted the first pay of each month. Your pledge will remain in effect until you authorize a change.

**If I choose to make a one-time donation, does the Foundation accept checks or credit cards?**

Yes. The Foundation accepts checks and credit cards. Checks should be made payable to Methacton Education Foundation and mailed to 1001 Kriebel Mill Road, Eagleville, PA 19403, or handed in to your faculty ambassador. Secure credit card donations may be made on our website at [www.methactonfoundation.org/donate](http://www.methactonfoundation.org/donate).

**I can only give a modest amount, how can that possibly make a difference?**

All gifts are important! What is important is that you give, not necessarily the amount. Our faculty and staff campaign exemplifies the collective power of our district. With each person doing what he or she can, we all make a big difference. EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS!

**Does every gift really make a difference?**

Yes! In fact, if all district employees gave just \$5 per month the district would have an additional \$42,000 per year. At \$10 per month, we would have an additional \$84,000. At \$20 per month, we would have an additional \$168,000. Imagine the impact those dollars would have on our professional development, classroom and equipment enhancements and the district's overall ability to impact students and teachers.

**What are Faculty Ambassadors?**

Faculty Ambassadors are chosen for the passion they have for the Foundation. They are responsible for sharing foundation news and information with colleagues, answering questions, encouraging giving participation, and being a voice for your building.

**Who are the Faculty Ambassadors?**

**High School:** Matt Alzamora

**Arcola:** Adam Chantry & Wendy McKenzie

**Skyview:** Pamela Craig & Scott Engle

**At Large:** Brad Dale

**Arrowhead:** Stephanie Sawyer & Mary Beth Moyer

**Eagleville:** Kim Beam & Alison Navarrete

**Woodland:** Lynda Bradley & Genny Geis

**Worcester:** Regina Shanaman, Stephanie Cohen & Debra Cherry