Ashford Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting Agenda

November 5th 2018 7PM

In attendance: Bethany Hany, Nicole Fusco, Gina Burnham, Chonte Fields, Michelle Nemeth, Garrett Dukette, Rebecca Haeger, and Kim Johnston.

1. Call to order-7:04

2. Reading/Acceptance of October 2018 minutes -Motion to accept pending amendments, 1st Kim Johnston/2nd Rebecca Haeger.

3. Communications

 a. Guest Speakers– none

 b. Correspondence- Thank you from Jen Lindsay for the money to help with the theatre trip.

 c. Vice Principals report- The students participating in the German Exchange Program left for Germany today(11/5/18). Parent Teacher Conferences are happening the week of 11/19/18. Ashford School as well as other CT Schools are working on experiments, one of which, could go on to be on the International Space Station. 3 groups of students from Ashford have moved on to the second stage of their experiments.

4. Committee chairs planning reports

 a. Big Y – As of 9/21/18 there are 138 shoppers participating and we have accumulated 186,750 points.

 b. Birthday books –Jen Recchia- November and December birthday books will be given out late November/early December.

 c. Book Fair –Lisa Hassett/Nicole Fusco/Bethany Hany

Book Fair set up is Friday 11/16/18 9am-until it’s completed

The hours are Monday(11/19) 8am-8pm, Tuesday(11/20) 8am-6pm, and Wednesday 8am-12noon. To volunteer please contact Nicole Fusco at nfusco9982@aol.com of Lisa Hassett at 860-576-3208. Due to previous unfortunate incidents we are asking that no children accompany book fair volunteers.

There will be and All For Books collection happening the week of 11/12/18-11/16/18. Paperwork will be coming home this week with more details.

 d Box Tops – Heather Lewis The fall drive, which ran through 10/26/18, earned the PTO $447.50. The next drive will be the classroomcontest happening in February 2019.

 e. Career Fair- Michelle Nemeth/Garrett Dukette Currently working on a date for spring of 2019

 f. Cultural Arts –Lisa Centola/Carolyn Trotta/Carly Imhoff-Tabled

 g. Learning courtyard gardens- Michelle Nemeth-Tabled

 h. Leveled Reading Program -Mandy Makuch-Tabled

 i. Library Champions – Sue Irvine- Tabled

j. Publicity –Kim Johnston-We currently have 222 Facebook members.

 k. Science Workshops – Carly Imhoff/Gina Burnham/Dory Manfre/Kelly Knotts

Gina Burnham reported that in June students had two cubes sent into space. One with a nutmeg seed and one with bandages designed to prevent solar radiation. The students received these cubes back and were able to collect data from them. This Thursday, 11/8/18, students in grades K-8 will be participating in an engineering challenge where they will be building parachutes to help carry there rover down to the ground.

 l. Spring Jamboree- There will be a meeting of the Spring Jamboree Committee, at Kim Johnston’s house, on Monday 11/26/18 at 7pm

 M. Stop and Shop A+ Rewards- Nicole Fusco- We currently have $66.47

5. Old Business

 a. Butter Braids-Forms and money are due on 11/8/18. Delivery will be Tuesday, 11/20/18, with pick up between 3-6pm. We are looking for 2-3 more adult volunteers to help sort the orders starting at 2pm.

 b. KidGooRoo Fundraiser-We raised $310. The raffle, for all those who participated, for the Chrome Book will be held tomorrow. The winner will be contacted via email by the company.

 c. Candy Cane Lane Fundraiser-More details will be coming. This will be a holiday shop set up for students shop at during the week of 12/10/18-12/14/18. Items are priced between .50-$10 and it includes gift wrapping in a gift bag.

 d. Fall Fundraiser-The fundraiser was a success with sales of $6481. Delivery is expected some time on 11/16/18. If you are able to help with hand out of the products on Monday 11/19/18 please contact Rebecca Haeger at rebeccaerik1@gmail.com.

6. New Business

 a. Treasurers Report-Motion to accept, 1st Kim Johnston/2nd Rebecca Haeger

 b. Upcoming Events

 -Staff Luncheon-The luncheon will be held on Monday, 11/19/18. If you are able to help with set up at 12:15, clean up at 2, or would like to volunteer to donate a food item please contact Kim Johnston at johnstonkim@msn.com or 860-617-4737.

 c. Refreshments for next Meeting-Chonte Fields

7. Items from the floor

8. Meeting adjourned 8:14

Next meeting December 3rd 2018. Childcare will be available.