**Ashford Parent Teacher Organization**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2019**

1. **Called to order** at 7:09. In attendance were: Courtney Dancosse, Steven Banfield, Kelly Knotts, Lisa Centola, Rebecca Haeger, Kim Johnston, Michelle Nemeth, Chonte Fields, Troy Hopkins, Sue Irving, and Heather Lewis
2. **Reading and acceptance of December 2018 minutes**: motion to accept Kim J., seconded by Heather L., motion carried.
3. **Communications**:
   1. **Guest Speakers**: none
   2. **Correspondence**: The 7th graders all wrote letters of thanks for the trip to Mechanics Hall theater. Mrs. Lemos sent thanks for the books received from the book fair.
   3. **Principle’s report**:
      1. Cardboard night for grades pk-8th will be Jan 7th from 6-8pm in the cafeteria
      2. Horizon Wing Owl Show for grades pk-4 will be Jan 11th, 6-7 in cafeteria
      3. No school on Mon and Tue, Jan 21st and 22nd.
      4. Kindergarten STEAM event will be Feb 1st from 2-3pm
      5. A letter on the Flu will be sent home via mail tomorrow
      6. BOE Meetings for the school budget will be on Jan 17th and Jan 31st.
      7. There will be an increase in homework for students in grades 7th and 8th to help prepare them for high school.
4. **Committee chair planning reports:**
   1. **Big Y** (Kim Johnston): this program ended and we are looking at ways to spend our points
   2. **Birthday books** (Jen Recchia): table
   3. **Book Fair** (Nicole): table­­
   4. **Box Tops** (Heather L.): The next collection drive will be January 28th through Feb 22nd This will be the classroom vs classroom contest with bonus points awarded the first three weeks to the classes who turn in the most box tops those weeks.
   5. **Career Fair** (Michelle N.): table
   6. **Cultural Arts** (Lisa Santola): The Dec and Jan events went well. The next assembly will be on Feb 1st.
   7. **Learning Courtyard Gardens** (Michelle N.): table
   8. **Leveled Reading Program: (**Ms. Makuch) table
   9. **Library Champions** (Sue Irvine): We are looking for a new library champion chairperson for next year
   10. **Publicity** (Kim Johnston): table
   11. **Science Workshops** (Carly Imhoff/Gina Burnham/Dory Moore/Kelly Knotts): The robotics program is going very well. The Invention Convention Program has now started. Project created jointly with Willington School will be going up on the International Space Station.
   12. **Spring Jamboree:**  next jamboree will be in spring 2020
   13. **Stop and Shop** (Nicole): table
5. **Old Business:** 
   1. The Holiday Shop/Candy Cane Lane did well and brought in $2443 in sales of which $354.23 is our profit and we have 3,088 points toward purchasing items for the school.
   2. A motion was made by Rebecca H. to use $2000 of the Jamboree money to allow the upper grades (7th and 8th) to attend Shakespearance and/or ELA workshops. Motion seconded by Courtney D. Motion passed.
6. **New Business:**
   1. **Treasurer’s Report:** Motion to accept Heather L., seconded by Kim J., motion passed
   2. **Upcoming Events:**
      1. May 1st will be the start of the Calendar Raffle. Volunteers are needed to help in collecting donations. Contact Chonte if interested in helping
      2. March – The Father/Daughter Dance
      3. Ice Cream Social has been rescheduled for April 26th
7. **Items from the floor:** none
8. **Next Meeting and Refreshments:** Monday February 4th, Refreshments provided by Courtney Dancosse.
9. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:40pm