Ashford Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting Agenda

December 3rd 2018 7PM

In attendance: Dory Moore, Chonte Fields, Michelle Nemeth, Troy Hopkins, Rebecca Haeger, Sue Irvine, and Kim Johnston.

1. Call to order-7:07

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

3. Communications

a. Guest Speakers– none

b. Correspondence- Thank you card from Jen Lindsay for the classroom books from the book fair. Thank you card from Kelly Knotts for the staff luncheon and her classroom books from the book fair. Thank you card signed by the 6th grade class for their trip to the Mcauliffe Center. They were able to simulate a mission to Mars and see a planetarium show.

c. Principals report- 3 Ashford student experiments are in the finals for a chance to win and get their experiment brought aboard the International Space Station. Dory Moore, Ashford Schools 7th and 8th grade science teacher, was named teacher of the year. The Winter Concert will be on Thursday, November 13th, at 7pm. Rebecca Aubrey won the won the 2019 US Language Teacher of the year on November 16th. Kate Craven, Carly Imhoff, and Troy Hopkins took a group of Ashford School students to Germany for an exchange program. From June 1st-12th 2019 students from Germany will be staying with Ashford host families. Kelly Knotts and Gina Burnham attended the CT Association of Boards of Education(CABE) Convention.

4. Committee chairs planning reports

a. Big Y – Tabled

b. Birthday books –Jen Recchia- Tabled

c. Book Fair –Lisa Hassett/Nicole Fusco/Bethany Hany –The Book Fair was able to purchase books, with our profits, for classrooms and for Birthday Books. Thank you to everyone who was able to volunteer their time working at the Book Fair and for shopping at the Book Fair.

d Box Tops – Heather Lewis The next drive will be the classroom contest happening in February 2019.

e. Career Fair- Michelle Nemeth/Garrett Dukette Currently working on a date for May 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- if you love the idea of getting more books into our school library, we're looking for someone to run this simple program starting next year. Contact Susan Irvine 860-439-1456 or [susanirvine0@gmail.com](mailto:susanirvine0@gmail.com) with any questions.

j. Publicity –Kim Johnston- tabled.

k. Science Workshops – Carly Imhoff/Gina Burnham/Dory Manfre/Kelly Knotts-Dory Moore reported that two teams, each comprising of two students, will be competing in a State Coding Competition on Friday, 12/7/18.

l. Spring Jamboree- tabled

M. Stop and Shop A+ Rewards- Nicole Fusco- tabled

5. Old Business

a. Butter Braids-delivery was a success. There were 10 extra ordered and those have been sold as well.

6. New Business

a. Treasurers Report-Tabled

b. Upcoming Events

- Candy Cane Lane Fundraiser- This will be a holiday shop set up for students to shop at. It will be set up on the stage, 12/11 and 12/12, during the school day for students to shop. It will be set up on 12/13, from 5-8pm in room 20. Items are priced between .50-$12. Please contact Chonte Fields with any questions at [ashfordschoolpto@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordschoolpto@gmail.com).

-Calendar Raffle-Planning for the Spring of 2019

c. Refreshments for next Meeting-Rebecca Haeger

7. Items from the floor

8. Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

Next meeting January 7th 2018. Childcare will be available.