**Ashford Parent Teacher Organization**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2019**

1. **Called to order** at 7:07. In attendance were: Kim Johnston, Rebecca Haeger, Michelle Nemeth, Chonte Fields, Troy Hopkins, and Heather Lewis
2. **Reading and acceptance of December 2018 minutes**: motion to accept Heather L., seconded by Rebecca, motion carried.
3. **Communications**:
   1. **Guest Speakers**: none
   2. **Correspondence**: none
   3. **Principal’s report**:
      1. Family Reading Night will be March 14th at 6pm
      2. New Afterschool programs are starting. Look for flyer to come home.
      3. The proposed school budget currently calls for an increase of 4.3% (down from the 6.91% previously requested) which includes no Health Teacher, a half time math intervention teacher, and grades 5 and 6 will be in 3 classrooms each for all academics by sharing one teacher between both grades.
      4. The Art Show and International Potluck dinner will be on March 12th from 5p-7p
      5. The Girls’ Basketball won the Championships for the first time ever.
4. **Committee chair planning reports:**
   1. **Big Y** (Kim Johnston): the order was submitted for recess/outdoor equipment
   2. **Birthday books** (Nicole/Bethany): we are now fully caught up and this program is under the control of Nicole and Bethany
   3. **Book Fair** (Nicole): The next Book Fair will be May 20-23rd. Theme will be camping.­­
   4. **Box Tops** (Heather L.): We raised a total of $659.10 this collection drive. The winners were Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Klock, and Mrs. Anderson’s classes.
   5. **Career Fair** (Michelle N.): will be in May or June.
   6. **Cultural Arts** (Lisa Centola): The last event, a marionette performance was phenomenal.
   7. **Learning Courtyard Gardens** (Michelle N.): table
   8. **Leveled Reading Program: (**Ms. Makuch) table
   9. **Library Champions** (Sue Irvine): announcement in K-12
   10. **Publicity** (Kim Johnston): table
   11. **Science Workshops** (Carly Imhoff/Gina Burnham/Dory Moore/Kelly Knotts): One of the 8th grade groups won the Robotics state championship and will be going on to the world championship robotics competition in Kentucky
   12. **Spring Jamboree:**  table
   13. **Stop and Shop** (Nicole): 68 new people were added and we now raised a total of $395.90
5. **Old Business:** none
6. **New Business:**
   1. **Treasurer’s Report:** Motion to accept Kim, seconded by Rebecca, motion passed
   2. **Upcoming Events:**
      1. May 1st will be the start of the Calendar Raffle. We need 9 more items to raffle plus a few for students. The grand prize (on a separate raffle) will be a wine party.
      2. Ice Cream Social will be on April 26th ice cream to be provided by UConn Dairy Bar
      3. March 23rd is the new date for the Father/Daughter Dance
      4. May 8th is the teacher appreciation lunch
      5. Spring Break is April 15th – 19th
7. **Items from the floor:** It was discussed whether or not teachers had been invited to participate in the PTO. It was decided to send a one-time email to the teachers inviting them to participate and/or attend meetings.
8. **Next Meeting and Refreshments:** Monday April 1st, Refreshments provided by Michelle.
9. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:13 pm