Ashford PTO Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2019

1. Call to order at 7:04 pm. In attendance were: Heather Lewis, Dr Jim Longo, Kim Johnston, Karin Anderson, Gina Burnham, and Michelle Nemeth
2. Reading/Acceptance of September 2019 Minutes: Kim motioned, Karin 2nd, motion passed.
3. Communications:
   1. Guest speakers: none
   2. Correspondence: none
   3. Principals report: Mr. Hopkins was not able to make the meeting so Superintendent Dr James Longo gave us updates on the Board of Education:
      1. The dress code policy will be updated at a future Board of Ed meeting
      2. Kids can now walk/bike to school alone with waiver from parent
      3. Board will be discussing adding tutors and a health teacher
      4. The school is looking at ways of teaching to raise our standardized test scores which have been low.
4. Committee Chairs:
   1. Big Y (Chonte): table
   2. Birthday Books (Paula Boyles): done on September 30th for Sept birthdays
   3. Book Fair (Heather): next book fair will be Nov 25-27
   4. Box Tops (Heather): collection drive this month ends on Oct 25th
   5. Career Fair (Michelle): table
   6. Cultural Arts (Lisa Centola): BMX event was a success
   7. Learning courtyard gardens (Michelle): table
   8. Leveled Reading Program (Ms. Makuch): table
   9. Publicity (Kim Johnston): table
   10. Science Workshops (Carly/Gina/Dory/Kelly): the science committee met last week and discussed upcoming science events
   11. Spring Jamboree: an email will go out soon. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event
   12. Stop and Shop (Chonte): table
5. Old Business: the staff breakfast was a success. The ice cream social was also a huge success.
6. New Business:
   1. Treasurer’s Report: Heather motion to accept, Kim 2nd, motion passed.
   2. Upcoming events: Halloween Party will be October 25th from 5:30-7:30. The PTO needs volunteers to serve pizza and donation of baked goods.
7. Items from the floor:
   1. Holiday shop will be happening again this year
   2. The Believe fundraiser raised $793 which is only about half as much as last year
   3. Butter Braids fundraiser will be going out this week, orders due November 8th and pickup will be November 22nd from 3-6pm
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm
9. Next meeting will be November 4th and Kim J. will provide refreshments.