

Ashford Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting Agenda November 13th 2017 7PM

1. Call to order 7:02pm

In Attendance: Chonte' Fields, Michelle Nemeth, Rebecca Haeger, Holly Welply, Nicole Fusco, Sabrina Bowersett, Gina Burnham, Bethany Hany, Kristen Buch, Lynn Fontaine, Susan Cunningham, Heather Lewis and Mr. Hopkins

2. Reading/Acceptance of October 2017 minutes Motion to accept minutes was Holly W. and second was Chonte' F..

3. Communications

a. Guest Speakers-none

b. Correspondence- none

c. Principals report- A few words about the budget...BOF is meeting Tues, 11/14 to discuss town budget including school, not sure if they will accept the proposed 2.65% budget. It is possible that they will accept a 0% increase in which case the school is prepared to manage that without out decreasing staff, at least for the next year. After that, possible cuts may be made in afterschool enrichment programs and/or sports. Mr. Hopkins feels optimistic if people speak up and have public support for the school and its programs.

Upcoming Dates for Board of Finance meetings:

11/28 Public hearing

12/12 Annual budget meeting

12/21 Referendum to vote for proposed budget

-Parent Conferences will be the week of 11/20. Mon, Tues and Weds are all 12:25 dismissal and lunch will be served.

4. Committee chairs planning reports

a. Big Y - TABLED

b. Birthday books -Jen Recchia- Oct/Nov birthdays were distributed. Next date is in Jan for Dec/Jan birthdays

c. Book Fair -Nicole Fusco All For Books Program, families can donate loose change to the book fair and Scholastic will match 100% of donations and Ashford School receives the money for books (birthday and teacher books).

d Box Tops - Heather Lewis 95 students participated, profit of \$542

e. Career Fair- Michelle Nemeth/Garrett Dukette no new news, possibly changing it up

f. Cultural Arts - Rebecca Haeger / Carly Imhoff Veteran's Day Laser Show was a huge hit! Lots of excitement school wide for this one

g. Learning courtyard gardens- Michelle Nemeth table

h. Leveled Reading Program - Susan Cunningham Reading Connections Newsletters are ongoing

i. Library Champions - Sue Irvine table

j. Publicity - Lisa McCarthy/Kim Johnston/Kevin VanRysseghem table

k. Science Workshops - Carly Imhoff/Gina Burnham/Dory Manfre/Kelly Knotts
Thursday, Jan 4th at 6pm Aerospace Family Night/Cardboard Night, build your own
spaceship. Thursday, Feb 22nd Invention Showcase and Take Apart Night

l. Spring Jamboree- Saturday 4/28/18 Planning has begun, meetings are 1st
Monday of the month at 6:30pm in school library, childcare is provided

5. Old Business

a. Halloween Party 10/27/17 5:30-7:30 about \$150 profit

6. New Business

a. Treasurers Report Motion to accept report was Holly W. and second was
Chonte' F.

b. Upcoming Events

-Butter Braid Fundraiser Pick up is Tues 11/21 from 3-7pm in cafeteria.

-Teacher Luncheon, Monday 11/20, set up at 12:15/ open at 12:45

-Fall Fundraiser Delivery

c. Refreshments for next Meeting Kristen B.

7. Items from the floor

8. Meeting adjourned 8:13pm

Next meeting Monday,
December 4th 2017 in the school library

Childcare will be available.