

Ashford Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting Agenda March 5th 2018 7PM

1. Call to order 7:10pm

In attendance: Susan Cunningham, Jen Lindsay, Rebecca Haeger, Kim Johnston, Nicole Fusco, Michelle Nemeth, Bethany Hany, Sabrina Bowersett, Holly Welply, Heather Lewis and Mr. Hopkins

2. Reading/Acceptance of February 2018 minutes Motion to accept minutes was Holly W. and second was Susan C.

3. Communications

a. Guest Speakers- none

b. Correspondence- none

c. Principals report- Family Reading Night, Weds 3/7 @ 6pm

-Ashford School Spirit Week 3/13-3/16

Mon: Sports Team Day, **Tues:** Twinsies, **Weds:** Wacky **Thurs:** Throwback **Fri:** Green and Gold

-Invention Convention Regionals is March 21st- 15 students from Ashford

-School Dance for 7th and 8th grades is March 21st 6:30-8:30pm

-School Safety: The link below went out on k12 alerts and has tips for parents and teachers about talking to children about violence.

<http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers>

There is also an optional survey for students in 5-8 grades that is on the school website. Students can answer a few questions to help generate further discussions in either large or small settings. Please know that students can talk to their teachers as well as any school staff about their feelings or thoughts. The April 5th "Talks with Troy" will include a school safety theme and discussion. This meeting starts at 7:45 a.m. Also, Mr. Hopkins is available by email, thopkins@ashfordct.org, or phone (860) 429-6891, for conversations with parents or community members.

-Walk out plans for March 14th : There is a national student driven movement being organized to make a statement for safe schools. At 10:00am students who want to participate will walk into the hallways and have a moment of silence for 17 minutes to acknowledge the 17 lives lost in Florida. More info to come.

4. Committee chairs planning reports

a. Big Y - Kim Johnston 56 cards linked and earning points for Ashford School

b. Birthday books -Jen Recchia table

c. Book Fair -Lisa Hassett/Nicole Fusco/Bethany Hany May 14-17th

d Box Tops - Heather Lewis Spring total \$570, year total \$1112.30 Thank you!

e. Career Fair- Michelle Nemeth/Garrett Dukette table

f. Cultural Arts - Rebecca Haeger / Carly Imhoff table

g. Learning courtyard gardens- Michelle Nemeth table

- h. Leveled Reading Program - Susan Cunningham no new news
 - i. Library Champions - Sue Irvine table
 - j. Price Chopper Rewards-Pam King 2200 points, looking at options to spend for the school
 - k. Publicity -Kim Johnston table
 - l. Science Workshops -
Carly Imhoff/Gina Burnham/Dory Manfre/Kelly Knotts table
 - m. Spring Jamboree- Saturday 4/28/18 11-2, **The next meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 3/6/18 and 4/3/18 from 6:30-7:30 and will be in the Ashford School Library.**
 - n. Stop and Shop A+ Rewards- Nicole Fusco \$130.40 ends 3/15/18
5. Old Business
6. New Business PTO Expo in Marlborough, MA on May 1st from 9-2pm. Contact Heather Lewis if you are interested. (LewisHeatherD@hotmail.com)
- a. Treasurers Report table
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - Lyman Orchard Pie Fundraiser- sold 105 pies and received several donations for a total \$875 towards the cost of a new curtain
Delivery is on Monday 3/26/18. This is the Monday before Easter. Pick up will be from 3-6pm. All proceeds are going to replace the curtain on the stage.
 - Father Daughter Dance 3/3/18 Great turn out! 160 people, sold 625 raffle tickets: Total profit \$1800. Thank you to all of the volunteers and organizers!
 - c. Refreshments for next Meeting Michelle Nemeth
7. Items from the floor
8. Meeting adjourned 8:31pm

Next meeting is April 2nd 2018 at 7pm
in the school library.
Childcare will be available.