

Ashford Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting Agenda September 11th 2017

1. Call to order 7:04pm

In Attendance: Chonte' Fields, Heather Lewis, Susan Cunningham, Lisa Centola, Kristen Buch, Carly Imhoff, Susan Irvine, Nicole Fusco, Holly Welply, Michelle Nemeth, Sabrina Bowersett, Kim Johnston, Rebecca Haeger, Bev Duffy and Mr. Hopkins

2. Reading/Acceptance of August 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-

-How do we prepare kids to work and learn in a world that we do not even know what it will be? Our new mission statement is right in line with E.O. Smith's goals and encourages students to contribute to the world in meaningful ways while doing something that he/she enjoys.

-Afterschool programs will start the week of 9/18/17. See website for list of programs

-Looking forward to another year with the PTO and all that they do

4. Committee chairs planning reports

a. Big Y - table

b. Birthday books -Jen Recchia- table

c. Book Fair - 11/20-11/22 Mon-Weds

d. Box Tops - Fall Back to School Box Tops . Sheets sent home to try and collect 50 box tops from each student. Due 9/29

e. Career Fair- Michelle Nemeth/Garrett Dukette: table

f. Cultural Arts - Rebecca Haeger / Carly Imhoff: need committee members. Assemblies will take place 1st Friday of month.

Possible Assemblies are A Christmas Carol, Underground Railroad, Steel Drum, Music Technology. Please contact Rebecca Haeger with ideas or to volunteer in any way (rebeccaerik1@gmail.com)

g. Learning courtyard gardens - Michelle Nemeth, table

h. Leveled Reading Program - Susan Cunningham: Oct. 6th? Celebration of Summer Reading

i. Library Champions - Sue Irvine: Online form perhaps? Will have table at ice cream social and open houses

j. Publicity - Kim Johnston/Kevin VanRysseghem: PTO information is back on the school's website

k. Science Workshops - Carly Imhoff/Gina Burnham/Dory Manfre/Kelly

Knotts: table

I. Spring Jamboree- Saturday 4/28/18 (11-2pm) Planning meetings are the first Monday of the month before the regular PTO meeting from 6:30-7pm

6. New Business

a. **Treasurers Report:** Motion to change the Ice Cream Social line, this year only, from \$500 to \$300 was Holly W. second was Sabrina B. Motion to move the \$200 from the Ice Cream Social to the Science line was Holly W. and second was Sabrina B. Motion to accept the 2017-2018 Budget with the changes was Kristen B and second was Chonte' F.

b. Upcoming Events

-Fall Fundraiser- packets were sent home, deadline is 9/27

-Ice Cream Social 9/15/17- ice cream from UCONN

-Open House- 9/27/17 5th-8th grades and 9/28/17 1st-4th grades

6:30-7:30pm

c. **Stop and Shop A+ Rewards Program**-sign up your card to get Ashford School money

d. Refreshments for next meeting- Chonte' Fields

7. Items from the floor-

-Family Fun Day 9/24 Sunday- Bounce house needs volunteers to stand and watch for 30 mins intervals contact Kim Johnston at johnstonkim@msn.com

-Community Service with Eastern Students is 9/30 at Ashford School

8. Meeting adjourned 8:56pm

Next meeting October 2, 2017

@ 7pm in School library

Spring Jamboree Meeting 6:30-7

Childcare will be available