

ASHPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2020

Attendees: Diana Davis, Kathy Bates, Jill Fulhan, Kristine Kaveney, Anna Bukina

Welcome/sign in: Done

Topics with Kathy Silva (absent) and Kathy Bates from School Committee:

OWL Newsletter, Ask Student Services question – deferred with KS absent

New topics/concerns –

Therapy dog at AHS: Short discussion occurred about pending therapy dog match with adjustment counselor Jennifer Pavia-Shiels for student support at AHS. AEFI grant to cover dog therapy program.

Adaptive Physical Education: As the number of special education classrooms increases in Ashland, there is greater need for adaptive PE for an increasing number of students. Discussion started and included defining adaptive programs and staff needed to assist students. ASHPAC to investigate state guidelines/curriculum for adaptive PE.

ASHPAC:

Vote to approve meeting minutes –

October – DD initiated vote, AB seconded – DD, AB, JF voted unanimously in favor of passing minutes

November – KK initiated vote, DD seconded – KK, DD, JF voted unanimously in favor of passing minutes

December – KK initiated vote, AB seconded – KK, AB, JF voted unanimously in favor of passing minutes

Screenagers Event – ASHPAC board unable to attend. ASHPAC thanks coordinators for their planning for this event and noted coverage in local newspaper afterwards.

College Fair – Per KK it is scheduled for March 21st from 9a-1p. KK in communication with organizers and working with Deena Lavalley via list of colleges with disability programs to invite school representatives to the fair. If they cannot attend, plan is to ask for written materials to be sent.

APS Director of Finance and Operations interviews – Board members are unable to attend interviews but note importance of ASHPAC representation and thank APS for invitation to participate. DD to send RSVP declining invitation.

Preschool Open House - DD will attend if able and will ensure Sara Davidson has a slide for presentation.

FCSN Additional workshop planning – deferred.

ASHPAC Website – AB shared progress with website open for board members. Board discussed background graphics, introductions to each section, what is to be included in toolbar. Board to review and bring suggestions to next meeting. ASHPAC agendas and minutes are now stored on town website and do not need to be duplicated here. JF to inquire with town about minutes prior to ASHPAC being formally accepted by APS/School committee/Town of Ashland, how long and where to archive?

Treasurer Report – Per AB, no new updates. DD gave AB new WAITT donations.

ASHPAC Board role, bylaws, mission statement review/update – Mission statement update ideas presented by DD, discussion about need for updating each category ensued given changes in board size and adapting through recent years. It was also noted that goals need updating now and every year.

New topics/concerns – None

Meeting adjourned: 9:10pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 4th, 7pm, AMS