

## ASHPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes 4/4/18

Attendees: Kristine Kaveney, Jill Fulhan, Diana Davis, Caryn Kane, Elizabeth Souppa, Anna Bukina, Kathy Silva, Kathy Bates

Vote to approve meeting minutes: March 2018 minutes reviewed by board attendees, meeting attendees did not require/suggest any changes, JF initiated call to vote to approve minutes, call seconded. Unanimous vote made to approve Mar 2018 minutes.

School committee fundraising policy subcommittee sent draft of their policy to ASHPAC and invited ASHPAC to give input; informed Kathy Bates that JF and either DD or KK will attend rescheduled sub-committee meeting next Tues 4/10 with input collected from ASHPAC attendees after KB left.

OSS/ASHPAC subcommittee meeting attended 3/28 by KK, ES:

-ASHPAC appreciates Student Services support at Mindess KNO; ASHPAC is available to speak with parents and PTO about any support they can give to accommodate all students.

-Special Olympics recap on 3/28 and at this meeting: Overall, a fun event; largest # of Ashland students to date (27!); several AHS students (of 30 applicants) attended to help athletes; students all wrote heartfelt essays as to why they wanted this role; AHS created sign for side of athlete's bus to the Olympics to cheer them on; KS put out email and call to let town be aware of event; Holliston to host next year.

May Monthly Meeting conflict date: ASHPAC meeting currently set for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, town meeting is the same night for town vote regarding Mindess Elementary School Building Project. ASHPAC vote initiated, seconded, all in favor of new ASHPAC meeting date of Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. AB to change in ASHPAC web calendar, JF to change at town.

OWL: KS and DD to coordinate next Q&A, KS needs ASHPAC info by 4/23.

DBT/The Bridge parent talk rescheduled for Thursday 4/12 at 7pm at AMS. DD to make updated flyer for KS, JF will forward on listserv and KK will post to Facebook.

ASHPAC website via APS: KS spoke to Paul Carpenter who will look into it, KS will ask about linked APS email account as well. Further difficulties with current ASHPAC website occurring this month per AB.

Warren school psychologist: Anne Marie Choque started yesterday to cover remainder of school year.

Police emergency info: Per board request, KS will talk with Ed Burman about newer system to log Ashland resident emergency info that parents may give should an emergency occur at their home with their special needs child or other family/house member. KS and ASHPAC can then write this into OWL and/or make a resource list for parents.

Congratulations to Sara Davidson who has been appointed the new Director of the Pittaway Preschool in Ashland! She will begin her new role on July 1<sup>st</sup> which includes continuing to oversee IEPs for students in the preschool. A new Special Education Coordinator position will be posted for Warren School for K-2 and possible K-3 to assist with transition to Mindess School.

Fall IEP meetings/3 year re-evals: Suggestion made to KS to get approval for evaluations by end of previous school year so there is no delay in getting evaluations done and meetings complete in timely manner.

Basic Rights Workshop: Town/school/ASHPAC calendar is quite full for remainder of April/May. JF to speak with Leslie Leslie at FCSN if ok to direct families to other Basic Rights presentations and/or link them to presentation notes given ASHPAC's workshop had to be cancelled due to snow.

Educator Resource Library: Defer to May meeting.

DAET/POWER talk: A Positive Passion and Will – KK attended lunch (with community members including police, town manager and PTO) and lecture and provided synopsis, stating many people attended including parents whose children asked them to come; it was very well received and was a moving talk from a father who does not want other parents to go through what his family has. An important message was to 'find your life teammates' so you have someone to support you.

WAITT: DD working on thank you notes to businesses.

Sandwich Board Sign: Another frame has been damaged, this time by March storm. ASHPAC sign is intact but will need to share with other event signs given one less frame in town. JF emailed Board of Selectmen to see about additional frame(s) being built. Email response was positive but no indication of new frame at this time.

Speaker topics for 2018-19 School Year reviewed; list of 10 narrowed to 6 to focus on Sept, Oct, Nov, Mar, Apr, May of next year; Skip Dec, Jan, Feb to avoid snow cancellations; board to research topics and collect info/costs/availability and report back in May:

Basic Rights – JF

Transition from EI to IEP – JF (coordinate with other PAC?)

Anxious Kids/Anxious Parents – KK

Meet the Admin – KK (September)

Financial Planning – JF (rescheduled from this year)

College Planning - who?

Parent coffees to meet OSS staff during the winter months also discussed.

Future talk: Effective Communication via Bureau of SPED Appeals.

Resource List Development for website: Social Groups – CK; Safety (police/fire/ambulance) - ES

Twitter access – defer to May.

Treasurer's report – AB is working with DD to streamline check requests and receipts. ES to get necessary W-9 and invoice from May 'Friends' workshop speakers as soon as possible.

Scholarship – AB and DD working on check timelines. Need to confirm award presenter in May. Reminder to be sent out via AHS and ASHPAC website?

Fundraising: Locker organizers – early bird ordering due in by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Goal is to have ~95 in stock for 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation; KK/AMS have 19 (KK to confirm); could then order 5 boxes of 15. AB and DD working on check timelines. Other fundraising discussion deferred.

*Respectfully submitted:*

*Jill Fulhan*

*5/7/18*