

ASHPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes 5/7/18

Attendees: Kristine Kaveney, Jill Fulhan, Diana Davis, Caryn Kane, Elizabeth Souppa, Anna Bukina, Lorelei Mann (Kathy Silva/Office of Student Services and Kathy Bates/School Committee unable to attend)

Fundraising Policy School Sub-Committee meeting update: DD and JF met with this group to share ASHPAC recommendations after review of policy draft including support for equitable and fair enforcement of the policy with all related groups, consideration of all populations' abilities to access fundraiser when approving them, incentive prizes to go to groups vs. individuals, and how to gain approval for donations to fundraising groups vs. money earned in a fundraiser. ASHPAC was first group to meet with subcommittee.

OSS Sub-committee meeting: KK reported some team coordinators were absent. Upcoming preschool changes discussed including goal for fully integrated preschool with all teachers being SPED certified.

Superintendent's sub-committee meeting: cancelled.

Mindess feasibility study: Town meeting attendees voted in favor of it. May 15th town vote pending.

OWL: Next topic is related to Friendship and/or 'A Day in the Life' description of The Learning Center (currently at AMS/AHS and planned for Mindess). DD taking on robo call reminders to KS along with OWL.

DBT/Bridge Workshop on Mindfulness recap: AB and ES attended and described some of the tips learned including trying to validate children's emotions slowly (without a quick fix), avoiding the word 'but' which negates the words that surround it, stopping to focus on child and not being the busy-trying-to-do-everything-at-once parent, and decreasing excess technology in the home.

ASHPAC website – KS linked us to APS Director of Technology Paul Carpenter. AB has access to current website until 2020 to help merge current site/name into new one.

K-3 SPED Coordinator search committee: JF reported that several resumes have been reviewed and interviews are pending. Note: with newer administrative role of coordinators, they will work and be available over the summer as well.

Athletic Director search committee: KK reported that interviews are this week and next. AD reports to AMS and AHS principals. Key factor is for AD to have goal of and support for SPED/inclusion.

April 2018 meeting minutes: voted on and approved.

Scholarships: CK presented this year's 15 (!) applications. Board reviewed them, approved all pending 2 questions/clarifications for CK to ask AHS guidance director about. Given current budget and # applicants, board voted to allocate \$200 to each scholarship. CK to send out award letters and give names to AHS. DD and/or JF to attend graduation and present awards. Award recipient's program bills due to ASHPAC by August 1st.

Dyslexia Workshop Recap: Great turnout at 27 participants. Very well received, positive comments, knowledgeable speaker. ES to follow up and ask speaker to provide handouts for ASHPAC website.

Board decided to offer index cards at tables during all workshops for participants to ask questions with more anonymity should they choose such.

ASH PAC 2018-19 Board Elections: Current board stated preference to keep same positions. No one suggested a change. Board voted in new board with no changes from this year. Board also discussed dividing up tasks a bit differently however to make roles more efficient and redistribute time requirements. Immediate needs/assignments:

- 2018-19 Calendar (monthly meetings alternate Tues/Wed and workshops): ES
- Lighting the Way call for nominations: KK to send to JF for listserv
- New sandwich-board sign: board voted to replace due to new logo and weather wear: JF, DD

Speakers/Topics for next year:

- Basic Rights: JF
- Transition EI to IEP: JF (with Hopkinton, ?Holliston)
- Special Needs Financial Planning: JF
- Anxiety: KK
- Meet the Admin: KK
- College planning: all

Educator Resource Library: Set for a Fall Push, beginning at Meet the Admin in September.

Basic Rights in Special Education workshop: This Thurs 5/10 at the library. JF, KK, DD to attend.

Friendship and Social Coaching Workshop: next week, Wed 5/16 at AMS: ES ready.

Treasurer's Report: Workshop check is ready for pick up 5/16, check for locker organizers requested.

Outreach and Collaboration:

- Waitt: Per DD, checks received from Hanto, Ashland Pet Concierge and Marconi's.
Thank you notes pending.
- Ashland social worker:
Town has anew social worker who is also collaborating with APD.
KK to connect with SW (as well as discuss with Kathy Silva) about ASHPAC being a source of support and a resource for parents of children with special needs.

Twitter: ES to follow up.

Ashland Day – Saturday, Sept 15th: Board voted to participate again: JF to send application

Fundraising: Locker organizers ordered; JF to follow up on new idea

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Fulhan, ASHPAC co-chair/secretary