

Arnold Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting January 9, 2018

6:00pm

Arnold Elementary at Severn River Middle School Media Center

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Welcome & Introductions - Meeting began at 6:05pm
- II. Meeting minutes approved
- III. Guest speaker: Mr. Gardner, Physical Education Teacher
 - a. Review of space availability and time allocation for recess
 - b. We now have an auxiliary gym available for indoor recess
 - c. Dr. Recess visited the kids this year and taught “trouble-free playground” games.
 - d. Dads Rock Recess is a new program being implemented this year. Volunteer dads can come play games during recess. Contact algardner@aacps.org to volunteer.
- IV. Officer Reports:
 - a. President:
 1. Board of Ed public hearing meeting is this Thursday at 6pm.
 - b. Vice President:
 1. No report.
 - c. Treasurer:
 1. Current balance is \$27,640.40
 - d. Secretary: No communications to report.
- V. Principal’s Report:
 - a. Steel drum program was wonderful. Thank you to PTA for providing funding.
 - b. Construction of the new school is on schedule. The foundation has been poured and retaining wall built.
 - c. Arnold Elementary was renewed as a Wellness School of Distinction
 - d. Fourth grade classrooms have moved into the building and the room sizes are significantly larger and are similar to classroom sizes in our new building.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership-
 1. Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues. We have record numbers of paying members this year!
 - b. Family Fun-
 1. Literacy night was a huge success!
 2. Movie night is being planned.
 3. Other ideas: family fun run and spelling bee
 - c. Dad’s Club- no report
 - d. Teacher Appreciation-
 1. Our goal is to do something for staff appreciation once a month. Ideas welcome!
 - e. Unity Garden-
 1. Planning to install brightly-colored shutters when the weather improves.

2. A garden is being planned for the outdoor space between the portables and building.
- f. Instructional Volunteers- no report
- g. Fall Festival- no report
- f. Citizens Advisory Council- no report
- h. Assemblies-
 1. Possible future assemblies: Joe Romano and Einstein Alive
- i. Arnold Cares- no report
- j. Box Tops-
 1. Next due date is February 23rd
- k. Holiday Breakfast and Santa Shop-
 1. The event was well attended and a huge success!
- l. Mids for Kids-
 1. Will be starting the program again for this year.
- m. Snowflake Dance-
 1. Scheduled for February 23rd (March 9th is the snow date)
 2. Will take place in the Severn River Middle cafeteria
 3. Volunteers needed for set-up
- n. Mother/Son-
 1. Amy Rolland will be the new chair
- o. International Night-
 1. Will take place Friday, April 6th.
 2. Each homeroom has been assigned a country. Parents are encouraged to tie-in guest reader and guest artist activities to these countries.
 3. Take photos and save art projects during in-classroom activities
- p. 5th Grade Promotion- no report
- q. Yearbook- no report

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

1. Budget realignment discussion: we have more income than anticipated due to fundraisers and donations. Proposed additional funding to International Night, Family Fun, assemblies, and facility transition (recess equipment, etc.), and 30 more Chrome Books! Total Chrome Books provided this year by PTA is 57.

2. New budget approved.

IX. Announcements:

1. Thanks-a-latte to Katie Hedges for doing an amazing job with decorating for the Santa Shop!
2. Upcoming PTA meetings: March 13, May 8th

X. Adjournment: 7:05 pm