

Arnold Elementary PTA Board and Committee Meeting

October 20, 2015

6:00 – 7:50 p.m.

Arnold Elementary Media Center

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order / Welcome**
2. **Approval of September 24, 2015 Minutes**
3. **President's Report:**
 - a. Thank you sentiments were communicated to all volunteers, including the following:
 - i. Fall Festival
 - ii. Walk-a-thon
 - iii. Class parents
 - b. The Family involvement conference will be held on November 14th. See email regarding AACPS ORG
 - c. Next PTA Meeting will be held on January 12, 2016
4. **Vice President's Report:**

Using Pod Keeper and Sign Up Genius is working well, and has provided a streamlined process.
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Available net cash as of October 20, 2015 was \$ 18,348.18.
 - b. Walk-a-thon money is short ~1,500. Will be confirmed next month.
 - c. Fall Festival is ahead of budget.
 - d. If we have a shortfall in funds, it is possible there will be a decrease in grant fund for teachers' conference.
 - e. Request for Amazon Smiles to be promoted more for free easy money.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Fall Festival:** The Fall Festival was a success. The weather was ideal. A new chair is needed for 2016. A single Sign Up Genius event worked well for the entire event. The High School Honor Society volunteers were a great help.
 - b. **Walk-a-thon:** A new chair is needed for 2016. We were fortunate to have nice weather for the event. Looking for fun suggestions to enhance 2016 Walk-a-thon. Request not to have walk-a-thon during recess, and for volunteers to take kids from teacher for 30 minute intervals. Concern that the timing inundates families with request for donations. Suggestion to delay spirit wear and yearbook payment requests until after walk-a-thon event.
 - c. **Santa Breakfast:** No changes from 2014 Santa Breakfast. The event will include the same Santa and the same menu from 2014.
 - d. **Santa Shop:** Still looking for volunteers to shop for inventory. More items for the shop are needed. Shoppers will be reimbursed for items purchased.
 - e. **Cultural Arts:** A new chair is needed for 2016. The steel drums classes began this week. The concluding ceremony will be held on October 30th. The 3rd – 5th grades will meet perform for each other during assembly.
 - f. **Spirit Wear:** All spirit wear has been ordered for delivery.

- g. **Yearbook:** Requesting school photos for yearbook submission be uploaded via web links.
- h. **Box Tops/Labels:** Labels have been mailed for rewards on November 2nd. Mrs. Smith's class is in the lead. Volunteers are needed to assist with boxtop label counting.
- i. **Arnold Cares:** There are currently 30 children in need of assistance this year. Halloween costumes and treats are needed.
- j. **Meditation Garden:** A new bulletin board will be coming in the spring of 2016. Sponsored a fall festival booth. Master gardeners are available to present in class programs.
- k. **Snowflake Dance:** The Snowflake dance will be held on February 26, 2016. In case of inclement weather, the alternate date will be held on March 4, 2016.

7. Principal's Report:

Parent Workshop will be held on November 12, 2015.

- a. Open to all schools in the Broadneck Peninsula
- b. Theme for the workshop: "Healthy Living for the Busy Family"

8. New Business:

No new business

9. Announcements:

- a. The International Day is scheduled in May.
 - i. Date TBD
 - ii. Two chairpersons are needed.
- b. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Barnes & Noble Night December 14, 2015
 - ii. Chipotle Night for Admin/school January 12, 2016

10. Meeting Adjourned