

Arnold Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting May 8, 2018

6:00pm

Arnold Elementary at Severn River Middle School Media Center

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome & Introductions - Meeting began at 6:03pm

II. Meeting minutes approved

III. Officer Reports:

a. President:

1. If anyone is interested in attending County budget meetings, there is one on May 10th from 7-9pm at 44 Calvert Street, and another one on Monday 14th at North County High from 7-9pm. Contact Bonnie Palsa if you need more information: bonniepalsa@gmail.com.

b. Vice President:

1. We are looking for committee chairs for next year, everyone is welcome! We need fresh ideas, more parents willing to volunteer a little bit of time to make our school an amazing place. If you know anyone who would be interested in a leadership role with PTA, please let contact Megan Sar: megansar2@gmail.com

c. Treasurer:

1. Current balance is \$16,881.98

2. Committee chairs should start thinking about budgets for next year.

3. Deadline for submitting reimbursement requests is June 1st.

4. We need 3 volunteers to conduct an audit this Summer. Please email Kathi

Burroughs: kathipa@icloud.com.

d. Secretary: No communications to report.

IV. Principal's Report:

a. Our new school construction is on schedule (aerial photos were presented and will be attached to these minutes and posted on the FB group page).

b. Our artist-in-residency grant application is due soon and we're looking at a program called The Drawing Zoo.

V. Committee Reports:

a. Membership- No report

b. Family Fun- No report

c. Dad's Club- no report

d. Teacher Appreciation-

1. Renee Sherwood has been working hard with her committee to plan a full week of events to celebrate teachers.

2. Ms. Smith reported that teachers are very appreciative of all of the gifts and events.

e. Unity Garden-

1. There was a gardening event this past weekend and Dr. Zinder built some raised beds for planting.

f. Instructional Volunteers- no report

g. Fall Festival- no report

f. Citizens Advisory Council- no report

h. Guest Artist program-

1. Thank you to everyone who participated this year.

i. Assemblies and Artist in residence- no report

j. Arnold Cares- no report

k. Box Tops-

1. We've earned \$782 so far.

2. We were able to redeem the final supply of Labels for Education.

3. The last collection date is May 25th- please send in all Box Tops by then.

l. Mids for Kids-

1. The program is over and was successful.

2. Ms Smith reported that it was very helpful to the teachers.

3. A big thank you to the following parents who drove the mids back and forth to campus: Les Spanheimer, Kristy Fowlie, Tereza Belyna, and Noelle Chao!

m. Snowflake Dance- no report

n. Mother/Son-

1. A very successful event!

o. International Night-

1. Another amazing night!

p. 5th Grade Promotion- no report

q. Yearbook-

1. The yearbook was submitted to the publisher on time. They will be distributed the last week of school.

VI. Old Business:

1. Jennifer Hickey reported that the new BAE committee has compiled the results of the recent survey. We had 166 parents respond to the survey, which is close to 50% participation. The committee has met twice now.

2. Results of the survey were reviewed briefly during the meeting and will be sent out to all parents soon.

3. If you'd like to join the BAE committee please contact Jennifer Hickey or Jessica Snell-Johns.

VII. New Business:

1. None.

IX. Announcements:

1. The 5th grade promotion committee is working hard. More details about the ceremony will be sent out soon.

X. Adjournment: 7:19 pm

