

Arnold Elementary PTA Board and Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2011

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Welcome – Lisa Body
3. Approved September 2011 Minutes
4. Officer Reports:
 - a. President - discussed School Improvement Plan
 - b. Vice President – postponed for Committee reports
 - c. Treasurer - reviewed Walkathon numbers and indicated budget was off to a good start. Purchased 4 new Smartboards.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Fall Festival – There will be several new booths this year; Need between 2 to 4 booths coordinated; Need help and volunteers; Middle and High School students can earn community service hours; and A special thanks to Deb Manning, Karen Strandquist, Cathy Shaw and Wendy Bright for all of their hard work.
 - b. Cultural Arts – November 14th will be the first Assembly coordinated with the Artist and Residency program which is November 28th – December 8th; Footworks Dance Troop will have an Assembly for 2nd & 5th graders; and Character Yojo will lead an Assembly for 2nd graders on December 22nd regarding Eating Healthy.
 - c. Membership – This is now completed.
 - d. Other – Instructional Volunteer Update: Room Parent Flier has gone out; Guest Artist is complete; Guest Readers are short on some volunteers; Office help has been filled; Touchpebbles will be starting late due to the new curriculum; and Breakfast and Santa Shop is December 10th and they are in need volunteers and some space for the shop.
6. Principal's Report:
 - a. Thank you to everyone for the Walkathon. It was a wonderful event and success.
 - b. The new smartboards are very appreciated.
 - c. Thank you to hospitality group for setting up.
 - d. Help is needed with Ms. Basille for media, particularly on Tuesday.
 - e. The site for the Bullying Survey and the Climate Survey are available online (in the Tracker).
 - f. Parent visitation will be Friday, Veteran's Day (November 11th) since many parents have off that day. This will be included during American Education Week.

- g. Request from Mrs. Edwards for a Print Storage Rack at approximately \$118.00
 - h. To request a release form, please provide 30 days notice.
 - i. School Improvement Plan was reviewed. Preamble for Climate Outreach and Student Achievement. On the 4th Tuesday of the month a School Improvement Team Meeting will occur to discuss how they are doing. We would like to have student participation.
 - j. Dana Smith, School Counselor, had clarified that there is a misconception about bullying. It is targeted behavior that is reoccurring with the intent to harm.
 - k. A parent presentation is coming soon, particularly for the 5th graders.
7. Old Business:
- a. Citizen Advisory Committee to advise on legal issues that impact school; CAC vote next month; Structure of this committee has changed and in the past it was not part of the PTA but we would like to consider one.
8. New Business:
- a. Arnold School Improvement Plan – discussed at beginning of meeting.
 - b. Arnold PTA Master Calendar – get your dates in. Send dates to Karen Cassidy or Lisa Body.
9. Announcements:
- a. Thanks a latte to Walkathon Volunteers
10. Meeting Adjourned