

Arnold Elementary PTA Board and Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2012

7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approved May 2012 Minutes
4. Officer Reports:
 - President:
 - a. Overview of Survey: Goals and Opinions. Ninety-three responses (350 families at Arnold).
Academic Enhancement, After school enrichment, Visual Performing Arts and Campus Improvement were priorities.
 - b. PTA Goals for upcoming year:
 - Increase Communication
 - Consider PTA vs. PTO
 - Start “Destination Imagination”
 - Align budget with important tasks
 - Submit a survey with “wishes”
 - c. Will need a Nominating Committee for April 2013.
 - Vice President:
 - a. Most Committees covered.
 - b. Folders for committees are still developing.
 - c. Hope to cultivate next chairs.
 - Treasurer:
 - a. Finished in cash positive last Spring.
5. Principal’s Report:
 - a. Thank you for the Welcome. Want to have good communication and receive feedback.
 - b. Focus is Wellness – Mental, Physical and Emotional.
 - c. Common Core – There is a new director for Education. Will share more information as it is received.
 - d. Budget approval for feasibility study. First phase – 2.2 million from the School Board was approved. Must now go on to County Council for Approval.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership – 74 members. Hope there will be more to come. (260 members last year)

- b. WalkATHon – No chair. Lisa Body coordinated it. Successful again this year. Kids had fun and still accepting pledges. Next year Kerry Petz will Chair.
 - c. Enrichment – Going as planned. Missing some classes and parents would like to see them return (Cooking, Spanish).
 - d. Fall Festival – October 13th, 12:00 to 4:00. Need more involvement.
 - e. Cultural Arts – Assemblies this year:
 - October 5th – Joe Romano
 - December 21st – Pets / Self Motivation and Discipline
 - Looking for two more assemblies – February & April
 - Artist in Residency after Thanksgiving for 2nd and 4th grades
 - f. Giant/ Safeway – Looking for volunteers. \$4000 but think it could be more. Saving Safeway receipts from September 18th to 25th for extra bonus. 70 signed up for program so far (Last year there were 200).
 - g. Spirit Wear – Have taken orders and will be available at Fall Festival. Expect \$1000 profit. Shirts have been purchased for Staff.
 - h. Breakfast with Santa – Nothing to report at this time.
7. Old Business:
- a. No old business.
8. New Business:
- a. Budget Approval – reviewed budget and new items (Spirit Wear, Movie Night)
9. Announcements:
- a. Thanks a latte
 - b. Next Meeting October 9, 2012
10. Meeting Adjourned