

# Arnold Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting September 19, 2017

6:00pm

Arnold Elementary at Severn River Middle School Strings Room

## MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome & Introductions - Meeting began at 6:06 pm

II. Motion to waive approval of previous meeting minutes approved

III. Officer Reports:

a. President:

1. PTA's presence at Kindergarten Orientation and Sneak a Peek was a huge success- we provided coffee, snacks, and popsicles, as well as passed out membership forms.

2. Thank you to Renee Sherwood for coordinating the teacher appreciation brunch before school started.

3. There will be 2 task forces formed:

i. Questions and concerns about the transition space at Severn River Middle School should be directed to Renee Sherwood at [reneemsherwood@gmail.com](mailto:reneemsherwood@gmail.com). She will compile the emails and bring the concerns to the appropriate county representative.

ii. Anyone interested in raising funds for playground equipment should contact the Rathell Family at [afd359@gmail.com](mailto:afd359@gmail.com) or the Schuetter Family at [danaschuetter@gmail.com](mailto:danaschuetter@gmail.com)

4. PTA is planning to implement a speaker series for future meetings, 10-15 of school-related content of interest to parents. There may also be speakers planned for events outside of PTA meetings. Ideas for speakers and input on topics are welcome!

b. Vice President:

1. Volunteer forms are being collected and volunteers are being assigned to various PTA committees. They will be sent out later this week.

c. Treasurer:

1. Current balance \$21,526.97

2. Three auditors spent time over the summer conducting audits on the PTA budget.

3. If any chairs would like information about spending or budget from previous years, please contact Kathi Burroughs as she retains this information on file.

4. The budget will be sent to the Maryland and Anne Arundel County PTA once approved.

5. The PTA has applied for a grant for artist in residence.

d. Secretary: No communications to report.

IV. Principal's Report:

a. Artist in Residence program is returning with the steel drums program. PTA and grants help cover the cost.

b. The transition to the middle school has gone well so far, everyone is getting into a new routine, parents and teachers are being supportive, will try to keep the same small community spirit.

c. The old school has been demolished and construction is on schedule.

d. The interior design color board and finish selections were shared with those in attendance.

## V. Committee Reports:

a. Membership- no report

b. Family Fun-

1. Chipotle Fundraiser Night will be December 12th

2. Several ideas in the works such as Family Literacy Night, Movie Night, and Family

Fun Run

c. Dad's Club-

1. Exploring the possibility of bringing in dads to volunteer during gym class, similar to guest reader and guest artist program

d. Teacher Appreciation-

1. Surveys from teachers will be distributed to room parents

e. Walk-a-thon-

1. To be held on October 5th

2. All donations are tax-deductible. Receipts can be acquired from the treasurer, or via email if the donation is made online.

3. Students should wear their blue Arnold Elementary t-shirts

4. Proceeds fund the majority of PTA's budget and pay for things such as Chrome books, buses for field trips, backpack hooks for classrooms, etc.

f. Instructional Volunteers-

1. Room parents are still needed for the following classes: Fastige, Kennedy, McInerney, Coffey, and Curry

2. This year there will be room parents for "specials" teachers as well.

g. Fall Festival-

1. To be held on October 14th, 12-3pm

2. Location is Severn River Middle School field

f. Citizens Advisory Council-

1. Contact Jessica Snell-Johns with any questions or concerns: [snelljohns@yahoo.com](mailto:snelljohns@yahoo.com)

h. Assemblies-

1. Will hold about 3 assemblies this year

2. First one scheduled is Dr. Recess

i. Arnold Cares-

1. Currently putting together a list of community needs. Email Alice Bowman to be added to the sign up list. [aabowman9@gmail.com](mailto:aabowman9@gmail.com)

j. Box Tops-

1. Raises extra funds for the PTA, \$1500/year on average

2. Box Tops can be sent in with students anytime, but there will be 3 main collection dates this year.

3. Volunteers needed to count and sort

k. Holiday Breakfast and Santa Shop-

1. To be held on Saturday December 2nd in the morning

2. Location is Severn River Middle School cafeteria

3. Volunteers needed to shop! Email Jen Hetherington at [jjeenn00@yahoo.com](mailto:jjeenn00@yahoo.com)

l. Mids for Kids-

1. Will start the 1st week of October

2. Mrs. Pfaff is the staff coordinator

3. Volunteers will be needed to drive midshipmen from the Naval Academy to Arnold

Elementary. Email Jen Hetherington at [jjeenn00@yahoo.com](mailto:jjeenn00@yahoo.com)

m. Snowflake Dance- no report

n. Mother/Son- no report

o. International Night- no report

p. 5th Grade Promotion- no report

q. Yearbook- no report

r. Bike to School Day-

1. To be held October 4th

2. There will be 2 routes led by police: one starting at Pines on the Severn and the other at Asbury United Methodist Church

3. Sign ups will go out soon

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

a. Budget was explained and reviewed by Treasurer Kathi Burroughs

b. The budget was approved

VIII. Announcements:

a. Upcoming PTA meeting dates are November 14th and January 9th

b. "Thanks a latte" gift cards are going to the 3 budget auditors from this Summer

IX. Adjournment: 7:30 pm