

# **Arnold Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting November 12, 2018**

6:00pm

Arnold Elementary at Severn River Middle School Media Center

## **MINUTES**

I. Call to Order/Welcome & Introductions - Meeting began at 6:05pm

II. Previous meeting minutes approved

III. Guest Speaker: AACPS Board of Ed Citizen Advisory Council Representative of the Broadneck Cluster: Morgan Van Arsdall

a. The CAC acts as a liaison between our school community and the Board of Education.

b. If you have concerns about district or county-wide policies, please feel free to contact

Morgan via email: [broadneck1cac@gmail.com](mailto:broadneck1cac@gmail.com)

IV. Officer Reports:

a. President:

1. Board of Education meeting is on Wednesday night and they are voting on next year's school calendar. Please attend if you are interested.

2. We are in need of volunteers to fill the PTA board positions for the next 2 years: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please email Bonnie Palsa if you are interested and need more information.

b. Vice President:

1. The online Directory has been successful and more people have signed up since the last email and newsletter went out.

c. Treasurer:

1. Current balance \$28,411.13

2. Audit has been mailed and all bills have been paid.

3. Our PTA was able to make a gift to Severn River Middle School to purchase a new picnic table for in front of the school, to thank them for letting us use their building for the last 2 years.

d. Secretary: No communications to report.

V. Principal's Report:

a. Mrs. Kauffman was absent due to a training class, but encouraged anyone to email her or Bonnie if you have any questions or concerns.

VI. Committee Reports:

a. Membership- no report

b. Family Fun-

1. We are still looking for someone to volunteer for this position. Please email Bonnie or Megan if you're interested.

2. We may have a movie night in the Winter.

c. Staff Appreciation-

1. October we provided donuts and coffee.

2. We plan on holding a luncheon in the teachers lounge in December.

d. Unity Garden-

1. We did 7 garden tours for the kindergarten and 1st grade students.
2. We are already starting to think about moving next year and having another garden sale from the raised beds at the end of the year.

e. Walkathon-

1. We met our goal (\$10,500) and exceeded it by raising over \$18,000! This is a school record!
2. Thank you to our parent volunteers on the day of the event.
3. The classrooms that raised the most money will have popcorn and pizza parties to celebrate.

f. Fall Festival-

1. The festival was a huge success despite the rain. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered.

g. Box Tops-

1. First round of collections went great!

h. Holiday Breakfast and Secret Shop-

1. To be held on Saturday December 1st in the morning
2. A sign-up genius will be going out soon for volunteers.
3. We need volunteers to help set up a display to represent other holidays other than Christmas.

i. Mids for Kids-

1. Everything is going well and they have plenty of drivers.

j. Snowflake Dance- no report

k. Mother/Son- no report

l. International Night- no report

m. 5th Grade Promotion- no report

n. Yearbook- no report

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

- a. Bonnie proposed re-starting a Veteran's Day assembly next year when we're in our new building.

IX. Announcements:

- a. Our next PTA meeting date for January has not been set yet but will be posted soon.
- b. If anyone knows of a good speaker for a future PTA meeting, let us know.
- c. "Thanks a latte" is going to Chris for taking on the Fall Festival chair position.

X. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.