

General Meeting Minutes

Neil Armstrong Parent Teacher Organization

Date: October 16, 2012

Location: Neil Armstrong Cafeteria

Committee Attending: Paul Antinelli, Roxanne Henry, Jennifer Zugnoni, Lisa McGary, Holly Catalano, David LaForce II, Dawn LaForce, Jennifer Ahlstrom, Jacqueline Yates, Brian Amesbury, Kristin Kruspe

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

Meeting minutes from September were passed out to those in attendance.

Movie Night

This years movie will be Madagascar 3. Teachers will have flyers for distribution this Friday along with volunteer forms. Borrowing popcorn machine from Brassers school and it will be picked up on November 1st. Will need volunteers to start popping popcorn at 4 pm. The movie will be in the cafeteria. Also, we will be raffling off the pasta baskets from the Fall Family Picnic.

Treasurer Report

Announced that the 501c3 was approved. We now need to file taxes that show that we don't profit from anything. Proposed with the Variance Fund to buy a popcorn machine for the school instead of borrowing or renting one every time we need one. Requesting up to \$700 dollars to purchase one, including a warranty plan. Sue Gould recommends exploring purchasing one but suggests putting it off until the end of the year in case some unexpected expenses come up. The Family Picnic money that wasn't used went into a Variance Fund so it was suggested that we use that to purchase the popcorn machine. We easily spend up to \$400 dollars a year on just renting one. Vote was taken on buying a popcorn machine - 16 voted yes, 0 voted no.

Fundraising Report

Raised \$313 from the Friendly's fundraiser. There will be another fundraiser at Friendly's again sometime during the school year. Possibility of using Friendly's for the end of year celebration also. Friendly's is also rolling out a new fundraising program this year so there is a possibility of doing an ice cream social over the summer. Mrs. McGary informed us that she signed Neil Armstrong up at Tops Markets for their fundraising. Also looking to do a fundraiser with Wendy's. They would be coupon sheets and selling 250 sheets of coupons would give us a \$300 profit. Will be sending an interest sheet home soon to see if people would be interested in buying/selling these since they would make great stocking stuffers.

Principal's Report

The climbing wall is here, but we are just waiting on a date for installation. The Board of Education meeting is next Tuesday. Mrs. McGary encourages everyone to attend because it's our way of showcasing the school. 5th grade student, Caleb, will be performing on the piano along with one of his teachers (Caleb is teaching his teacher how to play the piano!). Mugs along with star wrapped chocolate with beautiful sayings from some of the Neil Armstrong students about what is an Armstrong Star are being given to the board members. Red Ribbon Week is coming up next week. The costume parade will be on Friday of Red Ribbon Week this year. It's distanced a little from Halloween so the kids who don't participate in Halloween don't feel excluded and the costume ideas are suppose to be expressions of health choices, imagination etc.

Volunteer Coordinators Report

We would like to thank everyone who volunteers. We have some great volunteers for all the teachers this year. The general population is good about submitting their minutes to the Volunteer Coordinators, but the Executive Members need to submit theirs. Meetings do not count as volunteer hours nor does going on one of your child's field trips. It is crucial to submit your hours because if you achieve over 100 hours of volunteering you get a Presidential award.

New Business

Tentative night for Family Fun Night is March 1, 2013. Shirts, pants and underwear are needed for the nurse's supply office. Unisex colors please and there is a special need for sizes 8/10. Tracy Dalykas can get some from the Salvation Army. Sue Gould presented for CSIC and mentioned how they are working on a lot of topics including how to get parents to vote, budgets, use of technology, middle school schedule and their transition from elementary school to middle school and middle school to high school and also the impact of full day kindergarten.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 6th at 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm