

# **General Meeting Minutes**

## **Neil Armstrong Parent Teacher Organization**

**Date:** March 5, 2013

**Location:** The Launch Pad Cafe

**Committee Attending:** Paul Antinelli, Jennifer Zugnoni, Lisa McGary, Holly Catalano, David LaForce II, Dawn LaForce, Jennifer Ahlstrom, Jacqueline Yates, Laurie Ashodian, Phil Ortilani, Kristin Kruspe, John Moore and Tracy Dalykas

**Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm**

### **Principal's Report**

Update on school safety. Met with Chief Dicaro from Gates Police. There will be a school safety team set up. Will be working with Chief Dicaro or a member of his team. Wants a police officer to walk through the school with her to give her ideas of what needs to be done (Site Assessment). Took an online Fema class and so did Mrs. Ashodian. What was learned that everyone needs to know is #1 Get out, if you can't then #2 Hide, if you can't, then #3 Fight with all you have. Requested that a school map to be put up at every exit door. March 19th there is an Active Shooter class that several staff members will be attending. Advises parents to take the Fema class also because an incident could happen anywhere, not just at a school. Parent has a question about if the district has done a cost analysis about adding security in all schools. Mr. Padula is here at Neil Armstrong every morning assisting with the traffic issues at drop off time and there is someone else that assists in the afternoon.

Discussed Redistricting. There is no report on the district website yet. It has been a long time coming. Neil Armstrong has the largest enrollment, at 550 students. Paul Road has 540, Disney has 525 and Brassier has 225. The Board did approve a timeline for redistricting. The English Language Learning Students will return to Neil Armstrong. We are losing about 115 students and will be taking back about 40 from Brassier from the ESL program. We are looking at saying goodbye and hello to students. We all need to talk about it. Looking to form a parent group to talk about ideas to make the transition easier for everyone. PTO nominations, we should know before voting occurs if redistricting will affect nominations. Question was raised by a parent about what would happen with students that have special services. Will try to set up a timeline for notifying parents with children with special services. would like to set up visits to the new school for students that are moving. Want to work with families and get them to realize that redistricting really is for the benefit of the kids. Presentation is key of delivering the message. Still working on ideas but may want to set up parent ambassadors, tours during the summer and PTO to possibly host an ice cream social over the summer of have a family fun night.

### **Movie Night**

Will be showing Wreck It Ralph on Friday, March 22 at 7pm in the Launch Pad Cafe. If interested in volunteering to help there will be forms sent home this friday in the friday folders or you can check out the PTO website and click on the volunteer link. There will be coffee supplied for parents this time.

### **New Business**

There will be a fundraiser at Chuck E Cheese on Thursday, March 28th from 4 pm to close at the Greece location.

Relay for Life will be held on June 7th from 5-10 pm. It's a charitable event for cancer. There are 14 million cancer survivors! Mrs. Swierk has a sign up sheet for those interested in joining the Armstrong Team or having a team of their own to help raise money.

For anyone who wishes to have something posted on the website (upcoming events, results from fundraisers, box top information, photos of past events etc) send information to [support@neilarmstrongpto.org](mailto:support@neilarmstrongpto.org). Mr. Antinelli will also pass this information over to staff members so they use it too.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm - School Budget will be presented.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 pm**