

General Meeting Minutes

Neil Armstrong Parent Teacher Organization

Date: May 20, 2013

Location: The Launch Pad Cafe

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

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m.

The Nominating Committee - (Sarah Beers, Jacqueline Yates, Missy Horne and Lisa McGary) handed out the ballots to everyone so voting could take place 1st so they had enough time to tally the votes before the end of the meeting.

S.I.T. Committee - They will be sending a survey around to parents regarding parents awareness regarding things that take place at Neil Armstrong (such as Code of Ethics, The Armstrong Stars Certificates, The Blast Off Event). Just want to make sure parents know all the exciting things that are happening at their child's school.

Financial Requests

Mrs. Simonetti from the Parade Committee is requesting \$500 towards the float for the parade on June 29th. There is approximately \$100 in her scholarship fund left over and the PTO Variance Fund has some money also. It was proposed to use \$400 of the Variance Fund and reallocate the \$100 from the scholarship fund. Votes - 15 yes, 0 no. Also, Mrs. Simonetti is looking for some volunteers to assist so if anybody is interested they should email her.

The 5th grade field trip to Seabreeze has a deficit of \$315. Vote needed to take the money from the Variance Fund to pay for it. Votes - 15 yes, 0 no.

Principal's Report

The last day of school is Tuesday, June 18th because of no snow days this year. Also, don't forget to vote for the school budget on Tuesday, May 21st from 6 am to 9 pm at the high school.

Treasurer's Report

We are looking very good this year. It looks like we will have around a \$9,618 surplus this year with a potential of starting the year with \$14,000. This is largely because of us being a 501c3 organization now which gives us access to a lot more funding opportunities.

Fundraising Report

There is a Barnes and Noble Fundraiser on Friday, June 21st and more info will be coming home on that in the next few weeks. We will also be having an ice cream social at Friendly's on Thursday, July 25th. Our last fundraiser of the summer will be at Yolickity which will be from August 11th to August 17th. Yolickity gives our organization 20% of the sales and allows it to be a week long so it gives people more of an opportunity to attend if they choose to. There will be a fundraising calendar going home at the end of the year so parents know when events are taking place over the summer. It was also suggested to add a "no obligation clause" to all our fundraising flyers. We do not expect everyone to attend all the fundraisers that are offered throughout the year. We offer different ones at different times because not everyone likes the ones that are being offered at that time or can not make the date that is selected. Fundraising is essential because the PTO pays for all the students at Neil Armstrong to go on field trips without parents having to send in money for their child to attend. It also allows us to fund the movie nights etc that are offered throughout the year without having to charge families at the door. We thank you for all your help/participation with fundraising!

Miscellaneous Items

Box Tops - We just received a check for \$924.34. Our YTD is \$2700. Paul Road Elementary made \$3300 last year and are around \$3100 this year so Neil Armstrong is really getting up there so please keep sending in those box tops!!

We are also looking for some suggestions on how to get parents to start attending the PTO meetings. Someone suggested the possibility of having cyber meetings. If anyone has any suggestions at all please feel free to send them in to PTO.

Nomination Results for the 2013-2014 school year:

Co-Presidents: Paul Antinelli and Dave LaForce

Co-Vice Presidents: Laurie Ashodian and Jacqueline Yates

Treasurer: Roxanne Henry

Co-Secretaries: Dawn LaForce and Jen Zugnoni

Co-Volunteer Coordinators: Jen Ahlstrom and Karen Lynch

School Improvement Team: Missy Horne and Evelyn Yagnow

Webmaster: Dave Ahlstrom

Box Top Co-Coordinator: Val Kohls and Tracy Dalykas

Co-Fundraising Chairs: Tracy Dalykas and John Moore

Family Picnic Chairpersons: John Moore, Roxanne Henry and Evie Albano

Coordinators for Family Nights: Dawn LaForce, Evie Albano, Heidi Bacchetta and Jen Zugnoni

School Wear Co-Coordinator: Glenn Pittman and John Moore

Yearbook Co-Coordinator: Karen Lynch and Glenn Pittman; Faculty Yearbook Advisor: Sarah Beers

Next Meeting: See you in September! Date and time TBA.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Dawn LaForce