

General Meeting Minutes
Neil Armstrong Parent Teacher Organization

Date: September 30, 2015

Location: The Launch Pad Café

Committee Attending: Lisa McGary, Dave LaForce, Dawn LaForce, Glenn Pittman, Jen Ahlstrom, Dave Ahlstrom, Sara Beers, Denise Stade, Jeannine Bezon, Dawn Otto, Tracy Dalykas, Jessica Nunez, Rachel Sage, Holly Catalano, Carla Bartello, Tara Preteroti

Meeting Called to order at 7:10 p.m.

General Information: Dave LaForce welcomed all to meeting. Introductions of all in attendance followed. The need for continued support of the PTO through parent and teacher participation is integral. Dave shared the use of social media to increase parent participation when they cannot attend meetings in person. Dave is looking at the possibility of live feed of the general meeting to put on website. The feed can be made private with invitation only on a Periscope Twitter account. Parents can watch the live feed and would have the opportunity to type a question live to PTO. Budget will be voted on at next meeting.

Dave Ahlstrom spoke about the PTO website, neilarmstrongpto.org, which provides updated information about all areas of PTO. The PTO dates are available in the family handbook (on-line).

District Improvement Team: Focus of the DIT and the Neil Armstrong SIT this year is parent programming and involvement of parents within the schools. Three specific dates will be announced to invite parents to programming at Neil Armstrong based around information that will be provided by our District Improvement Team.

Fundraiser: ETC books are being picked up during and after the PTO meeting. Sign up for Shoparoo which has already netted PTO \$38.43.

Fall Fandango: Fall costume parade event on Friday, October 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. Flier will be coming home.

Yearbook: In the process of pricing companies. All students will get an autograph book as per School Improvement Team initiative.

Craft show: Craft show will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fliers will go home, basket raffles, need for PTO participation.

Principal's Report: Mrs. McGary is now on Twitter. Follow Neil Armstrong at [neilarmstronges](#). Mrs. McGary spoke about the new volunteering process. The new volunteer requirements include completing an application, scanning identification through Mrs. Candileri, and Board approval of volunteers. The next Board approval date is October 13.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 19 at 7:00 in the Launch Pad Café.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Dawn Otto and Denise Stade