



# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 29, 2017

## Administration Update

- Fundraising dollars from last year were set aside for a Makers Lab (a lego and robotics room that will be in one of the portables)
  - There was a delay due to A/C issues, but the plan is to get everything set up and have the room operational right after winter break
- 2017 funds are going to a new playground that will be located near the other covered awning in the back field
  - Mr. Aldridge is getting quotes on the equipment. Stone Lakes had a new playground installed last year and the price was just under \$30,000. He anticipates a similar price for us.
  - The goal is to install before the end of the school year so that all students that contributed to Boosterthon this year can enjoy the new playground

## Givebacks

- “Specials” departments were given \$450 each to purchase needed equipment
  - P.E.: a TV
  - Music: drums and mallets
  - Art: easels and other art supplies
- Teachers were eligible for a \$50 grant from the PTO
  - Must be a PTO member and submit a receipt of purchased classroom supplies
  - To date, there have been 26 grant requests and 5 receipts submitted

## Boosterthon

- We received a profit of \$36,405 this year
  - Only 5 or 6 unpaid pledges
- A survey will be coming out in January to get feedback on Boosterthon and possible fundraising alternatives
- Making a switch to another fundraiser that does not raise \$35,000 would mean:
  - Teachers will no longer receive grants
  - There will be a charge for dances
  - Price will increase for the carnival

## **Website**

- If you haven't already, check out our website, [MarinersPTO.com](http://MarinersPTO.com)
- Merchandise is available online
- New item ideas discussed:
  - School car magnets
  - Hats (possibly have hat days, where students pay \$1 to wear hat (Check with Mr. Aldridge on this))
  - Hobo bags
  - Teacher Appreciation gifts

## **Carnival**

- We still need a chairperson for food that will oversee the bake sale and vendors
- We could use help with sponsors and donations for our auction. There is a donation form on the PTO website at [MarinersPTO.com/documents](http://MarinersPTO.com/documents)

## **Upcoming Spirit Events**

- Candy Grams, December 11-14
  - Saw record sales in October and are profitable for the PTO (over 1,500 sold, with less than a \$200 investment)
  - Feedback was that sending the form home was convenient for parents
- Chuck E. Cheese, January 11
- Skate Night, April 20
- PTO will be hosting another event at KT Artistry in April. This one will feature a Mother's Day craft.

## **Spirit Sticks**

- The PTO will begin selling Spirit Sticks after winter break
- PTO will provide all students with a key ring and a custom Avalon Elementary stick
- Sticks will be sold once a month during the day for \$1 each (teachers will send students to the lobby to purchase at scheduled times, similar to the Book Fair)
- Teachers may also give students sticks as rewards

## **Yearbook**

- Everything is running smoothly. You can email group pictures (2 or more students) to [AvalonElementaryYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:AvalonElementaryYearbook@gmail.com)

## **Mother Son Dance**

- DJ is booked for the Mother Son dance. This year's dance will have a pirate theme.

**The next General Meeting will be Wednesday, January 31 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria.**



## 2017-2018 Events

<b><u>PTO Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date/Time</u></b>
Candy Gram Presale	Monday-Friday, December 11-14
Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night	Thursday, January 11, 3-9 p.m.
Mother Son Dance	Friday, January 19, 6:30-8 p.m.
PTO General Meeting	Wednesday, January 31, 9:30 a.m.
Candy Gram Presale	Monday-Friday, February 5-8
Spring Carnival	Thursday, March 15, 4-8 p.m.
Skate Night	Friday, April 20, 6-8 p.m.
PTO General Meeting (Elections)	Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 p.m.