



BETSY ROSS ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

PTSO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

PTSO Officers in Attendance: Kattie Konno-Leonffu, President

Other Attendees: Shawn True, Lou Tanyu, Lisa DeRiu, Tamika Baines, Tiffani Smith, Jane, Aislinn

A. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. Mr. True's Corner:

- Mr. True submitted a \$400.00 reimbursement request to the BRAMS PTSO for the *Introduction to Traditional Indonesian Dance* presentation and workshops for the 8th grade dance class. This enrichment program started today and will continue through next week.
- Our BRAMS Open Houses and Shadow Days went well. We have another Shadow Day at the end of the month.
- Application deadline is this Friday and School Placement Process will occur on 3/31/15.
- Science CMTs will take place tomorrow for 5th and 8th grade students.
- Rehearsals for April 9's *James and the Giant Peach* are ongoing.
- 6th and 7th grade students will be attending a Cyber Bullying Program in school.

C. Secretary Report: Yolanda Vega was not present, but last meeting's minutes were emailed to Kattie.

- The minutes were read from the February 25, 2015, meeting and approved.

D. Treasurer's Report: Kattie Konno-Leonffu

- See attached treasurer's report for February 2015, accepted and approved.
- 2015-2016 Student Planners have been ordered to take advantage of early discounts.

E. Fundraising

1. **Spirit Wear:** Kattie will look into the cost of adding fitted T-shirts and hoodies to our current line of Spirit Wear merchandise.
2. **Mixed Bags:** The Mixed Bags fundraiser was a great success. We raised a profit of \$1,716.37. We are expecting orders to be delivered within 2-3 weeks.
3. **Spirit Wear:** An additional \$190 in Spirit Wear was sold at Report Card Night.
4. **Box Tops for Education:** Ms. Adams is actively collecting Box Tops. Instead of holding a monthly contest awarding a \$5 Subway gift card to the student who brings in the most, we will be awarding a pizza party to the class that brings in the most Box Tops by the end of the school year. This was a terrific idea suggested by one of our students present at our meeting. Tiffani will be creating a flyer for this.
5. **Otis Spunkmeyer:** Kattie is contacting our Rep. to reserve our spot for the fall. We are considering running this fundraiser twice a year since it is such a big hit.

F. Upcoming Events

1. **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon:** Teacher Appreciation Week is 5/4 – 5/8. We would like to hold the luncheon on Wednesday, May 6. Darcee has some contacts for flowers and lunch. She will get us prices to compare with what we've spent in the past.
2. **Eighth Grade Theatre Trip to NY:** Wednesday, June 10th.
3. **Eighth Grade Dance:** The tentative date is Friday, June 12. Mr. True is finalizing the details.
4. **Field Day:** Monday, June 15 from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. Ms. Baines is currently looking for parent volunteers to help with Field Day activities. Kattie has sent out an email to parents on our BRAMS

PTSO contact list asking for volunteers. A few parents have already signed up to volunteer. Ms. Baines also submitted a \$1,000 request for our BRAMS PTSO to fund the rock wall rental as part of one of the Field Day activities.

G. Old Business

H. New Business

1. **Parent Volunteers for Recess:** We are looking into asking for parent volunteers to help with recess in the upcoming 2015-2016 school year.
2. **8th Grade Student Lock-In:** A student present at the meeting presented the idea of holding a lock-in during 8th Grade Week. Mr. True will look into the feasibility of doing a lock-in in the school's gym.
3. **History Day Competition:** Ms. Deriu talked about the History Day Competition that will take place at Wilbur Cross High School on Saturday, March 22 from 8:30am – 2pm. Students in grades 6th-12th will be showcasing and presenting their historical topic research projects.
4. **Last Day of School:** Currently June 22.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2015

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 p.m. and was passed unanimously.