



## BETSY ROSS ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

### PTSO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

**PTSO Officers in Attendance:** Kattie Konno-Leonffu, President, Victoria Gaughan, Vice-President

**Other Attendees:** Shaw True, Lisa DeRiu, Darcee LoPresti, Joann Lucas, Tiffani Smith, and Lou Tanya

**A. Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting was called to order by Kattie Konno-Leonffu at 6:03 p.m.

**B. Mr. True's Corner**

- Mr. True talked about gift cards to welcome our new staff this school year.

**C. Secretary Report:** Victoria Gaughan

- The minutes were read from the May 14, 2014, meeting and approved.

**D. Treasurer's Report:** Kattie Konno-Leonffu

- See attached treasurer's report for September 2014, accepted and approved.
- See proposed 2014-2015 PTSO Operating Budget (in treasurer's report), accepted and approved.

**E. Fundraising**

- 1. Fall Scholastic Book Fair:** Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will run from October 6-10. Nedra Rutherford has volunteered to chair the Fall Scholastic Book Fair. Victoria Gaughan has contacted a few parents who wished to volunteer to help with the book fair. She will pass along all of their information to Nedra.
- 2. OTIS Spunkmeyer (Cookie Dough) Fundraiser:** Kattie Konno-Leonffu will chair this year's OTIS fundraiser. The fundraiser will run from October 20-November 3, 2014 with delivery of items tentatively scheduled for Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Joann Lucas volunteered to help with handing out flyers and collecting the orders. When the orders are delivered, we will need many volunteers to help check and distribute the orders to students/parents.
- 3. Spirit Wear:** Kattie Konno-Leonffu will double check all of the pre-orders and send in the final order for printing. Due to the large number of pre-orders, we will be able to keep the prices the same this year for all Spirit Wear items.
- 4. Spring Mixed Bag Fundraiser:** Lisa Sadowski had expressed an interest in chairing this fundraiser. Kattie will contact Lisa to see if she is still interested in chairing the Spring Mixed Bag Fundraiser.
- 5. Free Cash/Merchandise Programs:** Tiffany Smith has volunteered to help with the Box Tops. Maria Piasecki has been adding any Stop & Shop and/or Shop Rite membership card numbers that we have received from parents. Mr. True mentioned that there is a Comcast program to earn free Internet time. We should get more information on this program.
- 6. Other Possible Fundraisers for 2014-15 School Year** – Kattie asked if we would like to do the Taste Books fundraiser again this year. Darcee LoPresti suggested selling the Kid Stuff Coupon Books instead. It would be a nice variation from the coupons in Taste Book. Kid Stuff has a lot more kid friendly coupons that more parents can use. Everyone agreed this was a nice alternative. Darcee has volunteered to chair the Kid Stuff Coupon Book Fundraiser. Kattie brought a School-A-Thon brochure featuring the Color-A-Thon fundraiser which can be added to a school event (Walk-a-Thon, Field Day, etc.) or run on it's own. Schools can make up to a 70% profit from this. Kattie will get more information on this.

**F. Executive Board Positions** – Kattie Konno-Leonffu will be stepping up as PTSO President. Victoria Gaughan will remain as Vice President. Lisa Sadowski has expressed an interest in taking on the Secretary position, but was not present at this meeting. Kattie will also be acting as Treasurer until we find someone who would like to volunteer for this position.

**G. BRAMS PTSO Meeting Schedule** – Kattie Konno-Leonffu presented for approval our meeting dates for this school year. The attached 2014-2015 PTSO Meeting Schedule was approved and passed.

**H. Old Business**

**I. New Business**

**1. Open** - There was no new business to discuss.

**Next Meeting**

To be determined: Wednesday Dec. 10, 2014 or Wednesday Jan. 14, 2015

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:12 p.m. and was accepted.