



## BETSY ROSS ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

### PTSO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

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

**Other Attendees:** Shawn True, Darcee LoPresti, Joann Lucas and Yolanda Vega

**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 the first marking period which ended 10/31/14. Report Card Night will be next Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 6pm. Report Card Night is a time for parents to pick up report cards and have brief conferences on a first come/first serve basis.
- No classes on 11/11/14 and early dismissal on 11/26/14.
- Project Pride will be hiking at Sleeping Giant and the musical group Spizzwinks will be performing for select students.
- The school is currently looking for a certified FT Music Choral Instructor.
- PBIS program is up and running and there will be raffle baskets available at Report Card Night.

**C. Secretary Report:** Victoria Gaughan

- The minutes were read from the October 8, 2014, meeting and approved.
- Parent information from communication forms is being entered in to a database. Kattie and Maria Piasecki will match-up list with students.
- We can use ParentLink to send messages to parents.

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

- See attached treasurer's report for October 2014, accepted and approved.
- Contacted Luis regarding tax exempt status but no final answer yet. Will continue to work with Luis.

**E. Fundraising**

1. **Scholastic Book Fair:** The spring is too busy at the school to host another book fair.
2. **OTIS Spunkmeyer (Cookie Dough) Fundraiser:** A total of \$4,599 in orders was collected.
3. **KidStuff Coupon Book:** Still in progress. Reminder should be sent to the kids to bring coupon books back if not purchasing.
4. **Spirit Wear:** We will sell Spirit Wear at Report Card Night.
5. **Box Tops for Education:** Tiffani was not in attendance so, no updates at this time.
6. **Other Possible Fundraisers for 2014-15 School Year** – Mixed Bags is possible for the spring. Consider Color-A-Thon through School-A-Thon.org. There are some concerns about the dye after the event if held during the school day.

**F. Old Business**

1. **Executive Board** – Kattie Konno-Leonffu will become President and Victoria Gaughan will be Vice President. Yolanda Vega was elected to secretary position. We still need a treasurer.

**G. New Business**

1. **Facebook:** – Can we create a facebook page? There appears to be a page but it is not updated
2. **Internet Essentials** – A pamphlet regarding Internet Essentials was reviewed. Students may be eligible for affordable internet through Comcast. We should research further.

**Next Meeting**

January 14, 2015

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