



BETSY ROSS ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

PTSO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

PTSO Officers in Attendance: Maureen Ulsamer, President, Kattie Konno-Leonffu, Treasurer, Latisha Gayle, Secretary

Other Attendees: Shawn True, Lou Tanyu, Lisa DeRiu, Jill Cipriano, Cheryl Kerison, Anna Naylor, and Tiffani Smith

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

B. Mr. True's Corner

- Students in grades 5 and 8 took the CMT Science test today. He commended the staff and students for their hard work.
- The Interdistrict and New Haven Magnet School Open houses and shadowing days have been completed. There has been a great turnout.
- There was an incident (i.e., suspect fleeing from police) that occurred in the community today in which the school went into lockdown as a precaution. Students and staff were not in danger and New Haven police officers were present at dismissal for safety.
- Testing: Student Reading Assessments are currently being held at the school during Language Arts classes.
- Eighth grade dues will continue to be \$130. Information will be sent out to students soon. The dues will be due by the end of May/beginning of June.

C. Secretary Report: Latisha Gayle

- The minutes were read from the February 11, 2014, meeting and approved.

D. Treasurer's Report:

- See attached treasurer's report for February, 2014 was accepted and approved.

E. Fundraising

1. **Free Cash/Merchandise Programs:** Next deadline for students is April 11th. President Maureen Ulsamer will purchase the remaining nine gift cards for the winners.
2. **Book Fair:** 165 books were ordered for the library and classroom teachers. Mr. Naples handled the distribution. The Fall book fair is scheduled for October 6-10 2014. Chairperson(s) and volunteers are needed.
3. **Nature's Vision: Spring Fundraiser** – The last chance to send in an order was today. If anyone is interested in helping with distribution of orders, please contact the PTSO.

F. Old Business

1. Citywide Parent Leadership Team Meeting – no one attended to provide information
2. Agendas were ordered for next school year

3. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 5-9. Volunteers are needed for luncheon on May 6th.

G. New Business

1. SBAC – Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium was discussed. It is the new standardized test that students will take which is aligned with the common core standards. More information will be provided for parents on when testing will begin. Students have been familiarizing themselves with practice tests and basic computer skills.
2. PBIS/RISE – there appears to be inconsistencies with how many RISE tickets are given out including quantity and denomination. Students would like different chances to earn RISE tickets. Mr. True will look into the inequities with the PBIS/RISE committee.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at BRAMS Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:10 p.m. and was passed unanimously.