



## BETSY ROSS ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

### PTSO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

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

**Other Attendees:** Thressa Butler, Jill Cipriano, Lisa DeRiu, Anna Naylor, Lou Tanyu, and Shawn True

**A. Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting was called to order by Maureen Ulsamer at 6:06 P.M.

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

- Report Card Night will be held on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm -8:00pm. Automated telephone messages and fliers will be sent out in the near future.
- Extended gratitude to the PTSO for the holiday gift cards to Stop and Shop that went to 45 identified families in need. Extra gift cards were purchased by PTSO President, Mrs. Ulsamer from her own personal funds. It was decided that the PTSO will buy the extra gift cards for future use (i.e., raffles, families in needs, next school year events). Motion to approve was accepted.
- Upcoming dates – 1/16 – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are going to Southern Connecticut State University to visit High School representatives; 1/16 at 8am – School Planning Management Team(SPMT) will be held to discuss different topics and ideas; 1/20 – No school for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day; 1/27 – ½ day for students/teacher in-service

**C. Secretary Report:** Latisha Gayle

- The minutes were read from the November 6, 2013, meeting and approved.

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

- See attached treasurer's reports (October, November and December)
- As of 1/8/14, we still have not heard about tax exempt organization approval. PTSO will touch base with former treasurer and see if there is a contact number to find out the status.
- Treasurer's reports were accepted with corrections noted on October and December reports.

**E. Fundraising**

1. **Free Cash/Merchandise Programs:** Box Top Winners (5) were announced for December. In the future, there will be 3 top place winners. PTSO approved purchase of five \$5 gift cards to Subway for the top winners.
2. **Book Fair:** Earned \$2,486.19 scholastic dollars and \$40 extra in cash. Dates for next school year were discussed and the PTSO will hold the book fair in October of 2014.
3. **Taste Book** – fundraiser is complete. It was a successful fundraiser with a profit of \$480.00
4. **Nature's Vision: Spring Fundraiser** – will start February 24<sup>th</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup>

5. **New Britain Rockcats** – any interest in offering a specific number of tickets for fundraisers.  
Members discussed and feel that there is no interest at this time.

**F. Old Business**

1. Citywide Parent Leadership Team Meeting

- Will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Wilbur Cross High School; all are welcome to attend.

**G. New Business**

Open

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at BRAMS Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:39 P.M. and was passed unanimously.