



BETSY ROSS ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

PTSO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

PTSO Officers in Attendance: Maureen Ulsamer, President, Latisha Gayle, Secretary

Other Attendees: Shawn True and Tiffani Smith

A. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting was called to order by Maureen Ulsamer at 6:20 p.m.

B. Mr. True's Corner

- The Black History Performance is Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Tickets were sold during the lunch waves in the cafeteria.
- The Interdistrict Magnet School Fair was held at Career High School on Saturday, February 8th. Mr. True, Ms. Petriccione, Ms. Galante and Ms. Brunson represented BRAMS. There seems to be a lot of interest. There are three open house dates scheduled. The shadow days are nearly filled. The School Fair for New Haven residents was cancelled due to the weather and has been rescheduled.
- Some of Ms. Galante's visual art eighth grade students are going to be filmed by an NBC station on Wednesday morning at BRAMS. This was in cooperation with Shubert Theater and Cooperative Arts High School program.
- Testing: Student Reading Assessments are currently being held at the school during Language Arts classes.
- The Science section of the Connecticut Mastery Tests is going to be administered to the Fifth and Eighth grade students ONLY on March 12, 2014.
- Hopefully, there will be a presentation by a staff member sometime in March, 2014, regarding the SBAC/Common Core trends/testing. Information about this presentation will be available on the school website, and the PTSO will send out an email to parents/guardians, as soon as this date is confirmed.
- School Climate Surveys can be completed online, (using provided code), or returned by mail. Parents/Guardians were given their letters with the codes on January 29, (Report Card night), or the letter was mailed home. Please contact the main office if you need assistance.
- There was a brief discussion about offering social events, (ice cream socials, dances) during or after school to the student body. Mr. True advised us of the opportunities for ice cream socials that are part of the PBIS program or as recognition for achieving honors on report cards.
- We also discussed raising funds via walkathon and raffles for use for the PBIS program and Field Day.

C. Secretary Report: Latisha Gayle

- The minutes were read from the January 8, 2014, meeting and approved.

D. Treasurer's Report:

- See attached treasurer's report for January 2014 was accepted.
- Treasurer's reports from November and December were accepted with corrections.

E. Fundraising

1. **Free Cash/Merchandise Programs:** Box Top flier was created and will be distributed on Wednesday to homerooms.
2. **Book Fair:** Earned \$2,486.19 scholastic dollars. Books were ordered and distribution will be handled by Mr. Naples. Fall book fair is scheduled for October 6-10 2014. Set-up will take place on the afternoon of October 3rd. Chairperson(s) and volunteers will be needed.
3. **Nature's Vision: Spring Fundraiser** – Went home today or will go home on Wednesday. Forms and money are due no later than March 7th. 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 will be ordered for next school year

G. New Business

1. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week – May 5-9. Flowers will be distributed on Monday and the luncheon will take place on Tuesday or Wednesday.
2. PBIS/RISE Ideas – Suggestions/Ideas for rewards. The PTSO is open to hearing any ideas or suggestions
3. Open – The 8th grade trip to see a Broadway play in NYC has been booked for June 4th.

Next Meeting

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.