

BRMS PTSO Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2011

Present: Paula King, Kari Tsutsumi, Mary Ross, Ally Pauli, Nancy Shablom, Dr. Ed Stephenson, Beth Spelsberg, Kelli Tyus-Washington, Izabella Burgess, Michele Weaver, Janis Devore, Marti Sangreget, Tracy Abdullah and Jim Cornwell

Next meeting: October 10 at 6:30p.m., BRMS Library Middle School

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
Minutes were presented and approved.

Principal's Report:

- Dr. Stephenson thanked PTSO for all the help with Back to School nights. He received positive feedback from the teachers
- Due to the high numbers of students this year, the school is faced with unique challenges, so teachers have been posted throughout the building.

Teacher Representative's Report:

- Nancy Shablom said that all the teachers appreciate the PTSO's efforts so much.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account Balance as of September 15, 2011 is \$22,109.95.

- We will shut off Elavon for month of October and then turn on again for first BINGO Night.
- We will post a reminder on Facebook and webpage for parents to sign up or re-new the school rewards programs with Giant Food, Harris Teeter and Bloom.
- The Board approved the projected budget for 2011-2012. The income was based on last year's income. We would like to have money left over in the account so we can make a donation to the new middle school when it opens.
- Kelli Tyus-Washington asked what the Student Holiday fund was and Dr. Stephenson explained that the PTSO has made contributions to the fund which benefits the needy students at the school in the past.
- Books for Audit were sent to auditor and have been approved.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops

Chair: Maribeth Kuzmicki

We will start the Fall contest on October 3rd and run throughout October. There will be one winner from each grade that will be drawn. They will receive either a \$15 I-tunes card or a pair of movie tickets.

BINGO

Chair: Kris Gaitley

- The first BINGO night is Friday November 4th from 6:30 – 9pm.
- Kari will talk to Mr. Addington and get permission for either a basket drawing or a silent auction. Suzanne Leake will handle whatever gets approved.
- A doll house will also be auctioned or raffled that night
- Janis suggested we get pictures of the baskets and doll house for the website.

Concessions

Chair for Girls and Boys Basketball: Kim Freeze

Still No Chair for Football and Girls Track

- The immediate need for concession volunteers is the girls track meet on 9/27 between the hours of 4:45 and 6:30. It is possible to have student volunteers as long as there is one adult to volunteer with them.
- Izabella Burgess suggested maybe her Girl Scout Troop could volunteer.
- We will also need volunteers for the first football home game which is 10/13. We are not clear if the 10/17 game is still schedule. Kari will check with Mr. Addington.

Dance

Chair: Izabella Burgess

- Dance Committee surveyed 1,100 kids. They had 3 choices (themes) to pick from. They chose a "Haunted School" theme.
- Dance is October 14th from 7-9pm.
- They will sell 300 tickets for \$4 during lunch. Volunteers will take pizza orders from each kid so we know how much to purchase. Students will also be able to purchase "fun tickets" for .50 cents
- Students will be allowed to dress up, but will not be able to wear hats, masks, wigs or cloaks.
- The committee will decorate gym and other areas with a cemetery, a "haunted" buffet, a fog machine.
- There will also be a picture station where students can get pictures with their favorite cardboard characters
- The school is responsible for the D.J. Kari will contact Mr. Addington to request the DJ play music that ties into the theme.
- PTSO will borrow the 8th grade WII system.

Front Desk

Chair: Diane Sealock

- Front Desk is up and running with only five spots left to fill.

Gift Card Program

Still no chair

- Next order date is October 14th
- Other order dates are: November 14, December 14, February 14, April 14 and May 14.

- We might have a chair!
- Gift cards will be used for prizes at BINGO nights.

Spirit Days/Nights

Chair: Michelle Hulett

- Spirit Nights:
 September 13 – Papa John’s Pizza
 October 11 – Unos (**9/27: WE JUST HEARD THEY WENT OUT OF BUSINESS...Michelle is working on a new location**).
 November 8 – Buffalo Wild Wings
 December 13 – *Possibly Zinga Frozen Yogurt*
 January 10 – Chick-Fil-A
 February 14 – Brooklyn Bros.
 March 13 – Buffalo Wild Wings
 April 10 – Pizza Margarita
 May 8 – El Vaquero
- The September 13 spirit night generated \$400 worth of orders. We will get a \$100 check from Papa John’s.

Spirit Wear

Chair: Alicia Canestra

- Some of the clothing items were defective, so Alicia returned all of them and the vendor re-did them.
- Alicia will look for a new vendor.
- Alicia has been asked to get sweats and hoodies for the girls track team.
- Locker Works sold out during back to school nights and more have been ordered.
- Most clothing items were sold out and new clothing items were ordered.
- Alicia will set up spirit wear at the football games and track meets.

Staff Appreciation

Chairs: Eileen Baker & Marti Sanregret

- Eileen and Marti would like to do a treat in November and December for the teachers, just need to determine if it’s in the budget.

Website

Chair: Janis Devore

- Janis Will make updates to website including the addition of spirit wear items and a new picture.

Old or Unfinished Business:

Jay Banks STAMP out bullying assembly 9/14

- Bullying assembly was a hit with students!
- Dr. Stephenson explained that in the past, winners from the SOAR Card drawing would receive gift cards. This year, however, they are moving away from monetary rewards and now students will announce why and what they did to receive

the SOAR card. Students will receive specific recognition and will get a special lunch with their teacher or Dr. Stephenson instead of a gift card.

- In the past, the PTSO purchased gift cards for the rewards for the SOAR program. This year, the PTSO funded a portion of the assembly. (There were six shows in one day)

New Business:

Career Guest Speaker Series

Mrs. Rainer held the Career Guest Speaker series two years ago which proved to be very successful with the students. The program and the parents that participated reached out to a number of students and helped them get further insight into the different profession and what each profession involves. It teaches the students in middle school - especially the ones that are a bit harder to engage - how they can start preparing themselves for these professions.

She has requested help from the PTSO in getting the word out. Once the series is mentioned on the school website, we will advertise on the PTSO website, Facebook and the PEX blast email.

She also wondered if the PTSO could come up with any hot button issues that parents might be interested in hearing about.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.