

BRMS PTSO Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2010

Present: Ally Pauli, Dr. Stephenson, Tiffany Spink, Nancy Shablom, Izabella Burgess, Kari Tsutsumi, Heidi Lahammer, Paula King, Mary Ross, Melissa Parsons, Kris Gaitley, Ruth Castor

Next meeting: November 14 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 reported that the year is progressing rapidly. One-eighth of the year is done and we have seven-eighths to go. He went on to say that all of the fall sports and clubs are underway and students are having successful games and club experiences. He mentioned that there is a huge level of interest in Robotics club, particularly. He is happy with what is going on both in school and out of school.
- The school fundraiser seems to be going very well and will wrap up tomorrow (October 11, 2011). The money from the fundraiser is used to buy things for the students and student activities.

Teacher Representative's Report:

- Nancy Shablom thanked the PTSO and reiterated how much the teachers appreciate the PTSO's efforts.
- At this time, Kari mentioned she received a thank-you card from Mrs. Kenney thanking the PTSO for all of the meals during the Back to School nights.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account Balance as of October 3, 2011 is \$23,011.37.

- Mary closed Elavon for the month of October and will turn on again for first BINGO Night in November.
- Last year we had approximately \$120 in bank fees. Mary thinks the fees this year will be approximately one half of what we've had in the past. We have saved about \$60 so far.
- Mary suggested that we should advertise on Facebook, PTSO website and e-mail, that we will be accepting credit cards at bingo for everything except pre-orders.
- Paula King asked what the "Supply Expense" included. Mary explained that supply expenses include things like paper used to stuff the first day folders, cardstock, posters, pens, sharpies, and new folders. She said "Office Expenses" include items like new tables for concessions and carafes for selling hot chocolate.
- Janice renewed the website for two years at \$110.50, which is a discounted rate.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops

Chair: Maribeth Kuzmicki

Fall contest is underway and will run through October 28. 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. Forms can be picked up in the front office and also on the PTSO website.

BINGO

Chair: Kris Gaitley

- The first BINGO night is Friday November 4th from 6:30 – 9pm.
- Kris reported that she ordered the cards and daubers.
- There will be two grand prizes for the coverall game (a \$125 American Express Card for each winner). In the past, the winner would receive a \$250 American Express Card.
- They will have 14 additional games
- Posters going up to advertise bingo after the dance and we will post a link for bingo on Facebook that will go directly to PTSO website.
- Basket Raffle tickets will be sold during the games for \$2. We might consider doing 3 tickets for \$5. Kari will see what we did last year.
- If students pre-order bingo cards and dinner, they will receive 1 extra coverall card for an extra chance to win the grand prize.
- Tiffany will check with her swim team contacts to see how much Vocelli's would charge for whole pizzas. In the past we ordered from Papa Johns.
- PTSO members will receive a \$2 discount for pre-orders.
- The Basket Raffle Committee had their first meeting October 10, 2011. They came up with the following basket themes:
 - Beauty/Spa
 - Fiesta
 - Movie Night
 - Game Night
 - Ice Cream Social
- In addition to the baskets, we will also have the doll house to raffle off.
- Kari is still waiting to hear back from the central office to see if the silent auction will be approved. Dr. Stephenson will check to see if approval has come back and get back to Kari.
- Kari said we need one more volunteer to take on a basket. Kris Gaitley agreed to take on the "movie Night" themed basket.
- Announcements will go out for the Basket Raffle on Facebook, the PTSO website, and Express Mail. Brian Leak, eighth grader, will do the basket raffle announcement at school.

Concessions

Chair for Girls and Boys Basketball: Kim Freeze

Still No Chair for Football and Girls Track

- The immediate need for concession volunteers is football game on Thursday, October 13 between the hours of 4:45 and 6:30.
- Nancy will send an e-mail to Misty Gutierrez, the football team mom to see if she could send an e-mail to the football parents asking them to contact Kari regarding help with concessions for the October 13, 20 and November 3rd games.
- We all agreed that finding coverage is a problem for these games, and that, perhaps it should be the responsibility of the parents of the teams to cover these shifts, and not the PTSO.
- Dr. Stephenson said from his experience at Battlefied High School, the parents know it's a part of the job of being a parent on a sports team.
- Kari suggested that we propose the need to the coaches so they are all on board and then volunteer shifts at concessions should be discussed at each sport's first parent meeting of the year.
- Nancy said she could also talk to Rachel and Misty of the Cheer squad to see if they could help with concessions as well.

Dance

Chair: Izabella Burgess

- Dance is October 14th from 7-9pm.
- Izabella reported that there are about 15 parents to help with set up and over 20 parents helping with the stations and clean-up.
- The hallway is decorated and the gym will be decorated for the games. They are still working on the logistics of how to properly hang stuff in the cafeteria.
- Volunteers will sell pizza pre-order tickets for \$2 each during all lunches starting Tuesday, October 11 and run through Thursday, October 13. Yellow tickets represent cheese pizza and red represents pepperoni pizza.
- Izabella said that some parents were concerned about 7th and 8th grade students not being able to purchase tickets since they have the later lunch period. Mr. Addington said he would hold some aside if the sales were big during the 6th grade lunches.
- The ticket includes a permission form that the parents will have to sign.
- Costumes are allowed, but no masks, wigs or hats may be worn.
- Volunteers for the dance will have badges they will wear.
- As the students are dancing, they will be rewarded with raffle tickets. They will be raffling off \$5 gift cards and the cardboard statues of their favorite characters like Edward and Jacob from Twilight, and Jack Sparrow.
- Mary will have a cash box ready in the vault for the volunteers to sell the pizza pre-orders tomorrow.

Front Desk

Chair: Diane Sealock

- Dr. Stephenson said the Front Desk is going well.

Gift Card Program

Chair: Leila Leigh

- Next order date is November 14th
- Other order dates are December 14, February 14, April 14 and May 14.
- Gift cards will be used for prizes at BINGO nights.

Spirit Days/Nights

Chair: Michelle Hulett

- Spirit Nights:
 - October 11 – Chick-fil-A 5-8 PM – Chick-fil-A prefers that you bring a voucher, however they keep them by the registers if you forgot.
 - November 8 – Buffalo Wild Wings
 - December 13 – 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

Spirit Wear

Chair: Alicia Canestra

- Alicia will not be ordering track suits for the track team after all.
- There have been no returns of spirit wear items that we know of.
- Sales have been good

Staff Appreciation

Chairs: Eileen Baker & Marti Sanregret

- Eileen and Marti are planning a Fall or early Winter treat for the staff.
- Mary suggested that we include the leftover Eagle Folders to the staff with their Fall Treat (See *New Business*).

Website

Chair: Janis Devore

- Janice renewed the website for two years at \$110.50, which is a discounted rate.

Old or Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

School Leaders/Operation Turkey: Commit Now to Help Community Members Enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner

- PTSO needs to help coordinate collection and date checking of all pantry items collected.
- Kari spoke with Karen at SERVE and found out that Mr. Beardsley is the coordinator and the Builder's club will assist. Dr. Stephenson thinks the club can handle most of the legwork and labor if the PTSO could handle getting the box to the front office.
- Dr. Stephenson will see how frequently the box needs to be gone through.
- Ally Pauli volunteered to go through it and deliver items to SERVE as necessary.

Minutes on PTSO Website

- The Board voted to post the minutes from the PTSO monthly meetings on the PTSO website. All were in favor.

Eagle Folders:

- We have approximately 150 left over. Kari checked with the counseling department and they do not need them. It was decided at the meeting that we will give them to the teachers. Mary suggested we include them with the Staff Fall/Winter treat that Staff Appreciation Committee handles.
- Kari has 13 flash drives left over. She asked Dr. Stephenson if she could give them to the new staff. He will check to see how many new staff we have and get back to her.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.