

# Butler Middle School PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

## January 7, 2015

**Attendance:** Brandis Smith, Tatiana Grant, Alyssa Costello, Anita Maw, Cindy Grange, Devi Fournier, Becky Noel, Heather Passey, Andrea Moore

**Minutes Approved** from November and December meetings

### **Treasurer Report**

Cindy Grange

- Discussed ways to increase Reflections participation, to make this a better investment in the future.
- Spent \$1000 on teacher appreciation; \$120 for renewed insurance.
- Current balance is \$10,515.

### **SBO Report: Fundraiser**

Alyssa Costello

- There will be a fundraiser in February for the American Heart Association, to tie into the heart/Valentine's theme.
- Begins on February 2 and ends on February 13.
- There will be a grade competition with incentives (first 100 kids will get Jazz tickets and everyone who brings \$10 or more will get a T-shirt).
- Need volunteers to cut out paper hearts for the promotion.

### **Calendar**

Tatiana Grant

- January 7 – Book club
- January 9 – Club pictures for Memory Book
- January 13 – Senate meeting
- January 15 – Progress report sent home
- January 17 – Chess tournament
- January 20 – Senate meeting
- January 21 – School community council meeting
- January 21 – Brighton High School presentation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and parents at 6 pm
- January 23 – Pajama day
- January 27 and 28 – School musical/musical assembly
- January 29 – Debate tournament
- January 29 and 30 – Portfolio day
- February 2 – CBM testing
- February 3 – Senate meeting
- February 3 and 4 – PT and Me
- February 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade orientation
- February 6 – No school

### **Counseling Center**

Tatiana Grant

The counseling center is focusing on the state audit, which occurs on January 13. When that concludes, the center will work with 6<sup>th</sup> graders on how to handle stress and set goals. The center will also be meeting with Brighton this month to work on registration materials for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and will continue CCRs, as well.

The center conducted a Needs Assessment and the top three priorities were 1) registration help, 2) someone to talk to about preparing for college, and 3) goal setting and study skills.

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The center also shared some demographics about the school with the PTSA, including the percentage of students in honors classes, language needs, and diversity.

Other events include:

- January 15 and 21 – Night CCRs for parents
- January 21 and 22 – 7<sup>th</sup> graders informed career choices
- January 29 – Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers learning about registration
- February – NAPE testing for Butler
- February 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> graders register for Brighton
- February 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders have the registration assembly

### **Nominating Committee**

Anita Maw

Names were due December 31. The primary function of the committee is to make recommendations for next year's PTSA board. Need to focus on President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and other roles. If you are interested in one of these positions or being on the nominating committee, please contact Brandis or Anita. The board will receive professional training in May.

### **Memory Book**

Becky Noel

- Final day to pay \$25 is February 26, as the price goes up in March.
- Will develop different promotions to increase sales.
- Orders are due in April.
- Also created custom sweatshirts for the staff members.

### **Dinner Night January 26**

Brandis Smith

This will be at Pizza Studio.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Brandis Smith

We will need volunteers at the PTSA table to sell memberships and spirit wear. We also need desserts donated for the teachers for February 3.

### **Legislative Session January 26**

Heather Passey

On February 18 the PTSA is invited to go to the capitol to view the legislative process. Students are encouraged to attend.

### **General Information**

Paula Logan

The principal joined the meeting near the end. She informed the group that the next Honor Roll Family Dinner Night would be March 10. She also said that all teacher positions were filled, and that she was focusing on teacher evaluations and literacy training. She also discussed how dual immersion will work next year at Butler, once that begins for Chinese and French.