

February 3, 2017



PTSO Minutes - 4th meeting of the 2016/2017 school year

Thank you to the BFS office staff for providing coffee, and to Vanessa Allepuz for retrieving copious quantities of Pop Tarts (*Come on! Who knew they still made those?*), granola bars, gummy bears, and apple juice.

Meeting called to order at 11:35 am by Suzi Suchyta (our “Co”-Chairwoman)...*I don't know if she realizes that to call oneself a Co-Chairwoman, you need to have a Co-chair... We will just let her live with this delusion for now.*

Introductions (Suzi):

- ❖ Suzi Suchyta (“Co”-Chair)
- ❖ Vanessa Allepuz (Treasurer)
- ❖ Sarah Sánchez Armstrong (Secretary)
- ❖ Brian Armstrong (Concessions Coordinator and Social Media)
- ❖ *Honorable mention to those in our leadership team who were not in attendance,*
 - Rebecca In (Uniform Store Coordinator)
 - Mariana Jimenez (Hospitality Director)
 - Mrs. Kim (Translator)

Old Business:

- ❖ Vanessa updated us on **possible investment options** for the current funds that PTSO has valiantly raised:
 - The following ideas were offered by Mr. Macfarlane, whose proper title according to <http://www.busanforeignschool.org/> is *Iain Macfarlane – Principal*:
 - Purchase **library totes** (*a synonym for “book bag”*) for all of the elementary students and gift them during **Literacy Week**.
 - Provide **water tumblers** (*synonymous for “water bottle”*) for our athletes.
 - Mrs. Hillary Dysart (Pre-K3 lead) suggested an inclusive modification of purchasing a **water bottle** for EVERY student in the school because, hey, water is just plain good for you (*I'm*

drinking it right now)...plus, most of the elementary students are required to bring a water bottle to school.

- Invest in a good set of **Spanish and Korean library books** to further develop an international section in the library and support the existing language programs within the school.
 - It should be noted that the library does own a small assortment of Spanish books (*which you should encourage your child to check out*).
 - Upgrade the **Early Childhood Education play equipment**
 - Buy a **heater for the school's waiting area**
- This idea was suggested by a BFS parent: **Purchase banners to encourage school spirit and pride for sporting events.**
- The following ideas were generated during a fiery brainstorm by those in attendance at today's meeting:
- **Purchase a new laminator for the teacher's lounge**, which is bigger than a single sheet of paper and will NOT eat $\frac{1}{3}$ of the contents that pass through its hot, angry rollers.
 - *It should now be seriously noted that the single item which I most debated about shipping to Korea was my laminator...Oh how I miss you trustly little friend!*
 - Mrs. Dysart suggested that the PTSO purchase a **large metal holder** and a **variety of colored rolls of butcher paper**.
 - Suzi adamantly agreed and meticulously described the butcher paper down to its height, girth, and weight (*all the while imagining all the doors that could one day look like snowmen*).
 - She then questioned if the school would be willing to purchase this item, to which Mrs. Dysart responded that the request has been denied in prior years.
 - Others in attendance agreed that this could greatly benefit ALL grade levels (PK3-Grade 12) in BFS.
 - ◆ However, the question was raised if this would be a one-time purchase or an annual investment.
 - ◆ Vanessa suggested that the initial investment might open the door for the school to take ownership and stock the paper rolls in the future.
 - The **brainstorm was then concluded** to discuss the **process** of deciding what to purchase:
 - We have approximately **4,000,000 Korean won**, but would like to keep **1,000,000 in reserve for next year**.

- What could we do that would **benefit the WHOLE community**?
- What are **ballpark figures** for each of the items on the aforementioned list?
- How many of these items would be possible purchase?
- We then discussed voting:
 - ◆ How to proceed?
 - Suzi will compose an email with item choices and approximate costs (*which Venessa will be investigating*) to be voted on by PTSO members and teachers
 - Discussion shortly turned to check-out procedures in the library (*I must take the blame as I was confused over the exact meaning of a library tote*).

New Business:

Priority Planning (11:53 pm... *running behind schedule and Suzi interjects with a short narrative*):

- ❖ **Tuesday, Feb 14th: Elementary Valentine's Bingo (from 3:30-4:30):**
 - Jobs to be filled in order for the event to run:
 - **Coordinator: We need a leader to run this activity**
 - Mrs. Sánchez and Mrs. Virgen (who run the elementary *Stretch, Wiggle, and Move Club* on Tuesdays have agreed to **help run this** in place of the club on that day **IF all the supplies and volunteer coordination is done for them**)
 - Vanessa will relay to Mrs. Lauren Harvey the need for homeroom teachers to recruit parent volunteers
 - Brian Armstrong is going **check inventory** on **BINGO cards** and **existing prizes** in the PTSO room.
 - We need:
 - (2-5) volunteers to **collect small prizes AND make BINGO cards** if there are none
 - ◆ Suzi will head PTSO donation of money and/or prizes
 - ◆ **Who will be making the BINGO cards if there are none?**
 - **Suggested: STUCO or the MS Volunteer Club**
 - (2-3) Parent volunteers to **help the small kids** with their score boards
- ❖ **Saturday 18 Feb: KISAC league HS Basketball Tourn**
 - We will be working concessions in 2 time slots **9am-11pm** and **2pm-4pm** in

between lunch and dinner meal service.

- We need **adult supervision** to help our student volunteers
 - Brian Armstrong is our Concessions Coordinator, so will periodically check-in to advise
 - Vanessa and Sarah can cover the morning shift (9am-11am)
 - Suyoung Jo volunteered to run the (2pm-4pm)
- **Donations:** Suzi will email out a list of needed donation supplies and include a call for student volunteers to work the two 2-hour time slots
 - Baked goods are always welcome
 - Suggest requesting goods from *Paris Baguette* or *Aslan Bakery*
- ❖ **Egg Hunt** (Early Childhood and Elementary only): *Probably Friday, April 14th*
 - PTSO needs to stuff eggs and place conspicuously on the field (*How do you hide an egg in a wide open field?*)
- ❖ **Family Day / End of School Party:**
 - What has this looked like in prior years?
 - Event is completely run by PTSO with STUCO student volunteers
 - We host a Garage Sale in the gym (*which would technically be called a Gym Sale, just saying*)
 - Bouncing castle and games on the field (Tickets are sold)
 - BBQ Lunch:
 - We pre-sells lunches
 - We provide the food supplies: hotdogs, hamburgers, etc.
 - Oscar takes charge with a crew of student volunteers to run the show
 - Brainstorm for this year:
 - Vanessa suggested a date, closer to the very end of the year
 - **May 20 or June 3**
 - ◆ **(Check on Exam Schedule)**
 - It would be nice to have parent/student games this year
- ❖ **Discussion:** The floor was opened for final comments, questions, concerns
 - Can we buy an espresso machine? *Better yet, can we get the school to buy us an espresso machine?*
 - Senior, Lily Suchyta, needs a home for her cat
 - Suzi will be forcefully removing it from the premises when Lily goes to university. *But it should be noted that he has "a little problem" which is not suitable for public ears.*
 - Mr. Macfarlane has already filled all upcoming vacancies for next year!

- Parents will be informed of who is leaving and who is coming in due time.
- ❖ **Our NEXT PTSO meeting is set for Friday, March 3rd @ 11:30am, come one come all and bring a friend!**
- ❖ Meeting adjourned @ 12:30