



PTO Meeting Agenda- November 8, 2017

- Welcome
- Principal's Report
 - Mrs. Patin reported on new state accountability system. It is in early stages and will be an A to F system.
 - Calculations are focused around STARR. Based on last year's scores, Twain would be an A.
 - System is not rolling out until a later date. In the Spring, Patin will have nighttime presentation on the system.
 - Twain is focused on preparing kids; state accountability and STARR not driving Twain teachers/administrators.
- IB Update
 - Mrs. Blakeslee provided an update on IB night at school. Parents had to try to do what kids do in the classroom.
 - Teachers are always updating and changing the written curriculum. Plus, the faculty ranks themselves, which is a good reflection practice.
 - Twain has five policies, one being the academic honesty policy, which Blakeslee provided to the group and is on the website.
- Approval of minutes – Motion to approve Sara Gladden, second Moya Varner. 34 votes approved.
- President's Update
 - Kinsey Wall announced that Dad's Campout moved to December 8th and will be offsite.
 - Kinsey gave Treasurer's Report noting that the PTO budget is open and details what the PTO spends.
 - Twain has once again been blown away by the community's generosity.
 - Corporate sponsors are strong and Spooky Spectacular was a great event. Kristin Hamilton and Jody Martin did a wonderful job.

- Kinsey reminded everyone that the PTO website contains details on how to submit information for Tuesday folder and Twain Times.
 - Jason Dyer announced that science fair kicks off next week. Optional for grade 3; 4th and 5th grades are mandatory. Information will be in Tuesday folder.
- Executive Team & Board of Director Updates
 - Jenny Tcharmtchi announced that Book Fair is next week. The theme is the Ties That Bind Us. Families are encouraged to brunch and browse with their students.
 - There will be a bookshelf to purchase classic books for families that flooded.
 - Twain will have Storybook Parade and Family Fun Night. There will be a live play of parents/teachers acting out a book at family fun night.
 - Author visit is Donna Bowman, author of Step Right Up.
 - Bash will be February 16th at Bayou Place (downtown). The theme is Neon 80s. No classroom creations this year, but still having classroom donations.
- Huckleberry Park Update
 - Park dedication is on November 17th. All students will be on the field and participating.
 - Mrs. Patin thanked Tony Houck for reconfiguring the Gaga Pit since old Gaga Pit did not fit.
- Shout Outs- Kinsey Wall gave shout outs to School Store, Art a La Carte & Hospitality.
- Upcoming Events
 - Week of November 13th- Book Fair in Cafeteria
 - Wednesday, November 15- Story Book Parade 8:15 am
 - Thursday, November 16- Book Fair Night 5 – 7 pm
 - Friday, November 17- Spark Park Celebration 9 am
 - Week of November 20th- Thanksgiving Break

