



PTO Meeting Agenda- December 13, 2017

I. Welcome

II. Principal's Report

- Mrs. Patin reported that next week is a winter wonderland at Twain with lots of activities for students (see details in upcoming events).
- Twain declined being practice group for a STARR online assessment.
- Patin stated that she is on GT steering committee for district. The group is focused on the topic of students qualifying for GT. As Patin knows more, she may be asking the community for feedback.

III. IB Update

- Mrs. Patin noted that the IB Evaluation visit is in February.
- Starting in January, Mrs. Patin will have informal coffees each month about IB. Parents can ask questions and learn more.
- The action cycle of IB is something parents model with children every day.
 - Assignment over the holiday is to think about action cycle of IB; how we choose what we are passion it about, act on it and finally reflect on it.
 - Twain is trying to grow kids that will create a more peaceful and better world.

IV. Approval of minutes – Motion to approve Moya Varner, second Erin Salisbury. 28 votes approved.

V. President's Update

- Kinsey Wall reiterated that IB is at core of everything we do at Twain.
- Parking Raffle- Bill Blackwood from Absolute Glassworks visited and gave away the parking spot which was purchased at Bash. Glass cleaner winners were Gabby Gonzalez and Kristin Hamilton. Parking spot winner was Tina Lee.
- Kinsey announced that Jason Dyer is looking for a volunteer to help with science night.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- Tina Lee provided financials and noted that not everything is included in the Book Fair number. Thanks to the community, Twain has had a good experience with all fundraising so far this year.
- Tina reminded the group that deposits go in black box in PTO room.

VII. Executive Team & Board of Director Updates

- Bingo is January 19th. Organizers are looking for prize donations. Contact Lindsey Sheinbein and Ali Rudin if you have a donation.
- Bash will be February 16th and is the school's largest fundraiser.
 - Claire Reeves told everyone to come and have fun. The goal is to celebrate community and everything we have been through.
 - The main focus will be on Paddles Up, which will raise money for iPad technology. Goal is to have an iPad in every child's hand.
 - Since there was no Fun Run at the beginning of the school year, Bash is using that concept for Cash for Bash. There will be an online platform for families, grandparents, cousins and friends to give to Cash for Bash. There will be a pep rally to get kids excited about raising money for iPads in their classroom. Grade level with most participation/donations will win something.
 - Total Wine is giving a 30% discount today if you purchase wine for yourself or the wine pull at Bash.
- Box Tops- Kathleen Pluchinsky highlighted the Lysol Box Top promotion, which is ongoing until December 31.

VIII. Huckleberry Park Update

- Mrs. Patin stated that the track has to be above a certain degrees for a period of time before the track surfacing can be completed.
- Patin's goal is for the park to be open over the holidays. Park could be open before actual track surface is down. The track will be an ad on.
- Patin noted there are no trash cans for a reason. She asked the community to help take care of the park. Please no picnics, cleats, dogs, or wheeled stuff on playground.

- IX. Shout Outs- Kinsey Wall gave shout outs to Jenny Tcharmtchi for Teacher Appreciation and to Book Fair (Amber Blossom, Camora Kuo, and Jenny Tcharmtchi).

X. Upcoming Events

- Monday, December 18th- Polar Express Day (students and staff can wear PJs)
- Tuesday, December 19th- Winter Hat Day
- Wednesday, December 20th- Field Day
- Thursday, December 21st- Holiday Sweater Day & Last day before winter break
- Monday, January 8th- Return from winter break
- Wednesday, January 10th- Houston Kids Triathlon Interest Meeting at 8:15 am
- Friday, January 12th- Dad's Campout (offsite) 5:30 pm

**Mark your calendars for Twain's Neon Night (Bash)
on Friday, February 16th at the Ballroom at Bayou Place.**

