



## PTO Meeting Agenda- January 24, 2018

### I. Welcome

### II. Principal's Report

- Mrs. Patin announced the make-up days for the ice days. Starting Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, all elementary schools will extend their day for 10 minutes through the end of the year.
- Patin discussed how HISD is moving to a different funding formula.
  - Currently, HISD uses a PUA (per student).
  - HISD is moving to a staffing model, which is a more centralized model. Essential positions will be paid for by HISD. HISD is requesting information and feedback, the model is not finalized.
  - Budget cuts are happening at schools and at Hattie Mae.
- Patin stated that she always want to be transparent; however, sometimes HISD communicates as soon as a final decision is made so her messaging is after the HISD announcement.
- Megan Rose noted that Sue Deigard, HISD Trustee, had same message about HISD budget as Mrs. Patin.

### III. IB Update

- Mrs. Blakeslee stated that the IB visit is an audit that will occur over 2 days. The staff has finished its self-study.
- During the visit, a small group of parents will meet with the audit team. When Mrs. Blakeslee goes on an IB audit, she tries to get the feel of parents and how they support the school.
- This is a time to celebrate and tell Twain's story. The auditors will give us advice on how to continue to develop IB.

### IV. Approval of minutes – vote

- Motion Keri Valdes, second Claire Reeves. 28 votes approved.

### V. President's Update

- Elizabeth Strelow discussed the Lion King musical. Need help with set building. Rehearsals will begin in March and performance is in May.

- Kathleen Pluchinsky gave a Box Top survey, trying to identify if we can raise more money or is this something not worthwhile at Twain.
- Jennifer Wiley gave a yearbook update. Date to submit pictures by is Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to buy nameplates with yearbooks is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Final date to buy yearbook is March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## VI. Treasurer's Report

- Tina Lee announced PTO is tracking this year's budget well, which represents the commitment of PTO and the chairs.

## VII. Executive Team & Board of Director Updates

- Bash- Claire Reeves discussed Cash for Bash. Kids are challenged to raise \$400 each for Ipad initiative. Different prizes when grade reaches a certain fundraising level.
- Bash Wine Pull- Friday and Saturday event at Total Wine. 30% off on winery direct wines.
- Nominations- Paige Schulz and Keri Valdes are working on nominations for next year. Paige noted that the PTO sets Twain apart and is a really important group. PTO wants new people and new perspectives.
- Texans Kids Triathlon is April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Erin Salisbury is coordinating a Twain team. When you register, put Twain as your team. Twain gets \$10 per participant and volunteer. Twain will have a tent and posters for kids participating.

## VIII. Shout Outs

- Kinsey Wall gave shout outs to Library and Bingo volunteers.

## IX. Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:20- Lion King auditions
- Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm – Art Night

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

