



PTO Meeting Agenda- April 18, 2018

- I. Welcome
- II. Principal's Report
 - Mrs. Patin complimented Fabia Hill on a wonderful International Festival.
 - Patin mentioned that National Walk-Out Day is on Friday. She will be sending a message to the community regarding it.
 - Patin noted that the budget changed back to the PUA model, which did not work in Twain's favor. Twain took a major hit because it does not receive Title I funds, magnet funds; plus, it has special programs like LDC and IB. PTO fundraising matters even more now.
 - Patin clarified that start time next school year is 7:30 am and dismissal is 2:50 pm.
 - Patin stated that she was aware Twain's name had come up in HISD board meeting. She emphasized that PTO does hard and smart work to fundraise and has highlighted that fact to the board.
- III. IB Update
 - Mrs. Blakeslee mentioned that IB report is not back yet.
 - Teachers and staff continue to balance test requirements with real teaching.
- IV. Approval of minutes – vote
 - Motion Sara Gladden, second Chrissy Abaza. 32 votes approved.
- V. President's Update
 - By-laws Amendment-vote- Anne Lam motion, second Keri Valdes. 32 votes approved.
 - Keri Valdes highlighted amendments. Added Bingo and HISD liaison positions. Separated birthday grams apart from 5th grade rep responsibilities. Funds from birthday grams will still go to 5th grade activities/graduation.
 - Yoga One raffle- Fabia Hill and Megan Rose won.

VI. Treasurer’s Report

- Funds for Summer Support & Professional Development- vote. Karen Stopnicki motion, second Camora Kuo. 32 votes approved.
 - Kinsey Wall discussed that this gift of \$53,000 will help Twain and its staff get ready for the next school year. The gift will be for math training, professional development, IB fees and copiers.
 - Kinsey noted that the PTO wants to be good stewards of PTO funds. Exec Board had a lengthy discussion about this and the PTO has the funds in the programs budget.
 - Kinsey highlighted that Twain is different than most schools in that it has 6 to 7 specials, plus the IB program.
 - Kinsey said the PTO gift to school in 2018-2019 will probably be greater than the gift in previous years.
 - Mrs. Patin explained that it takes some time for Twain to receive the PTO funds. The PTO funds go to school and are funneled through HISD grant department. And, then it goes to HISD board for formality and any possible discussion.

VII. Nominations Committee- 2018-2109 Executive Slate-vote.

President	Keri Valdes
VP of Teacher Appreciation	Jenny Tcharmtchi
VP of Membership	Erin Salisbury
VP of Volunteers & Grade Level	Paige Schulz
VP of Fundraising	Brittany Weisser
VP of Corporate Sponsorship	Anne Lam
Treasurer	Tina Lee
Secretary	Jamie Grissom
SDMC	Chrissy Abaza
SDMC	Kinsey Wall

- Kinsey Wall is replaced by Keri Valdes as President. Nicole Shah is replaced by Jamie Grissom as Secretary. Tina Lee remains the Treasurer.
- Motion Tracey Reeves; second Jen Wiley. 31 votes approved.
- Kinsey Wall noted that there is no President Elect on the slate. Keri Valdes is highly competent and will do a great job. Because of the impacts of Harvey and HISD budget, need continuity on the board. Keri will be president for 2 years.

VIII. Executive Team & Board of Director Updates

- Teacher Appreciation is next week. Note that parents are not decorating doors this year, focusing on teacher wants.
- Claire Reeves asked for Bash feedback on whether classroom creations should return. Few parents in favor of classroom creations returning.
- Amber Blossom highlighted a spring book fair, which will be 30 minutes before and after school May 7th to May 9th.
- Lion King is Friday, May 4th
- Odyssey of the Mind team is going to world competition. The team came in 2nd place at the state level.

IX. Shout Outs- Fabia Hill (International Festival) and Jenny Tcharmtchi for Teacher Appreciation and for being an excellent steward of PTO funds.

X. Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 20th- Father, Daughter Dance
- Saturday, April 21st to Sunday, April 22nd- Texans Triathlon
- Monday, April 23rd to Friday, April 27th- Teacher Appreciation
- Monday, May 14th to Wednesday, May 16th - STAAR Testing
- Tuesday, May 22nd (evening)- End of year PTO meeting

