



Mark Twain Middle School

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PTA Executive Board & General Membership Meetings
September 10, 2024: 7pm & 7:30pm
Virtual Platform: Virtual (WebEx)
Meeting closed by Brent Collier and Katy Olsen

Attendees: Robin Christman (President), Brent Collier (Vice President), Greg Harding (Treasurer-elect), Natalie Justice (Secretary)

Regrets:

Welcome!

- Back to School Night (9/5) – Back to school night went well.
 - By joining PTA you are helping to fund to PTA.
- Fall Picture Day (9/9)
- PTA Training Opportunities: <https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/elearning>

Update from Mr. Mough

There will always be someone from the admin team to be on the meeting.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). – Twain is working on bringing the program back. You will see how some information coming out around that. Individuals and teams will be recognized for positive behavior.

Blue Star Welcome Week - September 21st – September 29th. Twain takes the responsibility of the purple star school very seriously. We want to recognize our military connected youth.

Cell Phone Pouch Pilot School – Things are going relatively smoothly. It's not perfect. It is a big adjustment for the students. Informed decisions can be made if it was worth the time and effort.

Parent liaison - Caitlin Soto . Our goal is to have more parent coffees for rising 7th grade families (quarterly).

- Dates identified for:

Fall Tiger Night (9/27) / - This event typically happens in October, but we were able to move it to September. We still need a lot of volunteers. The chairs were able to adjust and plan the event 4 weeks earlier.

Spring Tiger Night (3/21)

Twain Community Night (5/16) – This event is for rising 7th graders.

- **Enrichment – Ms. Stickler – We will talk about this at the next meeting.**
- 9/21 Twain Cross Country Meet

Treasurer Update:

- Election of Officer – Greg elected – 19 votes
- Current Financials –
 - Prior board helped put this budget together.
 - We are in good shape and have about \$15,000.
 - Since Greg was just elected tonight he hasn't had a chance to see the bank account with his own eyes.
 - We are estimating about \$4,000 in membership dues.
 - We have spent about \$3,700 of the \$4,700 budgeted to purchase spirit wear. We may need to meet again to add more money in case we want to buy more.
 - New initiative to lower the cost of the PTA membership for teachers and staff
- Budget Approval – Budget was approved. Brent offered a motion to approve the budget and Whitney Shaffer offered a 2nd.

Vice President Updates:

- Spirit Wear (current pulse): New Swag Drop!
 - Back to School Night Sales – 55 items – sold 40% of inventory.
 - Looking for a spirit wear coordinator.
 - Volunteer Needed to run Spirit Wear and manage the inventory/orders for upcoming events and manage our online store.

Membership:

- 130 Members as-of 9/09/24
 - Breakdown: 110 = Parent/Guardian / 16 = Teacher/Staff
3 Community/Grandparent / 1 Student
74 = 7th Grade / 43 = 8th Grade **Remaining 13 = no selection
- Time to Remit Dues

Tiger Night:

We need more chaperones

We will be selling concessions

New Business:

PTA President Update:

- Staff Member of the Month:

- August - MS Balderston
- Delegation of this report for future meetings
- Please vote for the staff member of the month

- Fall Mini Grants (Deadline was Sept 6th). No applications received.
 - Principal Mough requested an extension. Extending deadline through September 30th.
We ask them to share photos on what their funds were used to buy

- PTA Calendar of Events for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Meeting Dates & Formats
- PTA Links on Twain Webpages are updated and working correctly!
 - ***Reminder to submit Monthly Meeting Minutes for publication to the website

- 9/21 Twain Cross Country Meet: Twain is a host school.
 - Request for healthy snacks and waters to be provided.
 - They are expecting 400 runners total (200 runners/each in the 8:30am & 10:00 am sessions.
 - Twain is running in the first session.
 - We are working to see how we can help. We have received a lot of requests and we have a small allowance.

- 9/26 NJHS Inaugural Induction Ceremony on Thurs, Sept 26th: PTA is requested to provide refreshments for post-ceremony. Est 8-100 attendees. Asking for cupcakes, water to compliment a simple reception to congratulate our inductees and their families.
 - Teacher POC = Angelee DeHaven (Civics AAP & Honors Teacher /
NJHS Co-sponsor)

Vice President Updates:

- Fall Tiger Night
- Fundraisers & Spirit Night

Membership:

- Membership Discount for Teachers
- All PTA Executive Board Members must be active PTA Members.

Open PTA Positions to Fill:

Executive Board:

Membership & Volunteer Coordinator

Chairpersons/Coordinators:

Spirit Wear

Spirit Nights

Communications (Social Media, School News Show Input)

8th Grade Dance Co-Chairs

Any New/Open Items to Discuss?

Upcoming PTA Events:

- **9/27/24 – Fall Tiger Night (6-8pm)**
- 10/08/24 – October Executive / General PTA Meeting
- 11/12/24 – November Executive / General PTA Meeting
- **12/03/24 – Twain Birthday Celebration**
- **12/20/24 – Winter Staff Luncheon**
- **No PTA Meeting in December
- 01/14/24 – January Executive / General PTA Meeting
- **02/7/24 – Spring Mini Grant Deadline**
- 02/11/24 – February Executive / General PTA Meeting
- **03/21/24 – Spring Tiger Night**
- 03/11/24 – March Executive / General PTA Meeting
- 04/08/24 – April Executive / General PTA Meeting **Date change due to spring break.
- **05/09/24 – Staff Appreciation Luncheon (Staff Appreciation Week: May 6-10th)**
- 05/13/24 – May Executive / General PTA Meeting
- **05/16/24 – Twain Community Night**
- **05/30/24 – 8th Grade Dance**

Attendance List:

Call-in User (4)

Marvin

Meera Desai

kirsten little

Jim Dahl

Stacie Konan

Whitney Shaffer

Lewis

heather viehl-yee

Robin Christman

Nardia

Alison

Howard Sun

Tasha M.

Jen Steiner

keytlin soto

Jacqueline Jones

The Lotson Family

Coral Mullin

Becca B

Angela & Darnell Thomas

Katy Olsen

Jin

Juanita Gomez

Watson

Debbie P
Principal Mough
Grace
Dean and Jaimie Jones
Ibrahim
Lewis
Brent Collier
Stephanie Smith
Jennifer
Brittney Bryson
Greg Harding
Natalie Justice