

Mark Twain Elementary PTA
September 13, 2016
6:30 pm
Mark Twain Gym

President Jen Swisher called meeting to order at 6:38PM.

In attendance were 19 people: Caroline Olson, Dawnn Brooks, Kait Burke, Jen Swisher, Merridith VanDerGinst, Beth Bringolf, Adam Cook, Jennie Blackman, Serena Curler, Kathy Siebel, Jody Wiersema, Heather Bagby, Krystal Bonjour, Wendy Koopman, Shannon Harmon, Amy Johnson, Neena Chaudhry-Willis, Jeremy Bloyd, Kerensa Bloyd

Principal's Report: Mrs. Olson

Introductions to the new staff joining Mark Twain this year: Miranda Ambre, Youth Mentor; Scott Berg, Technology Coach; Mary Dodson, Special Education Teacher; Cindy Frey, Secretary; Wendy Koopman, Special Education Teacher; Lori LeBarge, Nurse; Gina LeBeau, Youth Mentor; Olivia Logan, Secretary; Kitty McAndrews, Academic Interventionist; Zakk Stiles, Youth Mentor; and Jeff Wendland, Para Educator. Activities such as Flag Football, Band, Orchestra, Student Council are off to a great start. The alternate lunch program has started this year. Each day there is an alternate option for students to choose from. It will stay the same every week each day. The playground should be finished soon!

May 2016 Minutes: Krystal Bonjour

Approved by Jeremy Bloyd and Kait Burke.

Treasurer Report: Merridith VanDerGinst

Shared the proposed budget for the school year.

Approved by Jeremy Bloyd and Adam Cook.

Membership Update: Jody Wiersema

25 members to be legal with the State PTA. There is no minimum volunteer hours required to join the PTA. Looking into organizing social events/parent's night out. Going to try to use social media as an outlet to reach more parents. Looking into having childcare available at meetings so hopefully more families can attend.

Donation Request: Heather Bagby

Student Council advisor, Heather, has asked for the PTA to provide bracelets to throw in the homecoming Parade on September 22. Theme is out of this world. Budget \$50. Unanimously voted to approved funding request.

Bylaws Update: Jen Swisher

The bylaws have been revised. They will be emailed to all members to review and approve. Once members have approved bylaws will be sent to Iowa PTA.

Square 1 Art: Krystal Bonjour

Students are currently working on their art. Estimated date for order forms to be sent home with students is October 17. Orders will be due back before October 31st. Order fulfillment estimated November 22.

Fall Breakfast/Bookfair: Jen Swisher

Book fair will be a pirate theme on Thursday October 13th from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Will need volunteers to help set up from 3:30-5:30. Fall Breakfast will be Friday October 14, still looking into food options to serve.

Open Forum:

Snack Policy Was discussed. A revised snack list will be sent home soon. Third grade teachers decided not to have snacks this year. Parent concerns that there is not enough time for lunch. Informed that students may stay to finish their lunch.

Upcoming Events:

September 9 through 23- Yankee Candle Fundraiser- PTA will get 40% profit

October 28- Red Ribbon Run

November 3- Skating Party 6pm Eldridge Skate Park

Next PTA meeting is Tuesday October 11 at 6:30 pm- Mark Twain Library

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm by Jen Swisher

Prepared by: Krystal Bonjour- Secretary