

Mark Twain Elementary PTA  
September 8, 2015  
6:30 pm  
Mark Twain Gym

President Adam Cook called the meeting to order at 6:37pm

In attendance were 22 people: Jennifer Swisher, Caroline Olson, Brandon Nau, Lindsay Kulig, Ellen Braet, Kathy Seibel, Heather Bagby, Tarah Johnson, Elissa Jones, Jody Wiersema, Stephanie Bauswell, Jennie Blackman, Sara Verdick, Melinda Larson, Jessica Stacy, Andi Adolphson-Proksch, Nicole DeKeyzer, Glenda Trettin, Dawnn Brooks, Adam Cook, Ingrid Michaelson-Priest, and Krystal Bonjour.

Mrs. Olson- Principal's Report.

The school has new staff members: Samantha Zahner-5th grade, Ellen Braet- 3rd grade, Tarah Johnson-special ed., Kathy Seibel-teacher/librarian, Kari Ginger-Title 1, Ellen Sutt-Special Ed, Heather Bagby-Library Par, Liz Curtis-special ed and kindergarten para, Margaret Lu-special ed para, LeAnn Holst-special ed para. In addition Lisa Raya is the 21st CCLC Program Director and Chelsea Rupe is the Americore Reading Tutor.

Mark Twain has 315 students.

The facility improvements include: new lower level carpets, new swing set on the lower playground, and new mulch.

21st CCLC- Before and after school program and 6 week summer school program made possible through a grant.

Student Achievement- All students met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). All students met or excelled state standards in reading/language arts and math.

Breakfast starts at 7:55. There is NO staff supervision on the playground before 8:10 for morning drop off.

The open house scheduled for September 17th has been cancelled due to changes in teachers contract.

Krystal Bonjour - Secretary Report

27 memberships before the meeting. 5 new memberships at the meeting.

Brandon Nau- Physical Education

Brandon asked for the PTA to pay for an electrical scoreboard and wireless remote for the gym. Melinda Larson motioned to vote, it was seconded and motion was passed.

Lindsey Kulig- Title 1 will work on improving communication with parents. Website set up [mtacademicteam.weebly.com](http://mtacademicteam.weebly.com)

Jennie Blackman- Yankee Candle Fundraiser Coordinator

Fundraiser will start September 11 and run through September 30. 40% of proceeds go to the PTA

Jennifer Swisher- Book Fair/Fall Family Breakfast Coordinator

Will be attending an information meeting on September 10. Book Fair to be held October 15th and 16th.

Fall Family Breakfast will be held October 16th.

Adam Cook-Red Ribbon Run/ SchoolKidz Kits

Red Ribbon Run is scheduled for October 30th

Stephanie Bauswell motioned to vote on offering SchoolKidz Kits again this year. Motion was seconded, motion passed.

Stephanie Bauswell- Skating Party/Square One Art

Skating Party is set for November 5th at Eldridge Skate Park. PTA will cover \$3 admission but Students will need to pay \$1.50 for skate rental. Parents will need to stay at this event.

Square 1 Art- Low participation last year, looking for ways to promote this fundraiser and get more participation. Will revisit in October meeting.

Krystal Bonjour-Banking Institution

Triumph Community Bank- No fee account.

Melinda Larson motioned to switch account to Triumph Community Bank, motion was seconded. Motion passed.

PTA will be buying the whole school new t-shirts. Design is in progress.

Andi Adolphson-Proksch- Granite City Fundraising

10% of first night sales to PTA, additional nights equal higher percentages. Krystal Bonjour motioned to vote, motion was seconded, motion passed. More info to come when Date is determined.

Adam Cook-McTeacher Fundraiser

McTeacher Night is set for March 10 from 4:30-7:30 pm.

President Adam Cook adjourned meeting at 7:44pm

Prepared by: Krystal Bonjour-Secretary

