

# TMSPA Meeting

Sept 04, 2024 (Core Members Organization Meeting)

Here are the formatted meeting minutes based on the transcript you provided:

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## TMSPA Core Members Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 4, 2024

**Location:** Virtual Meeting (Online)

### Attendees:

- Zoe
- Andrea
- YJ
- Emily
- Andrew
- Raymond

## 1. Opening Remarks

- **Zoe** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The purpose was a quick debrief to discuss upcoming plans and actions.

## 2. First Meeting on September 19th

- **Zoe** shared that the first meeting of the year is planned for Thursday, September 19th.
- Concern was raised by **Christina** regarding the timing for Grade 9 and Grade 8 parents. Grade 9 parents would finish their meeting earlier than Grade 8 parents.
- Discussion ensued on whether to start the TMSPA meeting at 7 PM with Grade 9 parents joining at 7:30 PM, or to wait until both groups can attend at the same time.
- **Decision:** The group agreed to wait for everyone to start the meeting together at 7:30 PM.

## 3. Communication for the September 19th Meeting

- **YJ** shared the draft communication for the meeting, detailing the purpose and logistics of the event.
- The message invites parents to attend the TMSPA meeting, participate in the ongoing bottle drive fundraiser, and join the mailing list via MailChimp.
- **Feedback:**
  - **Andrea** suggested adding a clearer explanation of the frequency of meetings (four annually) and the purposes of the bottle drive.
  - **YJ** highlighted that the bottle drive's goal is to support student field trips and other activities.

- **Emily** and **Andrea** proposed simplifying the wording to "support our students' enriched programming."

#### 4. Discussion on Fundraising and Parent Involvement

- **Andrea** noted that the message should emphasize the importance of participation and how parents can contribute.
- **YJ** agreed to make the mailing list signup more prominent in the communication and ensure that all links are properly functional.
- **Raymond** suggested integrating more social media interaction, specifically encouraging parents to join the TMSPA Facebook group.
- Discussion followed on involving students in the bottle drive and other community initiatives, such as organizing bottle collection events in the park.

#### 5. Exploring Other Fundraising Ideas

- Ideas were discussed about expanding fundraising efforts, potentially involving students more directly:
  - **Andrea** proposed a competition between grades to raise the most funds.
  - **Emily** suggested setting up a bottle collection bin at the school for students to participate more actively.
  - **YJ** floated the idea of organizing a movie night or dance event, which could serve as both a community-building and fundraising effort.
  - **Andrew** noted the possibility of requesting funds from the PAC for extracurricular events.

#### 6. PAC Fund Requests

- **Andrew** clarified that while PAC funds cannot be used for curricular activities like field trips, they can be requested for extracurricular events that benefit a large portion of the student body.
- There was general agreement to explore ways to creatively fundraise through PAC for such events.

#### 7. Next Steps

- Finalize and send out the communication for the September 19th meeting via MailChimp.
- Recruit parents to join the event planning committee, with **Andrew** offering to lead the committee with the support of others.
- Develop a follow-up communication after the first meeting to outline fundraising goals and seek further involvement from parents.
  - Frame it as: we are a community of parents, and we're here to support our kids and each other. If you don't have money to donate, we are here for you, and we're going to help you pay for those field trips. If you do have money, chip in. We will help you give it to us.
- Publish instructions for the bottle drive on the TMSPA website and promote them through various channels.

