

# TGS Family Association | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time *Mon., October 11, 2021 | 7-8 p.m.* | Meeting location  
Zoom

Type of meeting      General Meeting

36 people signed in  
Dr. Julie Sherrill, Head of School  
Executive Team:  
Darlene Twiss, FA President  
Kelly Rothrock, Vice President (absent)  
Ceci Alter, Secretary

## AGENDA TOPICS

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### Agenda topic *Welcome*

President Darlene Twiss welcomed everyone in attendance & gave a quick overview of what the Family Association (FA) role is:

- The FA supports the school and community in many ways throughout the year by hosting events, assisting with communication and working with the school administration to support our school community.
- All families are automatically members upon enrollment at TGS.
- The budget for the FA is part of the school budget and is renewed annually for FA operations.

### Agenda topic *Old Business*

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### Agenda topic *New Business*

#### **Homecoming**

This year, TGS will be celebrating 40+ years, and Homecoming provides an opportunity to connect with other families & alumni and celebrate our school. The FA plays a critical role in implementing the Homecoming.

- **Volunteers needed!** Please sign up to help make Homecoming a success. We especially need help decorating the campus on Sunday, October 17. Volunteer slots also available throughout Homecoming on Friday, October 22. The SignUp Genius link was shared in the chat and will be sent through email to all parents.
- Bring the whole family - ALL are welcome. There will be food for sale as well as Volleyball & Soccer games, club booths and fun activities like a Rock Climbing Wall, Zip Line and more.
- Spirit activities to engage students and families will be happening throughout Homecoming week, so keep your eye out. Family outreach will include the General Fund donation drive with special incentives each day.
- Student Council will be hosting an outdoor Homecoming Dance for Upper School students on Saturday, October 23. The StuCo has been working with the administration to modify COVID protocols to allow vaccinated students to be mask free. If not vaccinated, students must be masked or show a negative

COVID test. Chaperones and Dr. Sherrill will handle verification of student vaccination/test status in a manner that preserves individual privacy. More information will be coming to the students soon.

### **Upcoming Events**

*Farmer's Market* – FA sets up a market with holiday foods and items for teachers & staff to select from. We're hoping to return to a donation-based market where parents sign-up to bring items; teachers can "shop" on Family Day (Tuesday, November 23). **Action:** We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this year's Farmer's Market.

*Winter Formal* – FA has sponsored this event in the past, but there was low interest/attendance at the last one. We're wondering if there is an activity that would be of more interest to the students. We'd like to hold an event that the students would like to participate in. **Action:** We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this event.

### **FA Vacancies**

We have a number of vacancies on the Executive Committee as well as positions to fill throughout the FA. The following roles are currently available:

- FA Treasurer
- FA Nominating Chair
- Committee Chairs for activities (please specify interest – Farmer's Market, Teacher Appreciation, Winter Formal)
- Class Representatives (please specify grade level)

**Action:** Anyone interested can let Darlene know – you can text, email or let her know in person

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### **Agenda topic** *FA Budget Report*

President, Darlene Twiss, gave a brief report on the budget with primary focus on Homecoming. **Action:** We are still in need of a Treasurer. If you're interested, touch base with Darlene (see above).

- Budget allocated for Homecoming primarily funds decorations – this year, this includes the Card My Yard displays
- Additional funds support athletes with the locker decorations

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### **Agenda topic** *State of the School Update – Dr. Sherrill*

President, Darlene Twiss, welcomed everyone in attendance & gave a quick overview of what the Family Association (FA) role is:

- Interim Week activities were a great success and support the TGS mission by including Leadership Development opportunities and experiential learning.
- COVID update - reported vaccine rates are 92% in the Upper School, 90% in 7th & 8th grade (age eligible students), and 100% among faculty & staff. Thank you to families for cooperation and transparency in communicating concerns and circumstances. As we progress through the year, TGS expects to continue following scientific guidance with regard to safety protocols as the pandemic landscape evolves.
- 40+ Anniversary - look for special stories and events throughout the year. We'll showcase alumni stories in addition to honoring faculty & staff who have been part of TGS throughout the years.

- We're wrapping up the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Formal Parent-Teacher conferences give families a way to understand how students are progressing, but they don't offer a lot of time for discussion. Teachers are always open to scheduling time to chat with parents/families as needed.
- We had a great turnout at our recent Information Night for prospective families. Over 80 families are interested in making TGS their school, and about a half dozen tours have already been scheduled.
- Friends & Family Day - Tuesday before Thanksgiving is a time to showcase TGS to grandparents and other friends & family members who may be gathering. Campus will be open in the morning for these special visitors with activities & performances to mark the occasion.

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### Agenda topic Q&A

- Volleyball team is selling tickets to the Rotary Car Show. \$10 each & team gets 50%. Email Rose Martin or contact Coach Angela to purchase; can also buy online
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip will be in the Spring – details are being worked out now, but usually happens during a school week
- There are no formal plans for Halloween at school, but MS students can dress up. All dress code guidelines still apply, plus no weapons, masks or violent depictions. More information will be sent out prior to Halloween.
- Middle School Student Council usually sponsors 3 dances for MS students. StuCo leaders are working with Ms. Patt & Ms. Newton and plans will be announced at a later date.

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### Agenda topic Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.