

**TWIN GROVES MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT – TEACHER ORGANIZATION
BY – LAWS**

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- Section 10 All issues that need to be voted on at a General meeting must be brought to the Executive Board before they can be placed on the agenda. General Procedures for handling a motion on an item to be voted on:
- A. A member normally must obtain the floor by being recognized by the President(s). The President(s) can only vote to create or break a tie (or 2/3 for matters requiring a 2/3 vote) – exception: the presiding officer may vote on any vote by ballot
 - B. Member makes a motion.
 - C. A motion must normally be seconded by another member before it can be considered.
 - D. Before the motion is restated by the chair, any member can rise, without waiting to be recognized, and suggest a modification of the wording to clarify the motion.
 - E. The maker of the motion can choose to accept or reject the modified wording (does not require a second). If the person who originally stated the motion does not want to change it, a vote must first be taken on the original motion. If that fails, another motion can be called for vote.
 - F. A motion may be made to Postpone Definitely (Postpone to a Certain Time) if additional information is required to assist in the decision on the proposed motion. The tabling motion delays action until a certain time specified in the motion, but may not be beyond the next regular general board meeting.
 - G. If the motion on the table is in order, the chair will restate the motion and open debate (if the motion is debatable).
 - H. The maker of a motion has the right to speak first in debate. Debate is closed when:
 - 1. Discussion has ended, or
 - 2. A two-thirds vote closes debate ("Previous Question")
 - I. The President(s) restates the motion, and if necessary clarifies the consequences of affirmative and negative votes.
 - J. Voting:
 - 1. Majority vote – defined as more than half of the votes cast by those present and voting (i.e., excluding abstentions) unless the organization's rules specify otherwise (e.g., majority of those present, or majority of the entire membership).
 - 2. Two-thirds vote – defined as at least two-thirds of those present and voting, unless otherwise specified by the organization's rules. Examples of motions that require a two-thirds vote: to close, limit, or extend debate; to suspend the rules; to remove an officer or expel a member; or to object to the consideration of a motion.
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- K. The President(s) calls for a vote.
- L. The President(s) announces the result.

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ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Section 1 Any parent or legal guardian with a student(s) enrolled and attending Twin Groves Middle School who is interested in the purpose of this organization and is willing to subscribe to its by-laws may become members upon payment of annual dues.
- Section 2 Annual dues for all members shall be set each year by the PTO Executive Board, after being certain that they are consistent with other schools in District #96.
- Section 3 The membership year shall be from July 1st through June 30th and any person joining during the year shall pay dues for that year.
- Section 4 An annual enrollment drive for members shall be conducted. Additional members shall be accepted at any time.
- Section 5 No Regular Member shall be denied the right to participate in the activities of the organization or to become a Voting Member due to financial hardship. Annual Dues waiver or alternative payments are granted upon confidential application to the treasurer and upon confirmation of that need with the Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 Administrative Office.

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- Shall assist the President(s) and perform duties of the President(s) in the absence of the officer(s). Assist overseeing all fundraising committees and maintain communication between the Executive Board and all committee chairpersons, maintains conflict of interest forms and plans volunteer appreciation event. Also, is responsible for the annual review of the by-laws of the Twin Groves Middle School PTO

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ARTICLE XII – ELECTIONS

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2. Select a Nominating Committee chairperson and identify all other members of the Nominating Committee. These should be former officers or other members with vast PTO Committee experience, ensuring fair representation of all feeder elementary schools.
3. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall contact the eligible Committee Chairs to determine if they wish to return to their position. After the remaining open positions are determined, vacancies are published in the PTO Newsletter including current job descriptions
4. Form a slate of candidates for the open positions on the Executive Board of Officers, giving heaviest consideration to:
 - previous Executive Board experience at middle or elementary school level
 - previous committee chairperson experience – working with the Executive Board at middle or elementary school level
 - fair representation of all feeder elementary schools
5. Fill vacancies on PTO Committees, giving heaviest consideration to:
 - previous experience as committee chairperson at middle or elementary school level
 - previous experience as committee volunteer at middle or elementary school level
6. Maintain confidentiality of all discussions and considerations.
7. Contact all nominees who volunteered for Executive Board and Committee Chairs and inform them of decisions made.
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