

SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL EAST

Smithtown East PTSA Meeting from September 25, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: ~6:00pm @ Smithtown East High School

Welcome & Pledge

Introductions: Christine, Lisa, Marissa, Amy - Present. Also introduced: Heather, Michelle

Treasurer's Report

Current budget: \$6,459.18

- Membership: 216 total; Students: 30, Teachers: 79

Principals Report - Mr McNeil

- 1st year/full circle - started here
- Pleasure working here - introduction
- Orientation/Ease into East: both successful
- Breakfast & MTTN - appreciated by all
- Good news: 5 National Merit Semi-finalist, Tim Needles just featured in Newsday. Technology Talent - PD for Staff
- Attendance is very important this year (since Covid). If work is not completed, grade goes in as Incomplete. College visit is excused.
 - Phys Ed: Do they need to make up PE class with absence: Miss 4 or 5 then make up during Zero (0) period
- Electronic devices impact to the change has value. Students are doing fairly well. Quick glance and put away.
- 43 Clubs - tremendous opportunity to get involved. Mr Russo put a lot of info on website. Info is also right outside his office.
- Messenger is a critical piece for communication. Email & Text from East to know what's going on. Instagram is where all the info is available.
 - Safety - Lockdown Drill today. Unplanned. Strobes/Doorswipe activated/Voice activated without McNeils knowledge. No one in distress, no one called 911, No situation going on - double & triple checked. Unintentional activation. Police responded. Faculty/Staff/Student responded how they should. Very life like today. There are the situations to improve and tweak.
 - 12 typical drills - today counts as 1 of 4. Lock downs the 12 other drills.
 - Students stuck in hall, no one wants to be in "no man's land", teachers know to clear the area "sweep the hallway", what to do when you're in the bathroom
 - Magnet: fire suppression & release when lock down button is activated
 - Door always closed and locked
 - Before we had covers for the side light, Temp covering is for drills in case of emergency
 - Classroom instruction does not continue but it is safe staying in seats
- Sports: Field Lighting is up and running
 - Football Homecoming changes the parade - currently on hold

- Section XI had to move around refs/away to accommodate

Leadership:

- No Parade - Leader parade - Bullgate/BBQ
- Parade driven by Club event
- Band at Halftime
- Trunk or Treat - happened during Covind, bring it back during Homecoming
- FCCLA - balloon decorations
- Chords for Graduation - motivates students to do well - Conversation about ranking has been happening throughout the HS's
- Blood Drive - Mid December - 8am - 1pm - Need more Donors
 - How can we get teachers to come down? Broadcast to Community
 - Close to students @1pm but go later for faculty & residents?
 - When does it get advertised - November start
 - NY BLood Services - Contacted the communion to advertise

President's Report - Christine Loughlin

- President Meeting - Sept 3 - Discussed graduation for HS's - Elementary's loved having it here
- Graduation for HS - looking to have it off campus & not at the same time as West
- Stony Brook would be incredible with parking and logistics but out of your control
- Someone has to get the info and come back to principal
- Budget Vote: Total income hoping \$20k+
- Spiritware table - Set up 3:30p
 - Closet - PTSA - rolling locked carts/cabinet - need space to store things

Council Delegate

- First meeting in November

New Business:

- Alumni walk during Homecoming
- Go Gold: Sept - Pediatric Cancer Month
 - Middle School (3) got laces - Amy Beach
 - Jason Lampert got Gold Laces for Athletes
 - Fundraiser - Smithtown Goes Gold
 - FCCLA Club gets donations for Go Gold
 - Dr Sekaur is committed to making next year easier.

Meeting end: 7:34p

Next Meeting October 16, 2025 - 7pm