Whittier School PTA Minutes

Downers Grove, IL

January 23, 2018

This meeting was held the LRC. There were 16 people in attendance.

Call to meeting @ 7:03pm

Secretary's Report

Rachel Carrero requested a motion to approve previous minutes. Karrie Donat motioned to approve, Ann Russell seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jaguar Jog increased our reserve, with the Spring Fundraiser we should be pushed over the edge.

Guest Speakers

First Grade (Mrs Quill, Mrs. Richards)

- First grade is busy with testing (AIMSweb and MAP)
- Fountas and Pinnell testing complete in winter, witnessing good growth with the students
- Phase 1 new reading series, being well received
- Feb 5th is the 100th day of school
- Holding a mini Olympics

4th Grade (Mr. Miller, Mrs. Carey)

- BFG, Figurative language literary devices (compare book and movie next week)
- Expository essays about job/career of choice
- Math – Analyzing patterns
- Science – Magnetism, building electormagnets/planets
- Social studies – West region (commercials traveling to W. cities), next: Midwest, MAP testing complete!

Thank You from Ms. Vanacora for the PTA donation to purchase the book "Blood on the River: Jamestown" for the class

Co-Presidents Report

- Nominating committee needed for next year's VP, volunteers are: Rita Brezina, Val Hardy, and Sarah Bogaczyk

- Committee chairs received survey email requesting what their intended commitments are for next year

President Mr. Krugman's Report

- Recap summary
- Compliments/accolades from Tivoli staff re: students' behavior at the Movie Day
- Whittier planning on something similar to movie day again
- Spring Fling instead of Valentine's party
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb 2nd – yearbook pics
- Feb 26th Music Program @ 2:10 for 2/3 grade
- Calendar Report

Variety Show

- 34 acts
- "picking up the baton" from Melissa Rausch, "thank you for your patience" as we learn the ropes
- Delegating tasks has been the biggest challenge
- School matinee show for students/staff only, prop drop off will be announced

Spring Fundraiser – Joanne Brock

- Tickets went on sale Fri
- Both chairs are NEW, but everyone has been helpful
- All donations are organized and in
- 9 Tickets so far have been purchased
- Experiences released week of Variety Show, print out will go home w/kids
- Experiences sign up Wed @ 7pm prior to Fundraiser , will then close on Sunday and invoices will be processed and emailed
- Every grade doing raffle project
- Silent auction/raffle
- Emails are being sent among Kindergartener parents wondering if anyone is attending (push to do something through the room parents to get these parents to want to attend!)
- Whittier will get a kickback if they earn over set amount

Family Fun Nights – Val Hardy

- Baked Apple:
- No hard numbers in yet
- Count on our annual fundraiser, they are always looking forward to Whittier school coming!
- Give a percentage of total sales, not just from our patrons
- Panda Express fundraiser was a dud, prob won't happen again
- END OF THE YEAR Event – Last Day of School most likely as that received a positive reception, @ Whittier, open to any insights/requests
- Portillo's may be the new Family Fun Night

Yorktown School Bucks

- Changed drop-off location/hours for receipts
- Receipts need to be within 60 days of purchase
- Manila envelope will now be placed in PTA box in school office, liaison will now bring in receipts and copy them

District 58 survey

- GreatSchools.org scores big concern among parents, as Zillow posts these numbers
- Parents as a whole believe the GreatSchools score does NOT reflect our school

Val Hardy stated the District 99 item will be on the March voting ballot for master facility plan (tax incentive to make improvements for both high schools)

WRECK Next Year – Matt Butts

- Would like to align the concepts used in robotics to school curriculum
- 5/6 grade would like to have WRECK as well
- May have help coming from Herrick Middle School
- "First Team" K-12th Robotics classes, start with Lego – all the way to high school with robotics (best to start this process with high school students and work backward, usually can get the high school students to come back to grade schools and help out)

Meeting adjourned @ 8:06pm

Minutes scribed by Rachel Carrero.