December 18, 2018
General PTA Meeting
Whittier School

This meeting of Whittier's PTA was held in the LRC.

Call to meeting @ 7:02pm

There were 17 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report
- Request for motion to approve minutes from the October 16th meeting
- Motion made by Laura Hill, seconded by Elizabeth Klemak

Treasurer's Report
- Jog report: $13,600 raised not including Angel Fund, 98% in

Guest Teacher Speakers
- 5th Grade – Thank you, another great year, holiday festivities, origami trees
- Mid Feb Cow wise
- January 6th annual creative writing contest, proud of being a nation of immigrants, can choose what to write and ties into American History talk
- Appreciate everything from PTA
- iPads have been great this year, not glitchy at al
- Utilizing seesaw – through assessment and activities, everyone next year will be using it

CoPresident's Report
- Vote on amendment on the bylaws # needed for quorum – proposal to arcticle 8 setion 6, 15 currently required incl 2 officers, proposal is to lower to 10 – any objections? None voiced. Review is for next admin's good through 6/2019. Motion passed unanimously
- ? - is it in the newsletter what is going to be voted on? Teacher wish list and budget is posted online, otherwise can see minutes that are also posted on PTA website
- PTA Pres meeting report – events coming up; 2/24 Dg 58 fundraiser with Harlem Wizards @ DGS, big moneymaker. DG Jr Women's club pairing with DG 58 for a Casino Royale gala, SEL giveback & buddy benches for all elem schools – will be held on 3/9 at the Moose. Please attend, it'll be fun!
- YB needs volunteer for Tuesdays, currently have one volunteer but cannot cover all days – needs at least one or two to share the session dates
- Reminder: Please use KOHA, AmazonSmile!Proceeds go back directly to our PTA
- 1/29 meeting will be @ Cadence Kitchen, no babysitting provided, but food/beverage purchase will be avail

Principal's Report
- 5/6th grade music program was awesome, jazz/spiritual/swing performance, ? On why program was not holiday based. Fri will be holiday sing – lack of space to have all school with parents program – program matched up with American History curriculum
- Mittens program – thank you for your participation – 11 excited families waiting to pick up packages - offered to families who need extra assistance to give their children a great holiday, wish lists go on a tree as "mittens" - gifts are given unwrapped with wrapping paper provided
- PTC are 1/15 and 1/16 – 5-8pm, 15 min only, some are student led
- 5 essentials parent survey emailed by Megan Hewitt, district decision for a baseline to target school curriculum, culture climate, window closes this Fri to take the survey

- Results of survey are published, reviewed, becomes part of IL student report card, helps drive upcoming school year
- 90th Anniversary for Whittier, all-school assembly, banner created by Mr Belonio, all school community service project created to give back – we are the oldest school in District 58, when details are finalized will be shared, Lois Sterba local historian will provide some facts
- Revised Whittier Vision Statement (old one was 10 yrs old) – Building leadership team researched, posed questions to staff, presented to students on monday - "Whittier strives to develop lifelong learners w??????????? - take each part of the statement and go over it with the students
- ? On Mittens – some mittens were not taken, one mitten was not returned – will try to get all wishes covered
- Spring Fundraiser
    - Adam Hill: Save the Date – Fri 2/22 @ Suburbanite Bowl 7-10pm, place is pretty much ours. Collecting donations for raffle and silent auction, classroom projects in the making, food and beverages provided, teams are NOT required. Bowling shirts/costumes encouraged. Funds to go to capital improvements #1 mats for the gym – outdoor classroom #2, trying to avoid other fundraisers we just to jaguar jog, spring fundraisers – any connections with local businesses for donations are welcome, Swim and R club membership will be on the raffle
    - Volunteers requested for raffle ticket sales, check-in, will do sign up genius
- Variety Show
    - Sarah Bogaczyk: 3/9 @ the Tivoli, 1/14 all acts must be submitted, 90 sec or less per act, All act meeting week of the 25th, one parent lead needs to attend, larger groups can possibly rehearse @ Whittier (email will go out for sign up), Photo shoot will be at that meeting, in school performance will be 3/8, look @ lyrics, song content, scripts, email Variety Show leads
    - Day of show – need parent volunteers to corral kids, help with props, need to be avail for dress rehearsal as well
- Holiday Luncheon Teacher Appreciation tomorrow – pictures will be posted on FB page,
- Math Night was awesome!! Thanks to Matt Butts
- WRECK – Matt Butts, any 5/6th graders Jan session is open, anyone interested in robotics/coding all new kits
- Karrie Donat – ordering closes for Fun Lunch 12/22 need 8-10 volunteers for every lunch needed

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm
Minutes scribed by Rachel Carrero