February 5, 2019
General PTA Meeting Minutes
Whittier School

This general PTA meeting of the Whittier PTA was held at Cadence Kitchen.
There were 16 members in attendance.

Call to meeting @ 7:15pm

Secretary's Report

- Secretary Rachel Carrero requested approval of 12/18/18 meeting's minutes – motion made by Rita Brezina, seconded by Addie Pampalone

Treasurer's Report

- Cindy Maquet's father donated $3k for capital improvement project, hopefully can get mats funded by the beginning of the year
- $5k to go for mats project to be fully funded, next in line for the school sign, then outdoor classroom
- Q Can capital improvement project be online to people can see what the $ is going toward?
- Spring Fundraiser needs $10k to fully fund budget then $5k for capital project
- Q Would having a/c affect the desire for an outdoor classroom? Mrs Richards responded yes
- Concern raised for being able to fund a functional outdoor classroom plus wifi access

Guest teacher speakers, 1st Grade, Mrs. Richards

- Piloting new science curriculum, align with new standards (student driven), has been very fun and hands on, gets the kids thinking
- 10 years from start to finish for a new curriculum, can now be 3-5 years
- Addition/subtraction
- Open house theme – Charlie Brown/Peanuts
- Annual tie-dye, reading incentive program

Co-Pres Report

- Nominating Committee needed – 3 required, Rita Brezina, Melissa Rausch, and Addie Pampalone volunteered to serve
- Next shopping event @ Evereve for Capital Project 3/6
- Information from PTA presidents meeting:
    - the PTA Council Exec Board is overturning all 4 positions this year and need nominees – the easiest job by far b/c budget is smaller, term is only one year, 4/5 meetings/year. Includes both middle and elementary school. Their budget is for Reflections, Author Fest, Reading Games
- DG58 Fundraiser with the Harlem Wizards @ DGS on 2/24, volunteers are needed
- Summer Math Club: 1-2 people needed to serve as council chairs
- Superintendent Forums – beginning phase of determining from the population what people are looking for in our new replacement

Principal's Report

- Fun new items for spring fundraiser
- Jump with a loved one – Miss Sopron sent out schedule

- No School 2/15, Rescheduled teacher's institute
- Kindergarten Roundup

Committee Reports

- Adam Hill for Spring Fundraiser: 16 Families signed up so far, will roll out "teasers" of what will be included to try to bring more in, All Things Whittier to bid on, children in classrooms working on raffle items for bids, check in @ 6:30 bowing beings at 7, 11:30 end time but alley is open until 2am, bowling shirts encouraged,
- Melissa Rausch for Spring Experiences, 9 so far signed up which is plenty, flier will be sent out + in Whittier Weekly
- Variety Show 3/9 @ 10am, Volunteers Needed
- Directory Spot – thoughts?
  - Some PTAs are going through Member Hub – if Ann could export Directory Spot to Member Hub then that may be possible
  - Positive feedback on still having the paper copy
  - Some negative feedback that Directory Spot was not working correctly when you have more than one child in the school
- Science Night is 3/20 6:30-7:30, new fun things!
- WRECK 5/6 grade did not fill all slots, 9 of 18 spots filled – feedback on WRECK budget
- Melissa Rausch for Family Fun – it's a "Feeding Frenzy" :) – traditional president's day Family fun at Baked Apple – family fan Skate night Sunday night @ St. Patrick's Day Skate at Lombard Roller Rink 4-6pm, EOY has not been planned yet, Enchanted Castle is a possibility for another family fun night
- Jenn DiCosola 10% of total bill for restaurant offered from new business in the area

New Business

- Joanne Brock - suggested being a liaison with Laura Hill for new families, re: school supplies ordering company
- Laura Hill relayed thank you for all the last minute Mitten purchases

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08pm