PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF WHITTIER SCHOOL
Downers Grove, Illinois
PTA MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2016

The General Meeting of the Whittier School PTA was held on March 12th, 2016, in the Whittier School Learning Resource Center (LRC).

There were 17 people in attendance.

Guest Speaker:

What's Happening in 6th grade

- 6th grade is different than other grades, at this time of year, the kids are really ready for summer/Jr. High
- Teachers work to keep them engage such as the art institute
- Robert Crown field trip regarding making healthy choices which serves as a nice reminder
- DuPage County Courthouse Mock Trial – Superman vs Batman, the kids get to interact and work on the case
    - As prep, a local lawyer will visit the class to speak about her work experience and education.
- There is still a lot of work. Genocide unit is now being taught through literature and discussions.
- April is poetry so the students are working on sonnets
- Social Studies – middle ages
- Science – Solar system
- Student Council baseball hat is tomorrow, donation to Heavenly Hats
- Box Tops brought in $800, student council is sponsoring as all school assembly on the first woman astronaut
- Reading Games – Three books will be announced before end of school
- Yearbook orders are due April 15th!

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Amy Ihde requested March 2016 minutes be approved. Melissa Rausch put forth a motion and Kelly Freely seconded. Motion was approved

Jaguar Jog Timing Company J3 Events Timing needs $100 deposit due by May 15th. Reviewing possibility for online registration through the company vs our Web site. Consideration includes payment for other Jog related things such as TShirts and after party luncheon --- Jaguar Jog date: September 18, 2016

WRECK Whittier Robotic Engineering Club for Kids for 3rd and 4th graders through LEGO education program. Kit includes motor, lights, sensors and 12 models with instructions. Typically, the club meets once a week and during that time a model is made. It also includes a basic introduction to coding, but students need a laptop. While the laptops were replaced with Chrome Books, but the current kits are not compatible with the device. The new kits WeDo 2.0 are interactive with iPads and are Blue Tooth enabled

Variety Show date is Saturday November 19, 2016

Thank you to the Spring Fundraiser! It was so much fun! Continue to sign up for the experiences! Estimating around $20,000

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Balance sheet was presented as of the April 2016, cash balance is $56,017.20. Playground, Fun Lunch, Expenses Not Approved but Not Paid, Family Fun has been removed
- Book fair is no longer a PTA function. Ms. Coleman is working directly with book vendors. LRC Books and Book Fair have been removed from the budget.
- The Village of DG requests when you secure the date for Jaguar Jog, fee must be paid. This fee has been added to the budget
- Field day lunch is now its own item covered by the general PTA. Years past, cost was covered by Fun Lunch, this is no longer the case.
- WRECK requested $2,100 for new materials (one-time fee)

Melissa Rausch puts forth a motion to approve the budget for the 2016/2017 school year

CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Voting for slated officers for the 2016/2016 year
    - Nominated John Gianelli and Adam Hill for Co-VPs
    - Lori Achilles for Treasurer
    - Rachel Carrero for Secretary
    - Slate was unanimously approved
- A check originally personally written by Cindy Maquet to cover the cost of the Jog was stopped and the PTA was able to submit a check for $1000
- By Laws Change Approved:
    - Article 8 Section 1 regarding the number of General PTA meetings. Now we require seven meetings, would like to change to five general meetings. CHANGE: Regularly scheduled meetings of WHITTIER PTA shall be held at least 5 times during the school year
    - Article 6 Section 2B regarding officer elections, want to make bylaws less specific and change time from April to In the Spring. CHANGE: Officers shall be elected by ballet in the Spring
- Jen Milke made a motion that all proceeds from this year's book fair goes to the LRC
- Field Day Pizza lunch - needs up to $650 to cover costs
- Thank you to the family fun committee
- Yearbook is due Friday
- PTA registration is open

Principal's Report:

- McTeacher night was fun a successful – lots of staff participated, included a raffle for a McD meal once a month
- Thank you to Mrs. Kyrgeris and
- Online registration is open now through May 13, please register, you do not need to pay
- 32 new students for Kindergarten round up. 29 have shown interest in OKEEP and 3 in half day. Searching for a new kindergarten teacher
- June 2nd end of school for Kindergarten
- Wed April 13 – SC Spirit Day, Baseball Hat Heavenly Hats
- Thurs April 14 – Northside Elementary Orchestra Concert Grade 5/6 at 7pm, HMS
- Fri April 15 – Whittier Blue and Gold Spirit Day, Report Cards sent home
- Mon April 18 – Northside Elementary Band Concert, 7pm, HMS
- Tues April 19 – Northside Elementary Orchestra (Gr 4) and Chamber Strings concert 7 pm HMS
- Wed April 20 DGCC Concert 7 pm HMS
- Thurs April 21 Kindergarten Brookfield Zoo trip all attend 8:20-2:00 DG58 Fit Fair, 6-8pm OMS
- Fri April 22 – Student Council Silly Sock Day Fun Lunch
- April 25 – April 29 Spring Book Fair

- Tues Apr 26 Student Count Crazy Hair and Hat Day
- Wed April 27 Administrative Professionals Day / Kids Council 8:20
- Thurs April 28 Open House 6:30 -8:30
- Fri April 29 Whittier Blue and Gold Day
- May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week
- Fri May 6 Whittier Blue and Gold Spirit Day, Fun Lunch
- May 9 -13 Student Council Spirit Week Color Week
    - Monday – Wear your favorite color
    - Tues Wear Red
    - Wed Wear Blue & Gold
    - Thurs Wear Purple
    - Fri – Rainbow day
- Mon May 8 – Grades 1 and 2 Music Program at 9;00
    - BOE Meeting 7:00pm
- Fri May 13 Historical Perspectives Assembly Registration for 2016/2017 is due
- Tues May 17 PTA Meeting 7:00pm

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes scribed by: Amy Ihde

April 12, 2016