May 22, 2018

Whittier School
General PTA Meeting Minutes

There were 18 members in attendance.

Call to meeting @ 6:10

Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve April minutes request – ValHardy, Ann Russell 1st and 2nd

Treasurer's Report
- Current financials presented
- Need three volunteers to audit
- $29,500 for 2018-19 budget
- Motion to approve budget req: Sarah Bogaczyk 1st, Val Hardy 2nd, vote unanimous approved

Voting on Exec Board Members
- Lori Achilles for treasurer, Rachel Carrero for secretary, Sarah Bogaczyk/Amy Cable co-vice pres Rita Brezina made motion to approve new board, Ann Russell 2nd
- Val Hardy thanked everyone for stepping up/returning
- Motion approved unanimously

New Exec Board Now Seated

Susan Lorenc, New Pres
- Thank you to outgoing presidents
- Thank you to 2nd grade teachers for coming

Ms Sullivan, Mr Swade 2nd Grade teachers
- Thank you for best teacher appreciation ever, esp notes from students, thank you to parents for coming extra early to set up, and for posting pictures on PTA Facebook page
- Mr Swade: home stretch, winding down with Flat Stanley projects, DG field trip rained out/rescheduled, animal research reports, fine tuning writing skills, assessments (MAP/F&P), EXPLORE is very valuable (has changed so much the individual attention, finding the right books for higher level comprehension skills)
- I-pick bins help the kids find books for their reading level

Mr Krugman
- Guided reading characteristics and comprehension on whittier website for Fountas & Pinnell
- Student recommended books/readers could be posted on the teacher's websites for guideline

Q: Does F&P have a website to help you find the right books for reading level? (not exactly – can google the book and the reading level should come up)

Susan: Looking for new ways to use the room parents -

Co-President's Report

- Open Committee Chairs:
- Val: Spring Fundraiser chairs still open? - Possible end of Feb
- Variety Show date not set yet (aiming for first week of Feb)

Mr Krugman

- Capital Improv Projects
  - Sound System in Jaguar Jungle: Flexible company (same company as Herrick) $7,770 – Could have new system set up by first day of school year $2770 could be used out of the student
  - Mats in Gym (Falling apart, broken) just under $10K to replace, they're still on the wall currently, but really should be replaced in the next few years. Miss Sopron requested a white board – District will not pay for new mats because they're still on the wall.. not entirely a safety issue yet. (Maybe in 10-15 yrs, but not within the next 5)
  - Outdoor Classroom – teachers are very excited about the idea.. need to look into actual design – awning/pergola possibly needed for shade, but teachers expressed interest in it being next to the school for WIFI access (be out in nature, writing space, tables/benches), believes teachers would utilize it a lot because of no AC in the school, paver brick so it wouldn't be muddy, open to families working on building/planning
  - Whittier Sign Outside needs to be replaced, Village code needs to be followed.
  - Look into how much we can spend once full budget is met

Vote to Approve Funds to Earmark Needed.

- Accidental omission on the budget for the $5000 earmarked to capital projects, but was proposed over 30 days ago.

Rita moved to approve $5000 to begin new sound system project, vote unanimously approved $2770, not to exceed $3000 to borrow from the student's activity fund motion (

Dates for 2018-19 PTA Meetings Announced

- PTA Meetings

Tuesday, September 4; 7:00pm
Tuesday, October 16; 7:00pm
Tuesday, December 18; 7:00pm
Tuesday, January 29; 7:00pm
Tuesday, April 16; 7:00pm
Tuesday, May 21; 7:00pm

Three Volunteers Needs for Audit Committee Volunteers (Rita Brezina, Laura Hill volunteered, 3rd still needed)

Mr Krugman's Report

- Calendar of events; WHITTIER CALENDAR OF EVENTS - May/June 2018
  This Week - May 23-25:
  Box Top Collection Drive
  SC Spirit Color Week
  Wednesday, May 23 Student Council Color Week - Wear Green
  Thursday, May 24 Student Council Color Week - Wear Blue/Purple
  Friday, May 25 Student Council Color Week - Wear Colors of the Rainbow

Monday, May 28 Memorial Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, May 30 Field Day & Pizza Lunch
Thursday, May 31 6th Grade Awards Ceremony, 3:00pm
Friday, June 1 SC Spirit Day - Summer Activity Day
WHITTIER Families Celebration
Tuesday, June 5 Last Day of School
11:30am - 6th Grade Clap-out
11:40am - Student Dismissal and PTA End of
School Year Celebration
Friday, June 8 Whittier Office Closes for the Summer
Thank you for the teacher appreciation events
EXPLORE was fantastic, K participated (loved it), info is invaluable to check for, reading growth

- Awards assembly change- discussion with teachers abo current awards, citizenship awards @ 6th grade, no longer have these awards for other grade levels. Classroom celebrations instead (celebrating achievements, citizenship awards). Entire staff votes for 6th graders
- Field Day Change : primary AM K-2, intermediate PM 3-6th

Committee Reports

- Val: Family Fun EOY celebration, June 5th 11:40-1:15, comedy juggler, face painting, donuts
- Field Day: Rita – should need less volunteers, change up the activites for age levels
- Welcome & Support – Sarah: school supply kits ordering open, no school pickups (home delivery only), increased quality of items (shipping cost same no matter how many kits ordered)
- Jog – sponsor back of tshirt open (4 $250, 2 $500 needed)

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned 7:07pm

Minutes scribed by Rachel Carrero.