PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF WHITTIER SCHOOL
Downers Grove, Illinois
PTA MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2015

The General Meeting of the Whittier School PTA was held on February 17th, 2015, in the Whittier School gym.

There were 19 people in attendance.

Guest Speaker:
5th Grade Teachers: Ms. Lyons and Ms. Edwards

- Thank you for all the support, both financially and with your time
- Jaguar Journal continues to be a success
- In Social Studies, students have an opportunity to enter a writing contest on the topic "Why You are Glad America is a Nation of Immigrants"
- Mr. Winters is taking the 5th grade to the Bulls and Sox Academy
- Lots going on in Science
    - Students learning about color and light
    - Eye dissection unit always a hit
- Students skype with author Douglas Evans, MVP for Reading!

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes were approved from January 2015 meeting.

I'd like to put forth a motion to approve the February 2015 minutes

Debbie Doberez (Name of first person to make motion)

Carla William (Name of person that seconded)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Unavailable due to technical issues

_____ Include Cash Balance

CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Feedback regarding the possibility of facilitating hot lunch via an outside vendor did not garner critical mass
    - Persons who responded to survey were interested, however the price point community thought was reasonable was less than the vendor price
    - At this time, it does not seem to be a viable option due to lack of interest and cost
    - Thank you to those who took the survey
- The 19th is a FREE Family Fun event at Sky High in Naperville. Everyone is invited. The event was funded through profits generated through restaurant events throughout the year
- Open Committee Positions
    - Fall Fundraiser Chair (or co-chairs), fall fundraiser is how our budget needs are met
        - Time is of the essence as the village needs to secure a date

    - Fun Lunch co-chairs are vacating and we need replacements
    - VPs are needed and will be slated in March
        - Debbie Doberez and Jen Milke are part of the nominating committee
- April meeting will be a volunteer fair and provides a chance for people to mingle and learn about different PTA opportunities

Committee Reports:

Playground

Spring Fundraiser "Let's Play for the Playground"

- 5 weeks away
- Optional to participate
- Experiences – have a great idea? Let Rita or Val know! Some ideas are mother / daughter and father / son

Science Night

- Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- Want to volunteer to run a station or check people in? Let Debbie Dobrez know.
- Hands-on experiences
- Open to k-6 need a guardian

Green Team

Market Day

- All orders must be placed online or by phone and prepaid with credit card. No cash or check accepted

Hospitality

Whittier Wear

Teacher Appreciation

Reflections

Variety Show

Fun Lunch

Jaguar Jog

Destination Imagination

WRECK

Book Fair

OTHER Committees:
Chess

- Monday March 23 is the make-up
- Looking for parent volunteers, tuition is reduced by half

Principal's Report:

- One Book / One School was awesome! Author skyped and did a great job keeping it interactive, 12 families did dioramas. We hope to continue and grow this program. Thanks for participating!
- Kindergarten Round-Up is Friday April 10 from 9:00-10:00
- Feb. 20 is Blackhawks Day, wear red and black
- Feb. 24 Ozzie Reading forms due
- Feb. 26 Kids Council
- Feb. 27 Teacher Institute
- March 6 is fun lunch

- Mach 9 PARCC testing begins, takes place instead of istat. Schools who do not participate loose state and federal funding. Students will be given gum at school, please do not send gum
- March 20 Fun Lunch and All School Field Trip

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Moved March PTA meeting to avoid St. Patty's Day
    - Meeting is now March 24th
- April 15th, the SEL team is hosting a Girls and Adolescences Meeting to discuss changes during puberty
    - Sara Faulker is leading
    - A Pediatrician will also be part of the panel
    - Parents of girls between 3-6 grade are invited

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes scribed by: Amy Ihde

Date: March 18, 2015