PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF WHITTIER SCHOOL
Downers Grove, Illinois
PTA MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2015

The General Meeting of the Whittier School PTA was held on May 19th, 2015, in the Whittier School gym.

There were 22 people in attendance.

Guest Speaker:

What's Happening in 2nd Grade – Mr. Swade

- 2nd Grade has flown by! Lots of fun and activities
- Benchmarking for fluency
- Working on animal reports
- DG unit of study, took field trips to the Blodgett House and DG Cemetary
- Eight students collaborated with 5th and 6th Graders for the Jaguar Journal
- Teach appreciation was great, very kind and thoughtful of you
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SECRETARY'S REPORT: Amy Ihde requested March and April 2015 minutes be approved. Melissa Rausch put forth the motion to approve and Karrie Donat seconded the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 2015 / 2016 Budget presented and motion passed by Deb Rosenberg and Carla Williams
- Babysitting during the 2014 /2015 year was over budget by $30 due to the special DI meeting. Deb Rosenberg and Carla Williams put forth a motion to approve payment of the overage. Motion passed.
- Any reimbursement please give to Corrine by June 15, 2015. Fiscal year end is June 30, 2015, having all checks cashed makes the audit much easier

CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Special Education PTA meeting was held for the first time and was extremely well attended. Parents were interested in open discussions. Hoping each school will have a liaison to attend the meetings going forward. Please let Debbie or Tiffany know if you are interested in being a liaison
- Rita Brezina thanked the PTA for a great year and Val Hardy stated how much she appreciated all the PTA has done for the school
- PTA registration is open for next year. There is a specific link for teachers. Its quick and easy to register. As an extra incentive, everyone who registers online will be entered into a contest to win a $50 or $25 gift card to Wok & Fire
- Online directory is free, hardcopies are $5 each.
- Please consider donating to the Angel Fund to support disadvantaged children at school.
- Tomorrow is the Kindergarten Playdate for incoming kindergartens at Randall Park from 5:30-6:30

Committee Reports:

Playground – It's been a great year and we have come a long way! The committee has worked with several vendors to estimate cost and design the playground, researched the wants of the shareholders including students and teachers. PTA created a process to raise and hold money. Helped other school in the district to start the process of a new playground. Savers raised $242. Pam McGinn put forth a motion for funds raised over the $10,000 budgeted amount for the Job + teacher wishlist, the remainder going to the playground. Melissa Rausch seconded the motion. Motion approved

Summer Math – Math packets will come home next week. We need 8 volunteers. Summer Math will take place at the library

Teacher Appreciation – Monday: Coffee Bagels and Donuts. Tuesday: Flower Shower. Wednesday: Luncheon. Thursday: Flashlight Key Chain. Friday: Target Gift Cards.

Family Fun –Family Fun event last day of school to feature a 24 foot slide, bouncy house, face painting, magician and snacks

Book Fair – spring book fair raised $1073.44 in cash and $699 in kind for books and supplies

Field Day – June 2nd in the afternoon. If you wish to volunteer, contact Dana Kelly. Lots of new activites!

Hospitality – Lisa McTigue and Jane Hagen will host a coffee to thank those who contributed to the hospitality committee

Green Team – May 30 volunteers are needed to help plant the new vegetation. Please bring your own gloves, shovel and rototiller. Girl Scouts want to donate to the green team. Poncah tribe redesigned the garden plot around the sign and it looks great!

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. As of now, Rita Brezina and Val Hardy vacate their roles as Co-Presidents. Debbie Levinthal and Tiffany Kuelthau become Co-Presidents. Karrie Donat and Carla Gianelli become Co Vice Presidents.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Minutes scribed by: Amy Ihde