WHITTIER PTA MINUTES

October 18, 2016

PTA of Whittier School

Downers Grove, Illinois

The General Meeting of the Whittier School PTA was held on October 18, 2016 in the

Whittier School Learning Resource Center (LRC).

There were 24 people in attendance.

Call to meeting at 7:05pm.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Rachel Carrero requested a motion to approve minutes from the 9/20/16 General Meeting. Jen Mielke put forth a motion, motion was seconded, motion was passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers

What's Happening in 3rd Grade - Ms. Modine/Ms. Jurinek

- SEESAW program: digital portfolio app, tracks student's progress and provides a record for the student to review and a connection for parents to view daily progress

What's Happening in 5th Grade - Ms. Lyons/Ms. Vanacora

- Expressed awe at the student's ability to juggle all the new extracurricular activities offered
- Talked about outdoor projects

Co-President's Report

- New Whittier Spirit Wear company and options – order through November 4
- Tax levy update

Principal's Report

- New Spirit Wear company may be offering magnets/window clings soon
- Halloween – request for parent's to follow guidelines sent home in backpacks
- Reading games registration begins November 9

- Buddy benches arrives, installation coming soon
- Teacher's Wish Lists – total requested max $6265.71
- Books for Louisiana program this week, donate $1 to wear a hat to school
- BOE Curriculum Meeting was on Monday, 10/17
- October 28 end of 1st quarter – P/T conference sign up opens up on Squirrel program
- Halloween east playground parade @ 1:30pm
- November 8 – Mock Election, will focus on the election process
- November 8 – Dress the Turkey Day (will be rescheduled due to conflict)

Committee Reports

Reflections – Wendy Carter

- Projects due October 30 (can submit to school office)
- Theme "What is Your Story"

Math Night – Wendy Carter/Michelle Rafacz

- November 30
- Working on "real world"activities for 4th-6th Grade

Anderson Book Fair

- November 14-18, need volunteers

Reading Games

- Offered starting in 3rd grade
- Trivia questions re: book read
- List announced tomorrow, October 19
- Info meeting TBA

General Budget Discussion

- Re: Reserve, Next Year's Budget Reserve, Clarification on Spreadsheet

New Business

- Girl's Day Out yielded $142
- PTA Council
    1. Donation Requested – possibly sponsor speaker re: girl's adolescence or suggestions welcomed. Cyber safety suggested as topic.
    2. Goal requested – need a specific goal for our PTA

Suggestions: Measurable parent involvement, increase our reserve, developing a new program

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Minutes scribed by Rachel Carrero.