WHITTIER PTA MINUTES

November 29, 2016

PTA of Whittier School

Downers Grove, Illinois

The General Meeting of the Whittier School PTA was held on November 29, 2016 in the Whittier School Learning Resource Center (LRC).

There were 26 people in attendance.

Call to meeting at 7:05pm.

Secretary's Report

- Secretary Rachel Carrero requested a motion to approve minutes from the 10/18/16 General Meeting. Jen Mielke put forth a motion, motion was seconded, motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Current financials
- Analysis on start-of-year resources

Co-President's Report

- Explanation of Robert's Rules of Order
- Intro on today's meeting schedule
- Discussion on teacher's wish list (TWL) allowed prior to vote

Jen Mielke

- Gave history on TWL
- In the past PTA used to raise funds to meet the budget
- TWL did not originate from the teachers, PTA requested wish list

Principal's Report

- TWL decided on 1) what is needed for building or dept., 2) teacher requests
- Set of whiteboard skins should cover the cost indefinitely and are not anticipated to be replaced in the future
- No need to replace any other skins installed
- If a skin needs to be replaced, would be budgeted 1-2 years in advance

Discussion on TWL

- Future discussion of wish list is planned but TBD at a later date
- Ball chair question raised abo if the OT was contacted regarding this need, Q answered by Mr. Krugman – the OT has not been contacted
- Hokki stools – are they beneficial and what are they? Answered by Mr. Krugman, stools were requested by Mrs. Gergits, reading specialist
- Concern raised abo how PTA may be paying for things that the district should be or would be providing
- Mr. Krugman gave an explanation on extra water bottle fillers and why they are needed
- Our PTA mission was read aloud by PTA member Valerie Hardy and requested to pay attention to the mission and how it relates to those categories we have pledged to serve
- Concern raised over Mr. Swade's request for more headphones as they are already provided by parents from the school supply list – Mr. Krugman explained the request is for a listening station in the classroom so students do not need to seek out their headphones which is inconvenient
- Karrie Donat explains the TWL vote will not be line item, clarified line item vote vs. entire vote and the process to approve either
- New location of water bottle fillers will be outside the learning lab and general intermediate bathrooms
- Motion made by Pat McGinn to vote by line item, motion seconded by Michelle Hansen. Vote was made by hand raise, motion did not pass by majority.
- Karrie Donat put forth the vote on the TWL by hand raise, TWL was approved unanimously.
- Thank you from Mr. Krugman on behalf of all the teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes scribed by Rachel Carrero.