Whittier PTA Minutes

October 24, 2017

PTA of Whittier School, Downers Grove, IL

The general meeting of the PTA was held on October 24, 2017 in the LRC. There were 22 people in attendance.

Call to meeting @ 7:05pm

- Karrie Donat made a motion to approve the standing rules, Pres Adam Hill allowed discussion of motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Teacher's Wish List

- Pres Adam Hill suggested questions/discussion
- TWL was about ½ the amount requested as last year
- Vote was taken, TWL passed unanimously

Secretary's Report

- Motion requested to approve minutes from previous meeting
- Addie Pampalone moved to pass, Adam Hill seconded, motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Lori Achilles absent
- Current financials presented, no discussion or questions followed

Guest Speakers – 3rd Grade Teachers

- Thanks to the PTA for time and dedication
- Mrs. Modine – Emphasis on writing, speech processes. Subject/predicate, breaking down sentences, parts for speech, expand vocab (thesaurus)
- Mrs. Jurinek – Thank you for your support. MAP Scores – need to teach grammar mini lessons, no current grammar curriculum. Proud of their students'accomplishments

Jaguar Jog Report – Cindy Maquet

- Report from Lori – Just under $20K raised, no final numbers yet
- Left Binder for next year's chair(s)
- Need chairs ASAP b/c work begins in Jan (need 2 chairs willing to commit to 2 yrs)

Principal's Report

- Mr. Krugman absent
- Halloween Party @ 1:30pm on 31st
- Wacky Hair Day, Rock Star Day
- Halloween Discussion – No props, weapons, or face paint?

Reading Games

- Registration opens Oct 29th
- Brief overview of Reading Games @ O'Neill Middle School on March 10th

Variety Show

- Feb 3rd
- Rehearsal dates TBA, Nov 6th goal to have dates set up
- Practice @ school NIXED
- Theme in progress
- Rita Brezina stated the new chairs are Croft/Russell/Bogacyzk/Hardy
- Asking for a slight increase in budget, counting on the Playbill to make $200 (current budget is $1500)
- Print posters/playbills, income from posters minimal
- Tivoli Crew 100% volunteer, we should tip them
- Handicap seating needed @ Tivoli
- Open to feedback / ideas, more info to come
- Melissa Rausch made a motion to increase budget to $200, Addie Pampalone and Carla Giannelli seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- DVD of final show is rentable in the LRC
- Melissa gave brief description of what to expect in the Variety Show

Spring Fundraiser -Christie Nutt and Joanne Brock

- Miskantonic Brewery is the new location
- Soliciting donations – need help!
- Send out invite to those that volunteered on PTA website
- Experiences can be signed up for online
- Q – Re: what we're fundraising for and how to decide (Mr. K currently researching new school sign for outside, new sound system for Jaguar Jungle) – Q: Does the library have needs? Rita Brezina stated the library receives a lot from the PTA already
- New plan to pay for experiences online
- Ann Russell: all payments through website. App is too expensive ($1000-2000/yr)

- Silent auction idea brought up, pickup/drop off spot needed
- Idea for silent auction : pay to have your child be wished Happy Birthday on the (new?) school sign

BOE Meeting Report – Addie Pampalone

- PARCC and MAP tests discussed
- Discrepancies on matchup on MAP tests
- Herrick teachers like their tests b/c there is instant gratification
- Increased negativity about MAP tests ("parents don't care")
- PARCC – it's not going away, but sentiments made that it does not reflect kids' abilities
- PARCC was supposed to be temporary
- Contract will be up for PARCC, discussion on what is taking over not discussed
- PARCC scores affect state funding
- District given MAP, district focuses on MAP
- Discussion on why parents would choose to opt out

Meeting adjourned @ 8:13pm

Minutes scribed by Rachel Carrero.