PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF WHITTIER SCHOOL
Downers Grove, Illinois
PTA MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2014

The General Meeting of the Whittier School PTA was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in the Whittier School gym. There were 17 people in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes for March 2014 meeting to be posted and approved next month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was distributed.

CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 2014/2015 PTA Executive Board slate approved. Tiffany Kuelthau and Debbie Levinthal – CoVice Presidents, Corinne Potter – Treasurer, Amy Idhe - Secretary

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- **The Beverage Bonanza experiences** with teachers will be set up soon.
- **Wish list request** for next year's magazine subscriptions so they can order now. Motion made for subscriptions to be filled not to exceed $2,000. Will be voted on at May meeting.
    - K – Nat'l Geographic
    - 1st – Nat'l Geographic
    - 2nd – Nat'l Geographic and Time for Kids
    - 3rd – Time for Kids
    - 4th – Nat'l Geographic
    - 5th – Time for Kids
    - 6th – Time for Kids and Scholastic Scope (new subscription instead of Nat'l Geo)
- **Upcoming dates:**
    - 4/18 no school
    - 4/22 Earth Day. Student Council showing a movie after school instead of the Spring Fling.
    - 4/23 DGCC spring concert at Herrick
    - 4/24 Book Fair 3:00 – 8:00, and Open House 6:00 7:30
    - 4/25 Kids' Council
    - 4/28 Star Lab comes to the LRC
    - 5/1 Half day of school. Dismissal at 11:40. Morning kindergarteners stay home, PM kindergarteners attend in the morning.
    - 5/2 spirit day
    - 5/5 Registrations due so they can begin planning staffing for next year. We already have 38 registrations for kindergarteners plus 7 still out.
    - 5/6 Cubs/Sox baseball day
    - SEL – 6th grade parent meeting
    - 5/8 1st/2nd grade music program
    - 5/16 Rock Star day
    - 5/20 PTA Meeting
    - 6/11 Last day of school. Half day. Kindergarteners' last day is 6/10
    - 6/13 School closed because construction begins. Office will be relocated until 6/18. Everything in the school has to be packed up.
    - 8/25 First day of school. Full week of school.

- **What's Happening in 6th Grade?** Teachers Mrs. Krygeris and Mrs. Zagorski gave updates

- Students currently reading an e-version of the Scope Magazine and love it. It give non-fiction and fiction stories on pertinent topics.
- Field trips to DuPage County Courthouse to participate in a mock trial. And they are going to the Art Institute for a guided tour focusing on ancient civilizations which they are learning about now.
- The Reading Games will happen again next year chaired by Mrs. Krygeris and Mrs. Gergits. Date to be finalized but will be a Saturday in March.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- **Beverage Bonanza:** Approximate total income of $9,651.89 and approximately $8,000 in profits.
- No spring fundraiser chair as of now
- **Book Fair:** 4/24 Helpers needed and sign up sheet passed around.
- **Foreign Language:** only Spanish will be offered next year. Early bird registration going on now.
- **Summer Math:** due to construction at library, the program will happen at Hillcrest Elementary. Note: this is a PTA program. Summer reading program is put on by the DG library.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Any helpers should email Rita
- **Variety Show**: hoping to change the date to fall but they don't have a date yet. Determined that March is too hard.

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

NEW BUSINESS:
Playground Equipment survey results reviewed. About half of Whittier families responded. Over 85% of respondents are in favor of saving for new playground equipment. Mrs. Krygeris and Mrs. Zagorski agreed they think it would be money well spent. Mrs. Zagorski described how the new equipment on the intermediate playground made such a difference in behavior of the students and still does. Mrs. Krygeris suggested including an outdoor classroom even if it meant some benches in an area where class can be held. Mr. Krugman said that he is fine with it as long as the current PTA school programs remain funded. Motion made to earmark funds above regular PTA expenditures. We will vote to approve earmarking funds at the May meeting. The committee welcomes anyone with suggestions or wanting to help to contact Pamela McGinn, the playground committee chair.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.