PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF WHITTIER SCHOOL
Downers Grove, Illinois
PTA MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2013

The General Meeting of the Whittier School PTA was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, in the Whittier School gym. There were 22 people in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes were approved from September 2013 meeting.

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

CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Wish List items that were presented in September were voted on and approved. Time magazine for classrooms = $1,380.26 and Reading Room Ipads = $2,400.
- Walking Club needs additional funds because of increased participation. $50 was approved to spend on prizes.
- A survey was distributed and collected regarding potential Parent Education topics to be presented at future PTA meetings.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- What's Happenin' in… 3rd grade. Miss Stern and Mrs. Sciacca attended and told us about a reading workshop the third graders are doing and how helpful the Reading Wall of Guided Reading books has been.
- Mrs. Gergits told us about a new program she and Mrs. Krygeris created for the district. It is a reading program for third through eighth graders in District 58 called The Reading Games. Teams can have 4-8 kids of mixed grades. There are two levels of book lists and the team chooses which list to read. Teams read as many books from the list to compete in the trivia games. This is not a school event. Each team will be led by a parent. It will be officially launched in November, with final registration in January. There will be a website with information on the curriculum tab of the district's website. The Games will be held March 15 at one of the middle schools. It was brought up by meeting attendees that this date conflicts with Whittier's Variety Show. Melissa will check to see if the variety show date can be changed.
- Mr. Krugman recapped the sixth grader Camp Edwards trip. He said it was a great three days with beautiful weather and a great time.
- Upcoming dates:
    1. 10/9 walk to school day
    2. 10/11 spirit day
    3. 10/14-10/15 no school
    4. 10/16-10/25 OLSAT testing done for 1st and 3rd grades. Question was asked if OLSAT determines who gets in the gifted program. Yes, for now, but the gifted program is being reevaluated and changed over the next couple of years. If the child gets a certain score on the OLSAT, then the teachers fill out a check list, then the child moves to the next phase of evaluation.
    5. 10/21-10/22 Winter wear donations accepted at school
    6. 10/23-10/24 Winter wear items available for pick up
    7. 10/23-29 Read Ribbon Week – Anti-Bullying and Anti-Drugs
        - 10/23 wear red
        - 10/24 wear blue and gold
        - 10/25 sports day
        - 10/28 "I want to be…" dress as what they want to be when they grow up.

    - 10/29 wear blue and gold
8. 10/25 Kids Council
9. 10/29 Kate Messner assembly and writing workshop
10. 10/31 Halloween. Kids home for lunch from 12:15-1:15. Parade at 1:30. Mr. Krugman will clarify PM kindergarten schedule. Class parties at 2:00
11. 11/1 blue and gold spirit day
12. 11/1 end of first reporting period
13. 11/5 Social Emotional Learning workshop for 6th grade parents. There will be another in January.
14. 11/8 blue and gold spirit day
15. 11/8 SEL assemblies. K-3 High Res comes to earth. Grades 4-6 Cyber Busters
16. Picture retake day
17. 11/12 next PTA meeting is early do to parent/teacher conferences

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Jaguar Jog – Jane Hagen and Suzy Ennis announced that the Jaguar Jog made $18,870 in total profits. They gave thanks to their 31 committee members. They are looking for new committee chairs for next year.
- Book Fair – Jen Mielke-Committee Chair. Scholastic Book Fair to be held November 14, 3-8pm. Forms were sent home for the presale of Diary of a Wimpy Kid 8.
- Science Club – Being started by Wendy Carter soon. Will be a fee based program. More information coming soon.
- Reflections – final workshop on Wednesday with Mr. Belonio

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

NEW BUSINESS:
None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.