Whittier Elementary School PTA Meeting

22-Oct-2019, 7 PM at Cadence Kitchen

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM

Attendees

- Whittier Staff:
  - Principal: Michael Krugman
  - Teachers: Mrs. Zagorski, Mrs. Miller
- PTA Board: Lori Achilles, Amy Cable, Briar Croft, Cheryl Popielarz, and Gina Schuster
- Parents: 13, in addition to above

Secretary Report

- No new business
- Meeting Minutes: Addie Pampalone, made the motion to approve 21-May-2019 Meeting minutes, Briar Croft Seconded, All Approved

Treasurers Report

- Lori Achilles provided a copy of the financials
- Masterpieces exceeded budget by $80, Rita Brezina made the motion to approve the overage

Guest Speakers

- Building Bridges: Peggy Delaney and Mia Churma
  - 13.3% of District 58 students have an IEP (Individual Education Plan), 13% ave 504's, which is in line with the State Average.
  - Families are encouraged to visit their Facebook Page at Building Bridges Parent/Teacher Group
  - Resources are available to all families in District 58
  - Upcoming meetings:
    - 23-October-2019: Hillcrest
    - February 2020: At Hillcrest, Parent Panel
    - Community Resource Gathering
    - Brainstorming Session next summer
- Ms. Miller & Mrs. Zagorski
  - Great trip to Camp Edwards
  - Working on a new Science Curriculum, Using Monday afternoons to prepare for new curriculum
  - In Second Year of new reading program
  - Several new Feld Trips planned

Co-Presidents Report

- Review of Standing Rules
    - Ensure everyone who has access to PTA information is a current member of the Whittier Community
        - Motion to approve by Val Hardy, Second by Rita Brezina
    - Detailed Information on Creating and Managing Whittier Experiences
        - Motion to approve by Susan Lorenc, Second by Briar Croft
- Teacher Wish List Approval
    - Motion from Addie Pampalone, Second by Rita Brezina
- Request for Chairs
    - Teacher Appreciation Chair – Week of May 4 (week before Explore)
    - Young Rembrants Chair

Principals Report

- Thank you for the Teacher Appreciation List, PTC Dinner, and Gym Wall Pads
- Whittier Families Kick-Off is October 30 with Super Hero/Super Power Theme
- Traditional Halloween plans, lunch is regular time, parade at 1:30, Room Parties at 2 PM
    - Thriller Activity Planned, notes went home this week
- Wednesday, November 14 there are several activities planned after school

Committee Reports

- Color Run (Susan Lorenc & Jenn Dicosola): Raised close to $20K
- Whittier Experiences: Spots Remaining, contact Lindsay Monco
- Family Fun Fair: February 8, Lindsay Monco is looking for volunteers
- Variety Show: (Briar Croft) Saturday, February 1 at the Tivoli, looking to schedule kick-off at Whittier, no practice at the school
- Reflections (Jennifer Card): Entries are due October 30, drop off at the box in the Whittier Office
- Hospitality Committee: Dinner provided on the second night of Parent Teacher Conferences, leftovers on Friday

Curriculum Workshop

- Next week at Whittier, in Megan Hewitt's email, bottom of the e-mail
- Valerie Hardy and Addie Pamplone welcoming feedback on ways to improve parent visibility

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10 at Whittier LRC