Whittier Elementary School PTA Meeting

10-December-2019, 7 PM at Whittier

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Attendees

- Whittier Staff:
    - Principal: Michael Krugman
    - Teachers: Ms. Carey and Mr. Miller
- PTA Board: Lori Achilles, Amy Cable, Sarah Bogaczyk, Briar Croft, Cheryl Popielarz, and Gina Schuster

Secretary Report

- Reminder to send Cheryl Popielarz any Whittier Weekly Updates by Tuesday Morning for a mid-day update
- Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve 22-Oct-2019 Meeting minutes, Ann Russell Seconded, All Approved

Treasurers Report

- Lori Achilles provided a copy of the financials
- Color Run should net around $19,000

Guest Speakers

- Mr. Miller & Mrs. Carrey
    - Discussed new curriculum changes
    - Next week kids will creating a new animal to be covered in a comic book
    - Social Studies will cover the United States, activities include planning vacations and tourism
    - Student Council activities include Tie-die day later this week, PJ Day next week, and a meeting to determine early 2020 activities. Salvation Army collections underway this week!
- Dr. Russell
    - Visited several times, feels Whittier is a great school
    - Covered Draft Master Facility Plan and Citizen Task Force: All in would be $250 M
        - The detailed facility plan is on the District 58 website
            - Curriculum to be updated and standardized, focus going forward on Math
            - Communication to be streamlined, open to feedback
            - Facilities: Focus on Four Areas including 15 facilities
                - General Maintenance: Plumbing, Electrical, Roofs, Parking
                - Safety and Indoor Air Quality: Including Air Conditioning

        - Security: Particularly problematic at Herrick main entrance
        - Middle Schools: Move to grades 6-8, only District 58 and Woodridge aren't
        - 21st Century Learning Spaces: Allow for Coding, Science and Technology
    - Community encouraged to participate in discussions and referendum
    - Partnering with the consultant Paul Hanley Group, used in District 99 last referendum
    - Citizen Task Force includes 40 people representing all resident groups
    - Averaged 5,100 kids in District 58 for last 40 years
- Community Engagement Meetings will be in the Spring, expect four meetings
- Task Force should have recommendation in June, they would need to file with the County in August, and a vote in November
- School Calendar will be voted on in January, the early release feedback will be summarized and reviewed at the February

Co-Presidents Report

- All Committees are Filled
- Sarah recently attending a Board Meeting, shared there is guidance and improved clarity on PTA spending in technology and capital improvement (Playgrounds)
- Have to revisit technology issues, like Whiteboards, as it drives inequities

Principals Report

- Thank you for the help with Mittens (as well as Toys for Tots and Salvation army
- Several Surveys out, see his Weekend E-mail
- Report Cards out last week, PTC conferences are in late January
- IBL: Inquiry Based Learning with Ms. Coleman and Mrs. Modine, with some 3rd Graders

Committees

- Spring Fundraiser "Get Out of the Cold": February 7, 7-10:30 at Neat Bar and Kitchen in Westmont, tickets will be sold right after break. Discussed lowering event tickets to just cover cost to improve participation and attendance.
- Fun Lunch: Ordering will open in January
- Variety Show: Photo Make-Ups are being scheduled
- Family Fun Night: MOD Pizza is tomorrow, Great success with Uncle Bubs

Other

- Suggested soliciting ideas from the Teachers and Students on things they would like to see purchased

Meeting Drawn to a Close at 8:38 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Whittier PTA Board Meeting Attendance

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Name - Printed	Name - Signature
Cheryl Popielarz	Cheryl L. Popielarz
Briar Croft	
Lori Achilles	
Gina Schuster	
Matt Betts	
Maggie Kurcz	
Jenna Carey	
Eric Miller	
Michael Krygman	
Kevin Russell	
Ann Russell	
Melissa Rausch	
Jason Kuether	
John Miller	
Cindy Maguet	