Whittier Elementary School PTA Meeting

14-January-2020, 7 PM at Whittier

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Attendees

- Whittier Staff:
    - Teachers: Ms. Modine, Ms. Boehm, Ms. C
- 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 EOD Mondays for the Tuesday Whittier Weekly
- Meeting Minutes: Rita Brezina made a motion to approve 10-Dec-2019 Meeting minutes, Matt Butts Seconded, All Approved

Treasurers Report

- Lori Achilles provided a copy of the financials
- Color Run should net around $19,000
- Lori provided a different perspective on our financials, in response to requests at our last meeting
- Discussed the growing need of Angels; includes Fun Lunch, After School activities, School Supplies, etc.

Guest Speakers

- Mr. Modine (3rd Grade)
    - Very excited about the Benchmark Curriculum
    - Launching some Inquiry Based Projects in Benchmarking
    - Completed a unit on how to participate in the Government, resulting in brainstorming on how they can improve Whittier
- Ms. Boehm and Ms. C (Kindergarten)
    - Second year of new Benchmark Curriculum, first year of new Science Curriculum
    - Start Robots next month
    - Utilizing new resources on Fine Motor Skills (laces, putty, tweezers)
- Principal's Report (via Mrs. Modine)
    - Appreciate the PTA's support, Looking forward to partner

- ing with PTA on additional needs
- Looking forward to the Spring Fundraiser
- Appreciate in advance for the dinner during Parent Teacher Conference
- Reminder to Complete the Five Essentials Parent Survey

Co-Presidents Report

- Gathering feedback from students, staff and parents (Survey Monkey coming soon)
- Looking forward to getting clarification from District 58 on what PTA can/can't purchase
- Putting together visuals on how funds are spent
- Discussed the desire to plan an "All School" Fine Arts Field Trip in May
- Addie Pampalone made a motion to consider setting aside $4,000 to review at our next April meeting for a Fine Arts Field Trip

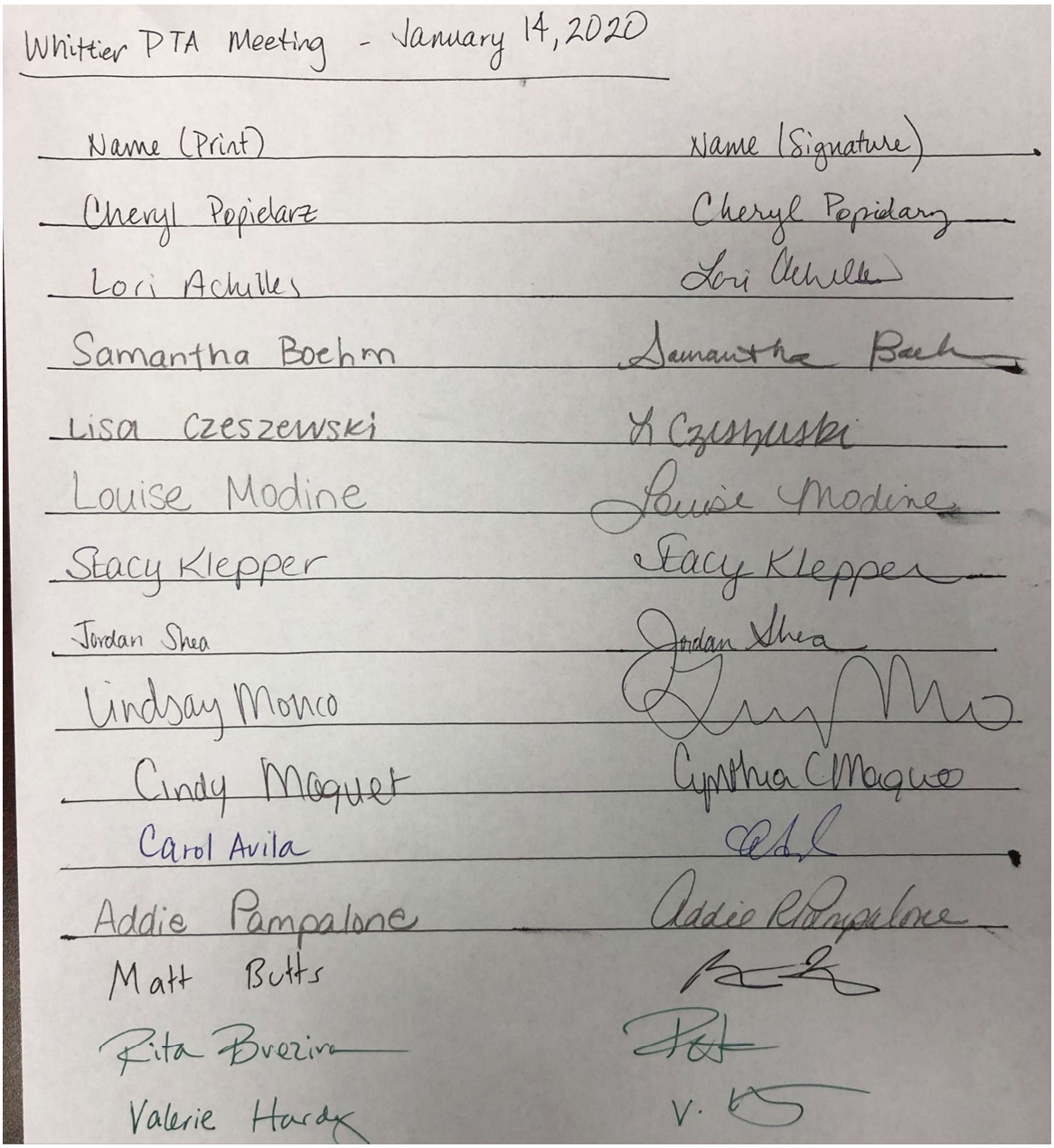
Committees

- **Spring Fundraiser**: "Get Out of the Cold"- Please be sure to buy tickets to the event (paper or on-line), also looking for people to buy and help sell tickets
- **Spring Experiences**: Opening up soon, will be leveraging a Google Form
- **Family Fun Fair**: Saturday, February 18 with multiple carnival games, with a classroom competition, free cotton candy and skinny pop, lolli-pop tree, Fresh Thyme water, Book Walk
- **Family Fun Night**: Lou Malnatti's on Tuesday, Jan 28, Baked Apple on Monday, Feb 17
- **Variety Show:** Need more volunteers to help with the event. Please be patient at our practices!

Meeting drawn to a Close at 7:57 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Meeting Attendees



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Name (Print)	Name (Signature)
Cheryl Popielarz	Cheryl Popielarz
Lori Achilles	Lori Achilles
Samantha Boehm	Samantha Boehm
Lisa Czeszewski	L Czeszewski
Louise Modine	Louise Modine
Stacy Klepper	Stacy Klepper
Jordan Shea	Jordan Shea
Lindsay Monco	Lindsay Monco
Cindy Moquet	Cynthia C Moquet
Carol Avila	Carol Avila
Addie Pampalone	Addie Pampalone
Matt Butts	
Rita Brezina	
Valerie Hardy	V. Hardy