Whittier Elementary School PTA Meeting

14-April-2020, 7 PM via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Attendees

(25, including): Sarah Bogaczyk, Cheryl Popielarz, Addie Pampalone, Amy Cable, Anne Breckelheimer, Cindy Maquet, Gina Shuster, Jenn Dicosola, Joanne Brock, Karrie Donat, Laura Hill, Maggie K., Briar Croft, Mandi Torello, Melissa Rausch, Mr. Krugman, Sarah Forillo, Susan Lorenc, Tess Spector, Valeri Hardy, Susan Ourada, Amy Ihde, Stacy Klepper, Rita Brezina, Amy Ihde

Secretary Report

- Whittier Weekly has been placed on hold while school is closed, immediate updates are pushed out as needed
- Several inquiries made on refunds for Experiences and Fun Lunch

Treasurer Report

- Lori Achilles provided a copy of the financials
- Spring Fundraiser was successful, great job!
- Reviewed the 2020 budget, and several line item changes
- Concerns:
    - $900 for Mulch: Response is that we do not have enough volunteers
    - $4,000 for Fine Arts Field Trip: Concerns on the bringing into the budget for 2020
    - 25% increase in budget for 2020-2021, especially considering changes in the economy
- Cheryl Popielarz made a motion to propose the budget for review for 30 days, Valerie Hardy seconded
- Melissa Rausch made the motion to rescind the $4,000 budget for the field trip, Susan Lorenc seconded

Co-President Report

- Recap budget survey and round table discussion held in March
- Proposed $25,000 extra expenditure for school improvement projects
    - Phase I
        - New Outdoor School Sign, non-lit with message to be updated on a weekly need/event
        - Peaceful Playgrounds Program for Staff, activities, templates and equipment
        - Outdoor Garbage Cans
        - New Basketball Hoops (3)
        - New Outdoor Benches
        - Rain Barrels

        - Intermediate Playground Equipment Repair/Replacement
    - Phase II: Outdoor Classroom to be addressed later. Karrie Donat and Melissa Rausch volunteered to help support.
- Questions raised on state funding, will likely be three years out. Discussed that the PTA may need to replace some of the aged Intermediate pieces posting safety concerns
- Melissa Rausch made a motion to approve the $25,000, Second by Susan Lorenc
- Discussion on Refunds and Experiences, decided to wait until May. If people need their money now, please let Lori know.
    - Nominations for 2020-2021 Executive Board for Co-Vice Presidents and Treasurer from Nominating Committee: Susan Lorenc, Melissa Rausch, Rita Brezina

Principal's Report

- Remote Learning in place through April 30, hope to hear of plans a week in advance
- This Friday, April 17, is the last Teacher Planning Day
- Hope that the positing in advance on dg58.org works
- Encourage families to share the Morning Announcements with the kids, going just to parents now
- Kindergarten Round-Up was cancelled, if you know of anyone, please contact Mr. Krugman
- All Whittier Office voice-mails are being e-mailed to Mr. Krugman
- Registration for 2020-2021 underway

Open Committees for 2020-2021

- Family Fun: Events cancelled the balance of the year
- Field Day: Scheduled for June
- School Supply List: Received the lists, will wait to open up and advertise Shane's Kits

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM

Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 19