05/23/23

Whittier PTA General Meeting

Attendees: Maggie Wiescinski, Britta Waszak, Sarah Swanson, Susan Ourada, Caitlyn Bouton, Christine Paulik, Catherine Hazen, Kari Fredrich, Liz Stimes, Jenny Maslowski, Carol Avila, Heather Frank, Amanda Champlin, Mr. Krugman, Shamra Fallon; Barb Allen

Quorum for votes confirmed

Called to order: 7:02PM

Sharing of Mission, Review of Annual Goals, Intro of Board Members

New business: None

Meeting Minutes: No corrections to the minutes

Maggie moved to approve, Jenny M. approved, approved as distributed

First Grade Update:

Mr. Krugman presented on behalf of Mrs. Quill and Mrs. Richards

- Students planted a tree at Patriot's Park
- Field trip to see Peter Pan at the Tivoli
- Today, Field trip to Lyman Woods
- Ending the year with tie-dye party, earned through reading time
- Lots of end of year learning

Treasurer's Report

- Budget presented at last meeting
  - Carol moved that budget be approved as presented; seconded by Shamra F.
  - No questions, proceeded with vote (all aye's)
  - Budget approved
- .50 increase proposed at last meeting (in response to IL PTA .50 increase), sat for 30 days
  - Carol moved that increase be approved, Jenny M. seconded
  - No questions, proceeded with vote (all aye's)
  - Increase approved
- Overall budget presented with clarifications
- Submit any requests for reimbursement
- Cash all PTA checks as soon as possible
- Audit Committee (Kari Fredrich, Natalie Doak and Dan Ferris) will assist with audit process

Secretary's Report – N/A

Co-VP Report – Nothing to Report

Co-VP Report

- Member registration opens July 1

- National School of Excellence, Follow-up Survey Results:
    - The response to "Our school creates a welcoming environment (e.g. has friendly signs and messages in multiple languages, invites diverse perspectives, questions assumptions and intentionally builds relationships)." increased from 'frequently' to 'always' and **75% of respondents replied 'frequently/always'**
    - The response to "Our school shows respect to all families regardless of differences (e.g. age, gender, race, cultural background)." remained at 'always' and **86% of respondents replied 'frequently/always"**
    - The response to "Our school establishes policies that recognize and respect diversity (e.g. cultural, ethnic, religious, socioeconomic)." remained at 'always' and **79% of respondents replied 'frequently/always"**
- Officer Nominees
    - Maggie motioned we vote by voice vote; seconded by Sarah
    - Voice vote all aye's
- Co-President: Christine Paulik (all aye's)
- Co-VP: Catherine Hazen (all aye's)
- Co-VP: Jenny Maslowski (all aye's)
- Secretary: Maggie Kurcz (all aye's)

Principal's Report

- Thanks to all officers for service this year, excited to work with all officers, new and continuing
- Thank you to Staff Appreciation Committee; staff enjoyed tremendously
- Thank you to Committee coordinating AuthorFest (Sarah Veale)
- Thank you to Fun Lunch Committee; always appreciated and enjoyed
- Thank you to community members helping with strategic planning; appreciation for staff and community and PTA members who have given their time; Dr. Russell will provide more information around direction in the fall
- Kids have been enjoying Experiences
- Peaceful Playground moving forward; working with staff on positive behaviors incentive program; will gear up when we return to school in August
- Playground Committee is gearing up to kick off; Christine Paulik heading with a few other parents
- Whittier is in Phase I of construction and A/C project from the referendum; work will be done in summer of 2024; by first day of school that year will have A/C, and that winter, heat (new HVAC)
- Thanks to all

Handoff to Britta

- Committee updates, open committees:
    - Family Fun: Can shadow Meghan Landers at EOY party if interested
    - Welcome and Support: Can shadow Kirsten Clancy
    - Variety Show: Can shadow Melissa Rausch
    - Spring Fundraiser: Needs co-chairs
    - Fun Fair: Can shadow Lindsay Monco

- Updates on behalf of Meghan Landers
    - End of year celebration on 6/7
    - Meghan will send out Sign-Up Genius for volunteers
    - Spring Fundraiser was a great success – over $11K raised; thank you to Meghan, Jen McDonald, Liz Stimes, Mary Kate Barrett and Meggie Ward
- Fall Fundraiser (Britta and Tera O'Malley planning)
    - Tentative Save the Date for Friday, 10/27 (after school)
    - 1-mile costumed Fun Run
- Next year's meeting schedule being confirmed; watch for updates

Co-VP

- Watch for updates on Kinder event, if you have incoming Kindergartner

Adjourn: 7:36P