★ WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA: GENERAL MEETING ★

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**
Roll Call/Attendance: Andi Wiklund, Jenn McDonald, Ashley Quill, Britta Waszak, Caitlyn Bouton, Heather Richards, Maggie Kurcz, Jenny Maslowski, Kristin Waszak, Mr. Krugman, Di Ander, Kelly Parrish, Michelle Ricca, Catherine Hazen, Sarah Patterson, Christine Paulik, Susan Ourada, Carol Avila
Meeting Call to Order: 7:03pm

Whittier PTA Mission: to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Our mission requires that diversity, equity and inclusion be central to our work and used in our day-to-day decisions and actions. Learn more HERE. The Whittier PTA strives to create a kind, responsive culture where all feel welcome.

Exec Board Introductions

Call for New Business: None.

Approval of the April 9th General Meeting Minutes: No edits were requested. A motion was introduced and it was seconded. The minutes were approved.

Approval of the May 9th Special Meeting Minutes: No edits were requested. A motion was introduced and it was seconded. The minutes were approved.

Co-Presidents Report - Christine Paulik & Britta Waszak

- Vote on incoming Co-Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary nominees:
  A motion was introduced that we vote by voice and it was seconded.

  -Voice vote (all ayes)
  -Co-VP: Jenn McDonald (all ayes)
  -Co-VP: Kristin Waszak (all ayes)
  -Secretary: Caitlyn Bouton (all ayes)
  -Treasurer: Michelle Ricca (all ayes)

- The Co-Presidents are Catherine Hazen and Jenny Maslowski.
  The Whittier PTA 2024-2025 Executive Board was elected.

Guest Speakers: First Grade Teachers: Ashley Quill and Heather Richards

- Discussed their Science curriculum and butterflies, end of year memory books, Lyman Woods field trip and Far Out Reader and tie dye party.
- They felt supported during teacher appreciation week.

Treasurer's Report - Carol Avila

- Approval of SY 2024-2025 Budget
  A motion was introduced that the budget be approved as presented and it was seconded. No discussion.

  -Voice vote (all ayes)
  The budget was approved.

- Discussed the current financials as of April 30, 2024.
- All expense reimbursement requests are due by Friday, June 14th. Email Voucher Form and receipts to treasurer@whittierschoolpta.org.
- Audit Committee (Michelle Hansen, Kari Fredrich and Dan Ferris) will assist with the audit process.

Secretary's Report - Maggie Kurcz

- 2024-2025 PTA Memberships open on July 1st (magnets!)
- Parent Education: Thank you to those who attended the "Protecting Our Kids in the Digital World" Webinar. Handouts and the recording are posted on the PTA website.
- Newsletter - If you have something PTA-related submit HERE. Note new format.
- Committee Chairs/Volunteer Reminder: PTA Event and Activity Planning Guidelines

Co-Vice President's Report - Catherine Hazen & Jenny Maslowski

- Open Committees: Summer Math Club, Green Team, Reading Games.

Principal's Report - Mr. Krugman

- Discussed the rescheduled students vs. teachers gaga ball game on 5/23, field day on 5/24 and cereal box challenge and yearbook distribution on 5/28.
- Wednesday, 5/29 is a half- day. The scholarship winners will talk with the sixth graders and the sixth graders will have their clap out ceremony. Dismissal will be at 11:30am. The PTA event will be from 11:30am-1pm.
- During the summer months, Whittier staff will be working out of Lester Elementary. The Whittier phones will be forwarded and staff can also be reached by email.
- Construction begins on 6/1.

Committee Reports -

- Dine Out: last one @Chipotle today 5/21/24 til 8pm.
- Family Fun: End of Year Bash 5/29/24 11:30am-1pm.
- Field Day: 5/24/24 including pizza lunch.
- Green Team: sponsored K-2nd Deep Roots assembly w/Scarce 5/20/24.
- Math & Science: thanks to Shamra for organizing & all in attendance 4/19/24 @Dupage Children's Museum.
- Playground/Fundraising: open to any who would like to help w/fundraising. Construction begins in July.
- Scholarship: Andrew Hardy & Lizzy Beavers recipients of 2024 Scholarships; presented 5/1 @DGN Awards Recognition. Both invited to 5/29 6th Grade Breakfast @ Whittier.
- Spirit Wear: Spring orders delivered. Share any design ideas w/Ashley P. & hang on to outgrown Whittier wear for Wear & Share in the Fall.
- Staff Appreciation & Hospitality: The week went well. There were daily posts on Facebook.
- Summer Math Club: packets went home. There was a typo. It should read Monday, August 12, not Friday, August 12.
- Walking Club: last day is tomorrow, 5/22/24 which is also the last store day. Thank you for all store donations - any remaining will be used in the Fall.
- Welcome & Support: School Supply order window open. Will reach out for helpers w/Welcome Yard Signs in July.

Unfinished Business - None.

New Business - None.

Announcements

- This is the last meeting of the year, thank you!!

Time Adjourned: 7:38pm