★ WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA: GENERAL MEETING ★

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

Roll Call/Attendance: Catherine Hazen, Jennifer McDonald, Mr. Krugman, Michelle Ricca, Kristin Waszak, Caitlyn, Miss. Karius, Mrs. Modine, Mr. Miller and Ms. Zagorski, Christine Paulik, Sarah Patterson, Mary Shea, Liz Stimes, Marina Kunesh, Susan Ourada, Aubrey Southall, Carol Avila, Kari Fredrich.

Meeting Call to Order: 7:03 pm

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 (to be added to this agenda)- none.

Approval of the Feb Minutes. No edits were requested. A motion was introduced and it was seconded. The minutes were approved.

Guest Speakers - 3rd Grade teachers - Miss Karius and Mrs. Modine; 6th Grade teachers Mr. Miller and Mrs. Zagorski
The teachers thanked the PTA for support. The 3rd grade teachers discussed their Social Studies and Writing units. The 6th grade teachers discussed their Outdoor Education experience, upcoming field trips, events with Herrick and 6th grade breakfast.

Co-Presidents Report - Catherine Hazen & Jenny Maslowski

- **The Nominating Committee**- Christine Paulik and Sarah Patterson presented the 2025-2026 Board candidates: Co-Vice Presidents - Liz Stimes and Mary Shea.
  - Motion: As no other candidates were presented, it was motioned and seconded to close nominations.
  - This will sit for 30 days and nominees will be voted into office at the May 20 General Meeting.
- **Open Committees:**
  - Reading Games
  - Math & Science
  - Author Fest

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Ricca

- **Current Financials (as of 3/31)** were discussed.
- **2025-2026 Budget** was discussed.
  - Motion: It was motioned and seconded to submit the 2025-2026 budget for review. The budget will sit for 30 days and be voted on during the May 20 General Meeting.

Secretary's Report - Caitlyn Bouton

- **Membership Update -** We have 191 members.
- **Newsletter -** If you have something that you'd like to be included in the newsletter and website. Send an email to info@whittierschoolpta.org.

Co-Vice President's Report - Kristin Waszak & Jenn McDonald

Principal's Report - Mr. Krugman

- **Registration Update** almost all students are registered for the next school year.
- **ABC Spirit - starts Thursday, April 17**
- **Open House - Tuesday, April 22; 6:00-7:30pm**
- **Staff Appreciation Week - May 5-9**

- **Field Day - Thursday, May 22 (AM - Primary; PM - Intermediate)**
- **Last Day of School - Friday, May 23**
  - 8:30-9:30am - 6th Grade Recognition Breakfast
  - 11:15am - 6th Grade Clap Out
  - 11:30am - Student Dismissal

Committee Reports

- Playground Fundraiser- Fulfilled goal. Bricks were installed over spring break.
- Author Fest - 4/23 & 4/24
- Experiences - Still many fun Experiences left for students and adults - sign up now!
- Field Day
- Family Fun / Dine Out Nights
- Math & Science Night 5/9 at DuPage Children's Museum
- Reflections 4 Whittier students are advancing to state!
- Spring Fundraiser- great time. Will turn paperwork in. Received positive feedback. A shout out to the committee was posted on Facebook. High turnout by teachers and staff. Helpful that their tickets were free.
- Scholarship Committee- the Teacher Scholarship Review Committee reviewed 10 applications and selected 2 winners. The students will receive a certificate during their high school awards ceremony and attend Whittier's 6th Grade Recognition Breakfast on Friday, May 23.
- Staff Appreciation- this year's theme is "Out of this World." Flyer and fan mail will be in take home folders soon.
- Welcome & Support-
- Whittier Wear - Orders will be delivered to Whittier in the next few weeks and will come home with your eldest child.

Unfinished Business- none.

New Business- none.

Announcements:

- Next General Meeting: **Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00pm**

Time Adjourned: 7:37pm