★ WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA: GENERAL MEETING ★

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

Roll Call/Attendance: 21 members, PTA Board, Mr. Krugman, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Zagorski

Call Meeting to Order: 7:04pm

The Whittier PTA's mission is 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. The Whittier PTA strives to create a kind, responsive culture where all feel welcome.

Exec Board Introductions

Call for New Business: No new business**.**

Approve the Minutes from May 20, 2025

Jenn: The minutes from our May 20, 2025 meeting are available for review on our website. Are there any corrections of the minutes as distributed? **None.**

- Seeing as there are none, I move to approve the May 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
- Do we have a second? **Seconded by Mary Shea.**
- It has been moved and seconded to approve the May 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes, there are no corrections and the minutes are approved as distributed.

Guest Speakers:

- **Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Zagorski (6th) grade**

  The teachers discussed big events and curriculum.The new curriculum is tied with the middle school to make the transition easier. They are encouraging the students to make the right choices.

Treasurer's Report

- **Caitlyn Bouton- Approve the School Year 2024-2025 Audit Report**

  Caitlyn: By direction of the audit committee I move that the audit report be approved as presented.

  Jenn: It has been moved that the audit report be approved as presented. Because it comes from a committee, it requires no second. Are there any questions or discussion about the audit? {Allow for questions/discussion} → All those in favor say "Aye". Opposed say "No" - **Motion passes**.

- **Current Financials**
- **Teacher Wish List Motion**

  Michelle: Teacher Wish Lists are posted on our website. I move to make a motion to let the Teacher Wish Lists sit for 30-days for a vote at our October meeting.

  - Do we have a second? **Seconded.**
  - It has been moved and seconded to let the Teacher Wish Lists sit for 30-days for a vote at our October meeting.

Secretary's Report

The Whittier PTA membership total is 190. PTA related information should be emailed to info@whittierschoolpta.org for inclusion in the newsletter and website.

Co-Vice Presidents' Report

- **Kindergarten Playdate Update** - great turnout at Randall Park. The kinders enjoyed the popsicles.
- **Room Parent Liaison Update**- room parents were randomly selected and emails have gone out.
- **Classroom Halloween Parties**- a volunteer opportunity. The PTA will reimburse each classroom $50.
- **Walk/Bike/Roll to School 10/8**- reminder flyers will be in take home folders soon. Trader Joes is supplying a healthy snack for students. The students will be given a sticker when they arrive at school.

Co-Presidents' Report

- **Open Committees**- there are no open committees.
- **One Community Committee** was discussed. We are seeking one volunteer to represent Whittier. The first meeting is on 9/29.

Principal's Report

- **Opening of School**- start of school going well.
- **ParentSquare - school and district communication (276 students); District 58 is also using.**
    - **What's Up at Whittier weekly newsletter - Sundays at 8:00am**
- **Curriculum Night-** it was noted that Whittier's teachers are all tenured.
- **Classroom Safety and School Expectations Talks**
- **Opening of School Safety Slides - PTA Version 2025**
- **Parent Teacher Conferences - Tues, Oct 21 and Thurs, Oct 23**
- **5th Grade Outdoor Ed Trip to Lake Geneva Covenant Harbor-** Tues 10/7 8:15am-7pm.
- **WHITTIER TEACHER WISH LIST 25-26**
- **Positive Behavior Support System:** Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Respectful. Jaguar Jackpot will start soon.
- **Proposed School Improvement Projects**
    - **Central Playground Backstop-** requested quotes.
    - **Additional Bike Racks-** requested quotes.
    - **Playground Carts-** we have enough funds now to purchase.

Committee Reports

- **Experiences - Audra Robbins & Jenny Maslowski-** go live tomorrow at 5pm.
- **Fall Fundraiser - Andi Wiklund & Kristin Waszak-** occurs on 10/5. 120 people are registered. They will have donuts and water for participants.
- **Masterpiece of the Month - Liz Berger-** volunteers are needed. Mrs. Miller (6th grade) new to the program this year.
- **Playground Equipment - Kari Fredrich-** no update.
- **Reading Games - Lauren Kunkel** - occurs on February 21, 2026 at O'Neill Middle School. Books are available at the public library and Whittier's library. There are book lists for grades 3-4 and 5-8. Each team is quizzed on their knowledge of the books.
- **Reflections - Christine Paulik & Kelly Parrish-** is a nationwide arts program. All students can submit an entry. This year's theme is "I Belong". There has been a pizza lunch for participants.
- **Walking Club - Kristin Waszak & Andi Wiklund-** starts next week during lunch recess. The students walk to earn tickets to buy trinkets.
- **Whittier Wear - Ashley Papanikolas**- "Make It Happen" field day shirts will be available. Willing to open up the shop more. Let her know about other things you'd like to see in the shop. Whittier Wear and Share is for spirit wear that your student has outgrown.
- **Hospitality - Di Ander- will provide** Whittier staff food during parent teacher conferences. We will be looking for volunteers to provide a few items. If you are interested in helping, keep an eye out for a sign up sheet.
- **AuthorFest- Aubrey Southall** will occur April 22-24.

Unfinished Business None.

New Business None.

Announcements: Our next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom.

Time Adjourned: 8:05pm