★ WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA: GENERAL MEETING ★

Meeting Date: **Tues., Oct. 28, 2025**

Roll Call/Attendance: 5 members, PTA Board, Mr. Krugman, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Swade

Meeting Call to Order: 7:02pm

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 September 23, 2025:

Jenn: The minutes from our September 23, 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 September 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
- Do we have a second? **Seconded.**
- It has been moved and seconded to approve the September 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes, there are no corrections and **the minutes are approved as distributed**.

Guest Speakers:

- **Mr. Swade and Ms. Sullivan (2nd grade)**: Thanked the PTA for a wonderful dinner. 2nd grade is off to a great start with narrative writing and their Morton Arboretum field trip. Discussed their 6th grade buddies program and are open to new ideas for next year.

Treasurer's Report - Jenn McDonald

- Current Financials
  - The financials are posted on our website.
    Income - note the money raised for both Fall and Spring Fundraisers, note that the Fun Lunch balance will increase with our Boonli payout in October, we are over our projection for PTA dues
    Expenses - several administrative expenses have been paid now, Guided Reading, and the Playground has now been paid off to the district.
- Teacher Wish Lists
  - The Teacher Wish Lists are posted on our website. Teachers receive a basic budget for supplies, wish lists cover those extras that allow them to make their classrooms and curriculum more individualized. The Teacher Wish list sat for 30-days. Is there any discussion? **No discussion.**
  - Seeing as there is no discussion, we will vote on the Teacher Wish List by voice vote. If you are in favor say "Aye." Those opposed, say "No." **The Ayes have it and the 2025-2026 Teacher Wish Lists are approved.**

Secretary's Report - Caitlyn Bouton

- The Whittier PTA membership total is 205. Information for the newsletter and website can be emailed to info@whittierschoolpta.org.

Co-Vice President's Report - Liz Stimes & Mary Shea

- **Classroom Halloween Parties**:This Friday 10/31 at 2pm. All room moms and parent volunteers will arrive around 1:45pm. Games, crafts, books, and a healthy snack will be provided.
- **Walk Bike Roll to School:** Successful event held on Oct 8th. Beautiful morning & thank you to the exec board for helping pass out stickers and Trader Joe's for the fruit donation

Co-Presidents Report - Kristin Waszak & Jenn McDonald

- Open Committees: Fun Run and Whittier Wear
- Donut Fundraiser/Minted/Paper Peony: Whittier will have a custom candle “Whittier Wonderland” through Paper Peony. The sale starts on 12/1.
- Food Drive: Thank you. There were many bags of food donated. The food drive was very successful.
- Bylaws Update
    - **Jenn**: The Whittier PTA Bylaws need to be updated every 2-years and are available for review on the website.
    - Caitlyn: I move to submit the Bylaws for review.
    - **Jenn**: Do we have a second? **Seconded by Di Ander.**
        - It has been moved and seconded to submit the Bylaws for a 30-day review period. Is there any discussion?
    - **Caitlyn:** There were no material changes. We aligned the Whittier PTA Bylaws to the Illinois PTA Bylaws for Local Units Template.
    - **Jenn**: Seeing as there is no more discussion, the Bylaws will sit for 30-days and be voted on at our December meeting.

Principal’s Report - Mr. Krugman

- Parent-Teacher Conference Dinner Thank You
- Additional Walkie-Talkies were purchased. Thank You.
- Teacher Wish Lists
- Student Council Spirit Days
- After-school programs
- Halloween Parade and Room Parties
- Winter Holiday Field Trips
    - Fine Arts Trip to see The Nutcracker; Monday, December 8
    - Holiday Movie at The Tivoli; Friday, December 19

Committee Reports

- **Experiences** (Audra Robbins & Jenny Maslowski): we appreciate all those who hosted and participated. Over $10,000 raised with three experiences left. They have a spreadsheet for Spring already started, let them know if you're interested in hosting.
- **Hospitality** (Di Ander): Discussed the Parent Teacher Conference Dinner that the committee planned.
- **Reflections** (Christine Paulik & Kelly Parrish): Wraps up this week. The deadline is Monday, 11/3.
- **Reading Games** (Lauren Kunkel): Registration is open.
- **Variety Show** (Annemarie Ruiz & Katy Anderman): Will occur in March 2026. We are still waiting for date confirmation.
- **Whittier Wear** (Ashley Papanikolas): the virtual store closes on Thursday.
- **Spring Fundraiser** (Liz Stimes & Kristin Waszak): will occur on April 17 at Downers Sand Club.
- **Author Fest** (Aubrey Southall): will occur 4/22-4/24. Details are being finalized.
- **Math & Science Night** (Mallory Rittgarn): will occur on January 9 at the Dupage Children’s Museum.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: we had a great showing during our September General meeting. In 2026, we will have another in-person meeting at Whittier. More details to come.

Announcements

- Next Meeting: **Tues., Dec. 16**

Time Adjourned: 7:28pm