★ WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA: GENERAL MEETING ★

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

Roll Call/Attendance: PTA Board, Mr. Krugman, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Hedman and 6 PTA Members.

Meeting Call to Order: 7:01pm

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: No new business.

Approval of the February Minutes.

Kristin**:** The minutes from our February 17, 2026 meeting are available for review on our website. Are there any corrections to the minutes as distributed? **None.**

- Seeing as there are none, I move to approve the February 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes.
- Do we have a second? **Seconded.**
- It has been moved and seconded to approve the February 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes, there are no corrections and **the minutes are approved as distributed.**

Guest Speakers - Kindergarten (Mrs. Hedman and Mrs. Roberts)

- The Kindergarten teachers discussed their curriculum, Open House, their Zoo field trip and thanked the PTA.

Co-Presidents Report - Kristin Waszak & Jenn McDonald

- **The Nominating Committee**- Jenny Maslowski and Carol Avila to present the 2026-2027 Board candidates.
  Jenny Maslowski and Carol: We submit the following nominations for the 2026-2027school year: Co-Vice Presidents - Lauren Kunkel and Audra Robbins, Treasurer- Sara Prendergast, and Secretary- Di Ander.
  Kristin Waszak: Are there any additional nominations from the floor?
  Jenny Maslowski and Carol: No.
  Kristin Waszak: Do I have a motion to close nominations?
  Carol: I move to close nominations for next year's Executive Board.
  Kristin Waszak: Do we have a second? **Seconded.**
  Kristin Waszak: It has been moved and seconded to close nominations for next year's Executive Board, all in favor say 'Aye'; all opposed say 'No'. **The Ayes have it.**
  Kristin Waszak: The motion to close next year's Executive Board nominations is **adopted**. This will sit for 30 days and all new officers will be voted on at the May 19 in-person meeting.

- **Open Committees:**
  - Fall/Spring Fundraiser
  - Reflections
  - Scholarship Co-Chair

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Ricca

- **Current Financials (as of 3/31)** were discussed.
- **2026-2027 Budget**
  Michelle: [presents the 2026-2027 budget] The proposed Budget is available for review on our website.

Michelle: Are there any questions or changes to the budget as presented? **None.**
Michelle: Seeing as there are no changes to the budget as presented, do I have a motion to submit the budget as presented for review for 30-days?
Caitlyn: I move to submit the budget as presented for review for 30-days.
Michelle: Do I have a second? **Seconded.**
Michelle: The motion to submit the budget as presented for review for 30 days is **adopted**. This will sit for 30 days and will be voted on at the May 19 in-person meeting.

- **Voting on Replacing the playground back stop**
  Michelle: At the February 17th meeting it was moved and seconded to increase the School Improvement Projects budget by $2,200 to replace the Playground back stop and use these PTA funds to pay the invoice when it comes. The motion sat for over 30 days, so we will now vote on the motion.
  Kristin: Are there any questions or discussion? **None.**
  Kristin: Seeing as there are no questions or discussion, we will vote on increasing the School Improvement Projects budget to replace the Playground back stop and use these PTA funds to pay the invoice when it comes by voice vote. If you are in favor say "Aye." Those opposed, say "No." **The Ayes have it.**
  Kristin: The motion is **adopted**.

- **Whittier Wear Sales**
  Michelle: I move to carry over any Whittier Wear sales during the April 17, 2026 Spring Fundraiser to next year's budget.
  Kristin: Do we have a second? **Seconded.**
  Kristin: It has been moved and seconded to carry over any Whittier Wear sales during the April 17, 2026 Spring Fundraiser to next year's budget.
  Kristin: Is there any discussion?
  Michelle: Gave background.
  Kristin: Is there any further discussion? **None.**
  Kristin: Seeing as there is no further discussion, we will proceed to vote. We will do so with a verbal vote. If you are in favor say "Aye." Those opposed, say "No." **The Ayes have it.**
  Kristin: The motion is **adopted**.

- **Green Team $416 Grant**
  Michelle: I move to carry over the $416 grant received for Green Team to next year's budget if any funds are still available.
  Kristin: Do we have a second? **Seconded.**
  Kristin: It has been moved and seconded to carry over the $416 grant received for Green Team to next year's budget.
  Kristin: Is there any discussion?
  Michelle: Gave background.
  Kristin: Is there any further discussion? **None.**
  Kristin: Seeing as there is no further discussion, we will proceed to vote. We will do so with a verbal vote. If you are in favor say "Aye." Those opposed, say "No." **The Ayes have it.**
  Kristin: The motion is **adopted**.

Secretary's Report - Caitlyn Bouton

- **Membership Update -** We have 206 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 - Liz Stimes & Mary Shea

- **End of Year 5th & 6th Grade Breakfasts**- will occur on Friday, June 5 from 8:30am-9:15am (5th graders) and 9:45am-10:30am (6th graders).

Principal's Report - Mr. Krugman

- **Registration Update** - we just have a few more families we are waiting on.
- **Mouse Trap Machine Assemblies** - Spring Break event
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - 5th Grade Cereal Box Project - Wednesday, May 20; send in those cereal boxes
  - Mr. Bolton Student Visit - Thursday, April 30; classroom visits
    - Family Meet & Greet - TBD
  - Open House - Thursday, April 30; 6:00-7:30pm
  - ABC Spirit Days - begin Thursday, April 30
  - Field Day - Wednesday, June 3 (weather permitting)
    - AM - grades K-2
    - PM - grades 3-6
  - 5th and 6th Grade Recognition Events - Friday, June 5
    - Recognition Breakfasts - times are listed above
    - Clap-outs - Time TBD

Committee Reports

- Author Fest - Whittier will be hosting visits on the 23rd (Dev Petty, 1st & 3rd grades) and 24th (Matt Eicheldinger, 5th grade). Join us on April 24 at 5:00 PM for a book signing at Anderson's! Books will be available for purchase. Click here for the flyer. Contact Aubrey Southall with questions.
- Experiences - Our Spring Experiences are ready for you to explore. Don't miss your chance to grab your favorites and join in on the fun! Register through our site.
- Field Day- will occur on Wednesday, June 3. This year the schedule will be as follows: K-2: 8:30-11:00 AM and 3-6: 12:30-3 PM.
- Family Fun / Dine Out Nights- McTeacher's Night Fundraiser - Wednesday, May 6 -Support Whittier by grabbing a meal from McDonald's (225 Ogden Ave., Downers Grove) on Wednesday, May 6 from 5-7pm. 20% of all sales and 100% of proceeds from cookie sales will come back to support your PTA! Also, the Whittier End of Year Bash will occur on Friday, June 5th, 11:30am-1pm at the Whittier Blacktop. It's a free event for the whole family - parent supervision required! Join us to welcome summer with a magic show, face paint, airbrush tattoos, popsicles & more!
- Scholarship- the Staff Review Committee reviewed 10 applications and selected 2 winners. The winners will receive a certificate during their high school awards ceremony and come back to Whittier to receive their award and speak with the 5th and 6th graders during their End of Year Breakfasts on June 5.
- Spring Fundraiser- The Adults Only Spring Fundraiser is Friday! Join us for volleyball, pool, darts, music and much more! Volleyball is first come, first serve. Sign up sheets will be posted outside each court. Form a team ahead of time, or form a team on the spot, the decision is yours, no need to report to us! Silent auction opens Thursday 4/16 @ 6:00pm. Be sure to grab your tickets here: https://whittierdg.givebacks.com/shop.
- Staff Appreciation- will occur in early May. The theme is All-Star Appreciation.
- Welcome & Support- Whittier families — this is your sign to skip the chaos for next year order a School Tool Box. Pre-packed with EXACT teacher-requested supplies, customized to your child's grade and delivered straight to your door. It's literally as easy as 1, 2, 3. Order here: schooltoolbox.com.
- Whittier Wear - Store link: https://selectspiritwear.com/collections/whittier-elementary Order deadline: Friday, April 24. All students are encouraged to wear Field Day shirts in the grade-assigned colors during the field day event this June. Friendly reminders: Please complete the form with your student's name, teacher, and grade. Orders will be sent home with students. If you have multiple children, items will go home with the oldest. An additional Spring Shop will open on April 30th. Happy shopping! Ashley Papanikolas Spirit Wear Coordinator ashleympapanikolas@gmail.com

Unfinished Business- None.
New Business- None.

Announcements:

- Next General Meeting: **Tuesday, May 19th In Person at Whittier 7:00pm**

Time Adjourned: 7:41pm