★ WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA: GENERAL MEETING ★

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

Roll Call/Attendance: PTA Board, Mr. Krugman, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Quill and 11 PTA Members

Meeting Call to Order: 7:01 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: None.

Approval of the April 14, 2026 Minutes

Jenn**:** The minutes from our April 14, 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 April 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes.
- Do we have a second? **Seconded.**
- It has been moved and seconded to approve the April 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes, there are no corrections and the minutes **are approved as distributed**.

Guest Speakers - 1st Grade teachers - Mrs. Quill and Mrs. Richards

- The first grade teachers had their music performance today. They discussed their Lyman Woods field trip, Far Out Reader program and Tivoli field trip. Mrs. Quill will be teaching second grade starting next school year. There will be a new first grade teacher.

Co-Presidents Report - Kristin Waszak & Jenn McDonald

Jenn: At last month's meeting, the nominating committee presented 4 candidates for executive board. No additional candidates were submitted, thus nominations were closed.
Jenn: Seeing as all candidates are running unopposed, I motion to conduct elections by voice vote. Do we have a second? **Seconded.**
Jenn: It has been moved and seconded to vote on our candidates by voice vote, all in favor say 'Aye' …. All opposed say 'No'. **The ayes have it.**
Jenn: We will now vote on the candidates for the 2026-2027 PTA Executive Board - we will vote separately on each position:

- Audra Robbins has been nominated for Co-Vice President. If you are in favor say "Aye." Those opposed, say "No." **The ayes have it** and Audra Robbins is elected Co-Vice President.
- Lauren Kunkel has been nominated for Co-Vice President. If you are in favor say "Aye." Those opposed, say "No." **The ayes have it** and Lauren Kunkel is elected Co-Vice President.
- Di Ander has been nominated for Secretary. If you are in favor say "Aye." Those opposed, say "No." **The ayes have it** and Di Ander is elected Secretary.
- Sara Prendergast has been nominated for Treasurer. If you are in favor say "Aye." Those opposed, say "No." **The ayes have it** and Sara Prendergast is elected Treasurer.

The officers you have elected for the 2026-2027 PTA Executive Board: Co- Presidents: Liz Stimes and Kristin Waszak, Co-Vice Presidents: Audra Robbins and Lauren Kunkel, Secretary: Di Ander, and Treasurer: Sara Prendergast.

- **Open Committees:** were discussed.

- Fall Fundraiser
- Reflections
- 1 Co-Chair Scholarship

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Ricca

- **Current Financials (as of 4/30)** were discussed.
- **2026-2027 Budget**

  Michelle: The budget was presented at our last meeting, as well as posted on the PTA website - allowing Members 30-days to review. I move that the budget be adopted as presented.
  Jenn: Do we have a second? **Seconded.**
  Jenn: Are there any questions or discussion? **None.**
  Jenn: Seeing as there is no further discussion, we will proceed with a vote. All in favor of adopting the budget as presented, say "Aye". Those opposed, say "No". **The Ayes have it** and the proposed budget has been **adopted**.

- **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 and was adopted at our April 14th meeting. The Playground back stop will not be replaced until this summer. As a result, I move to carry over the $2,200 to next year's budget.
  Jenn: Do we have a second? **Seconded.**
  Jenn: It has been moved and seconded to carry over the $2,200 to next year's budget.
  Jenn: Is there any discussion?
  Michelle: Gave background.
  Jenn: Is there any further discussion? **None.**
  Jenn: 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.**
  Jenn: The motion is **adopted**.

Secretary's Report - Caitlyn Bouton

- Starting July 1, 2026, you can renew your PTA membership for the 2026-2027 school year. Join here .
- A few things for the Board to keep an eye out for in early August 2026:
  - MagImpact will send an invoice for the website to the info@ mailbox. There's a short turnaround time to pay.
  - The tax exemption certificate is sent to us from IL PTA (Subject line: Vital information for Whittier PTA). The certificate will need to be uploaded to the website for committee chairs to access.

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

Principal's Report - Mr. Krugman

- **Staff Appreciation Week THANK YOU!**
- **Fun Lunch Presentation**
- **After School Activities Survey**
  - Middle School (current grades 5-6)
  - Elementary School (current grades 2-4)
- **Meet & Greet Mr. Bolton**
  - Wednesday, May 27; 3:15-4:15pm
- **Field Day - Wednesday, June 3 (AM - Primary; PM - Intermediate)**
- **Last Day of School - Friday, June 5**
  - 8:30-10:30am - Recognition Breakfasts

    - 5th Grade - 8:30-9:15am
    - 6th Grade - 9:45-10:30am
    - A Scholarship Winner will present at each breakfast
  - 11:15am - Clap Out - Mr. Krugman & Mrs, Gergits, Grade 6, Grade 5
  - 11:30am - Student Dismissal
- **Office Closes - Thursday, June 11; Office re-Opens - Tuesday, August 11**
- **First Day of School 2026-27 - Thursday, August 27**

Committee Reports

- Author Fest - occurred on 4/23 & 4/24. Aubrey recapped Author Fest.
- Experiences- Audra mentioned there are 3 experiences left and raised close to $14,000. Thanked everyone that participated and hosted these events.
- Field Day- will occur on Wednesday, June 3. Students are encouraged to wear their Field Day shirts in their grade-assigned colors, or Far Out Reader shirts for first graders. Please also wear gym shoes and bring a water bottle so everyone can fully participate in the day's activities. This year the schedule will be as follows: K-2: 8:30-11:00 AM and 3-6: 12:30-3 PM. The PTA will provide a pizza lunch.
- Family Fun / Dine Out Nights- Whittier End of Year Bash will occur on Friday, June 5th from 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! Click HERE for the flyer. We need volunteers to make this event happen!
  The last Dining Fundraiser of the school year is next Thursday. Skip the kitchen and support Whittier PTA on Thursday, May 28 by dining at Gia Mia (994 Warren Ave., Downers Grove)! Just mention "Whittier PTA" when you order. Ordering online for curbside pickup? Use code WES28. Here's the flyer. A portion of the money raised goes back to the PTA to help fund free family events, such as the End of Year Bash, Back to School Bash and Ice Skating parties.
- Playground Equipment- the playground equipment committee is in need of your gently used, no longer needed: basketballs, kickballs, frisbees, etc. that the students can use at recess. Items can be dropped off at the Whittier office.
- Spring Fundraiser- Kristin recapped the spring fundraiser.
- Scholarship Committee- The winners will come back to Whittier on June 5 to receive their award and speak with the 5th and 6th graders during their End of Year Breakfasts. Update- Abigail will speak to the 5th graders and Mallory will speak to the 6th graders. Mallory's mom asked if she could speak to the 6th graders since Mallory's brother is in 6th grade and would be able to hear her remarks.
- Staff Appreciation- Di recapped Staff Appreciation week and discussed the committee's plan for their remaining budget.
- Summer Math Club- The PTA Summer Math Club is coming soon! Click HERE for the flyer. The June 1 Whittier Weekly will contain a digital link to the white / first packets. If you prefer a paper copy, printouts will be available at the Downers Grove Public Library. We are looking for 4 Whittier parent or high school student volunteers to oversee student check-in and prize distribution at the library this summer. Volunteer Sign-up Link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CA5AB2FA6F85-64050490-summer#/
- 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 - orders will be arriving soon. Aubrey gave an overview of the new Whittier Wear vendor.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: None.

Time Adjourned: 8:02pm