

PTO Meeting February 7, 2017

Came to Order at 7:07

Participants: Kate Haarvei, Keshia Warner, Meagan Roskos, Annie Darley, Jason Lukehart, Janet Wright, Leslie Weiss, Katie Tomlinson, Steph Thomas, Christine Reeds, Lori Robert, Jenn Harte, Melissa Marknez, Elizabeth Cruz, Sofia Villafuerte, Shayla Bell, Destinie Brannigan, Scott Webb, Brian Wojcik, Amy Soumar, Esther Lopez, Marcus Croom

Welcome and Introductions:

January 2017 Meeting Minutes

Minutes Approved

Principal's Report

Thank you for all who volunteered at the Trivia Night fundraiser. Tardiness continues to be problematic. One Book One School will be starting soon. Changing PREP for Success (used to be more traditional) to partner with OPEF to provide a more project based learning approach and enrichment.

Treasurer's Report

Laura presented an updated budget. She added a column of actual expenses and actual income. PTO has achieved half income expected for the year so budget is on target.

OPEF

Terri Mc Conville presented about OPEF. OPEF supplements District 97 curriculum. OPEF asks each school to build into the budget a donation. Last year Whittier PTO contributed \$2000. OPEF touches each grade. They sponsor artists and professionals to come to the school and conduct activities. OPEF also offers base camp. Their Gala is on March 18.

Gift to Ms. Little

A Thank you from Ms. Little was viewed. PTO presented a gift previously to Ms. Little. A scholarship was started in Maya's name with the CAST Summer Program at Julian Middle School. PTO will gift \$200.

ID a Kid Follow up

Additional questions were posed and PTO presidents will pursue answers with Brian.

Playground Equipment

The PTO talked to Mr. Coglinese about utilizing money to purchase some carts to store equipment for the playground. Members of PTO felt the PTO can provide more equipment for games during lunch recess. PTO might utilize money from return of basketball hoops.

Website Update

PTO presidents have been approached by Whittier parents about advertising their business on the web site. PTO discussed having a support Whittier families' page with links to parent businesses. Several questions such as checking with the district office, possible fee to advertise, and discussing at PTO council was raised.

Committee Updates

Fundraising

Trivia Night – Trivia Night was a great success. Thank you to volunteers, Ms. Warner, and teachers. There were over 190 guests compared to last year 120/130. The event had more expenses this year such as food. The event netted \$6700 compared to last year \$8300. The event had one less live auction which accounted for most of the difference. There is room to grow. The event was capped at 24 tables, although there was a wait list. A chair needs to be identified for next year.

Book Fair – Need volunteers

Afterschool Night – Secret Life of Pets this Friday February 10 right after school. Tickets \$2 and concession \$1.

Hot Chocolate Sale

PTO helped student council with hot chocolate sale for leukemia foundation. They raised over \$100. Hot chocolate sold out in 10 minutes. They want to do it again.

Referendum upcoming for District 97.

Other PTOs will be providing a neutral forum for pros and cons of the proposed referendum. The plan is to use the next PTO date that is already planned. There will be a new start time of 6:30 to discuss regular business and a speaker at 7:00. Childcare will be provided.

Concluded at 8:33.

Next meeting will be March 7, 2017 at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harte

Secretary