

PTO Meeting April 11, 2017

Came to Order at 7:06

Participants: Kate Haarvei, Amy Soumar, Jenn Harte, Danielle McDaniels, Erin Jacobson, Janet Wright, Nancy Mangiantini, Kristen Alfonsi, Elizabeth Cruz, Christine Reeds, Ester Lopez, Mary Furman, David Gulbransen, Kathy Dull, Lori Robert, Stephanie Thomas, Maureen Spain, Sofia Villafuerte, London Black, Megan Galeener, Julie Burwell, Kirsten Jackson, Destinie Brannigan, Tammy Adkins, Mary Furman, Laura Temple Wesley.

Welcome and Introductions:

March 2017 Meeting Minutes

Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report

Laura went over the budget (income and expenses). She said next meeting PTO will address what will be budgeted for next year.

Some of the discussion included: Amazon income was down due to problems with it working correctly. Book Fair brings in Scholastic Dollars in the Fall and cash in the Spring. An idea was proposed to send information on income like Box Tops to the school community so parents will know what money funds. PTO members discussed how to collect money for One Book One School. This may become a PTO funded event completely. The group discussed collecting extra books for schools that may not have the funds for this opportunity. There was a discussion of budgeting more for WISE afterschool programs next year. The World Language program might expand languages offered next year. The group discussed Homework Helpers. There seems to be a need to make sure it is used for those who need help with homework. There is a need to get more information on Hubbard Street if price remains more and change the budget. Rainbows is not offered anymore. SIT family nights are fewer.

District PTO Diversity Committee

Kate shared that other schools have developed diversity committees. She put forth that PTO might want to have a chair/leader for Whittier PTO. There might be need for line item and budget. The district is working on programming and education in all 10 schools. There are upcoming meetings on April 18 at 7-8:30 at Maze and May 31 at Julian Media Center. This is an opportunity to give feedback on issues with a focus on equity.

2017-18 Leadership/Chairs

Amy sent email to PTO members to see who is still interested in serving in Leadership/Chairs positions.

Committee Updates

Teacher Grants – Application from Ms. McDaniels for Dynamath magazine for the classroom. It a scholastics magazine that the students receive. It can be purchased with Scholastic Dollars.

Fundraising – Lively Outing raised \$100. Those who attended enjoyed the outing. Tomorrow is the Lou Malnati's fundraiser for donations back to PTO.

Yearbook – Need to thank Mary, Kristen, and Sofia for their efforts to have a Yearbook this year.

Concluded at 8:30.

Next meeting will be May 2, 2017 at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harte

Secretary