PTA Community Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2019
Agenda

- Approval of January minutes
- Treasurer Report
- Fundraising Update
- PTA Impact in 2018-19
- Principal Update
- 2019-2020 Staffing Grant “Ask”, Vote
- Legislative Update
- Q&A, Looking Ahead & Vote Results
## Treasurer Report

### Income
- Fall Carnival
- Annual Give, Spring Fling
- Spirit Gear, SCRIP
- Passive fundraising

### Expenses
- Fall Carnival
- Instructional Supports - Math & Literacy
- Curriculum Enrichment
- Fundraising (Annual Give, Spirit Gear, Spring Fling)
- Staff Discretionary Funds
- Professional Development
- WA State PTA Dues
- After-school enrichment support
- Assemblies
- Staffing Grants
- Schools First Donation

### Funding Proposals
- Laptop carts
- Makerspace
- Chair racks
- Walkie-talkies
- Wood chips
- Mystery Science
- **MASSIVE MONKEYS (VOTE)**
Fundraising Update

- **18/19 Fundraising Goal = ~115K**
  - On track to finish at ~145K

- **Annual Give**
  - Reached 72K (against a goal of 70K)

- **Spring Fling**
  - Reached ~50K! (against a goal of 20k)
  - THANK YOU Tracy Yetter and team!

- **Jog-A-Thon (5/31)**
  - Goal of 15k
  - Need strong engagement

- ** Misc (AmazonSmile, Fred Meyer Rewards, Ballard Market Receipts, Spirit Gear, etc.)**
  - On track to hit 9k goal
PTA Impact in 2018-19

2018-19 Efforts in Action

❖ Outreach events @ Whittier: Kindergarten summer playdates & pizza party; back to school potluck
❖ Events: Fall Carnival, movie nights, ice skating, book fair, game night, school dance, Mariners game
❖ School Investments: new laptop carts, Makerspace funding
❖ Instructional supports for math and literacy
❖ Enrichment grants (field trips, curriculum, speakers/assemblies)
❖ After-school enrichment, including transportation to extend access to more families
❖ DANDI-sponsored parent education (Sharon H. Chang) & coordination of Black Lives Matter t-shirts
❖ Spring Fling community FUNraiser
❖ STEM: in-school presentations & STEM Fair support (upcoming 3/21)
❖ Community support: chair racks for Whittier/Whittier Kids, Helping Hands
PTA Impact in 2018-19

5th Grade Book Club

- Weekly book club, meets at lunch
- Initiated by parent w/ teacher support; expanding in size, scope w/ PTA assistance
- Open to all 5th grade students (27 current members)
- Hosted by parent volunteers (THANK YOU!)
- Students actively participate in book selection and discussion
- PTA sponsors book purchase for participants
PTA Impact in 2018-19

DANDI

- 47 committee members (parents and staff)
- Amazing support for Black Lives Matter; 270 custom t-shirts ordered.
- Next: Organizing an event this spring to support the families of students receiving Special Education services.
- Continued efforts to translate important school materials, most recently for budget information provided to families.
Principal Update
2019-20 Staffing Grant Ask ~$170,000

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* Staffing costs include salary and all benefits; Nurse Joan only available to Whittier for 2.5 days next year.*
Legislative Update

❖ Urgent Action Needed (Week 9 of 15-week legislative session)
  ➢ 2018 – Supreme Court rules that Washington State is amply funding “basic education” in its McCleary decision
  ➢ 2017 – Levy restrictions enacted by state legislature = LESS funding for many districts starting in 2019
  ➢ Find resources online at whittieres.seattleschools.org > Get Involved > PTA > PTA 2019-20 Budget

❖ Send email to Seattle-area Legislators, Senate Ways & Means Committee (it only takes 3 minutes!)
  ➢ Time is running out for bill consideration and passage
  ➢ Urge lawmakers to “lift the levy cap”; more $ for Special Education, counselors, nurses, etc.; new revenue sources
  ➢ Washington Education Association form: www.washingtonea.org > “Support Levy Flexibility for Local Districts”
  ➢ Sample email message on Whittier website: whittieres.seattleschools.org > “School Budget Advocacy”

❖ Attend 36th LD Drop-In Town Hall – 3/24, 2-4pm, Lantern Brewing (938 N 95th St)

THANK YOU FOR MAKING YOUR VOICES HEARD!
Questions or Comments?

Mark your calendars for these upcoming spring activities:
- Staff Appreciation Days
- STEM Fair - Thursday, March 21 (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!)
- Whittier @ the Mariners - Sunday, March 31
- Movie Screening: Screenagers - Thursday, April 25
- Food Drive for Ballard Food Bank - April 29 thru May 13

Next PTA Community Meeting - Thursday, May 9
- Finalize 2019-20 PTA Budget, Golden Acorn Award

Vote Results -- Staffing Grant APPROVED 39 - 0