

## Monthly PTA Meeting

January 9, 2017

# of attendees: 13

- Administration Updates (Principal Gibbs)
  - Site Council
    - This 25-member group is now full staffed with parent volunteers and staff representation. Future meeting dates/agendas are:
      - 1/12 — School Improvement Plan, School Safety
      - 1/26 — Academic Support Services
  
- Hot Topic: School Budget Process
  - Formal parent input is collected through Site Council however all are invited to provide feedback to Norma.
  - Per Michael Thomas, the focus of 2017-18 budget will be on district's strategic plan called "Acceleration 2020." It has six high-level strategic goals:
    - Goals 1 & 2: Improved Student Outcomes AND Equity
      - All students graduate ready for college and career with global competencies for the 21st century
      - Learning for students and student groups is accelerated to transcend disparities and ensure positive educational outcomes
    - Goal 3: Family & Community Partnership
      - MPS engages families and the community to support student success
    - Goal 4: Effective Teachers, School Leaders & Staff
      - MPS is a learning organization committed to the growth, development and engagement of all staff
    - Goal 5: Stewardship
      - MPS is a well-managed organization committed to strong stewardship of resources
    - Goal 6: Resources for Students and Schools
      - Resources and services are allocated transparently and equitable to best meet the diverse needs of all students
  - Timing has yet to be finalized, however last year's timeline was presented:
    - January – Preliminary budget work completed
    - Early Feb – Allocations are sent out
    - Feb 15-Mar 4 — Budget Tie-Out Process
    - Mar 7-Apr 1 — Budget Tie-Out files approved
    - April-May — Final budget work completed
    - June 14 — Budget presented to Board
    - June 28 — Board votes on Budget adoption
  - Whittier does not have any known plans to collapse any classrooms or end any programs next year. There are goals to expand Spanish language program.
  - Site Council meeting dates for parent input (above) will be publicized via robocall, school web site and Facebook page.
  
- Events & Fundraisers
  - December Recap (Glam Doll, Staff Appreciation, Winter Social)
    - The Winter Social had a great turnout!
    - Jan 21 Project Whittier: Bad Waitress 7:30-11:30am. (Paige)
      - This is a new partner this year so please support them!

- Feb 9 Project Whittier: Common Roots 4:00-10:00pm (Paige)
- Feb (dates to be determined) Read-a-Thon! (Eric)
  
- School Programs
  - Amity Planning for 17-18 (Yung)
  
- Treasurer Update (Bill not present)
  - Funding Requests
  - Budget Update
  
- Current PTA Volunteer Needs
  - Read-a-Thon Committee (Jan/Feb)
  - Amity Hosts for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 17-18 school year)
  - PTA Meeting Childcare (adult volunteers 18+)

**Next meeting:**

- **NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY**
- **Monday, March 13, 2017 — 6:30-8:00pm in the Media Center**