

Monthly PTA Meeting March 13, 2017

of attendees: 10

- Administration Updates (Principal Gibbs)
 - Bus Safety. Norma is seeking a parent to investigate parent involvement on the buses. Some summer school-type programs do this to set/reinforce behavior expectations.
- Hot Topic: School Budget
 - Budget. Salaries across the district have increased per union. Current student population is 644. It was 601 in January 2017. District is funding 550 projected student population for fall 2017. District-wide all schools taking approximately 2.5% cut.
 - Whittier's Priorities:
 - Round classrooms from 3.X to 4 at each grade
 - Keep Spanish Language Program
 - Keep Advanced Differentiation program
 - Safety & Climate: school & bus (increase)
 - Family Services: Interpreters & Liaisons
 - Decreases:
 - 1 SPEN classroom
 - 1 ESL teacher
 - 1 advance differentiation specialist
 - AEs (to be determined)
- Events & Fundraisers
 - Project Whittier at Common Roots brought in approx. \$600. Thank you to staff who came out and to the great volunteers who had an information table at the front of the restaurant.
 - Box Tops. Recent submission was around \$150.
 - NAAPID. Good turnout for this event, PTA had a table in the lobby.
 - PTA closet in clinic area has been reorganized for event supplies
 - Read-a-Thon
 - Last year we had around 103 participants who read 76K minutes and raised around \$6800.
 - This year we increased across the board with 190 participants reading 102K minutes and raised \$10,000!
 - Gave away 61 gift bags, 17 raffle prizes.
 - Lots of people to thank, volunteers, staff and teachers.
 - Learnings: Keep pledge-per-minute option. Need to increase teacher buy-in and participation. Only 2 classes met the 80% participation goal.
 - Upcoming Project Whittier on 4/1 at Pimento Kitchen. 2-6pm 10% all sales; in celebration of 1-year anniversary in Whittier neighborhood.
- School Event
 - Dia del Nino on Fri 4/28, contact Jeff Carlson to volunteer

Next meeting:

- **Monday, April 10, 2017 — 6:30-8:00pm in the Media Center**