

Whittier International Elementary PTA Meeting
January 8, 2018

Welcome & Introductions

Administration Updates (Principal Norma Gibbs)

- Site Council will hold their next meeting on 1/16 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 - January-finalize budget process, February-discuss, March-recommendations due
- 2/21 International Mother Language Day-classroom activities exposing students to different languages

Presentation by 2017-18 Amity Intern (Ricardo)

- Ricardo is 22 yrs old and is from Madrid, Spain. His educational focus has been on Phy Ed. He's one of 150 Amity Interns in the state of MN.
- Biggest challenge: Adapting from Spain's formal textbook-style of curriculum/teaching to our hands-on, project-based style.
- Biggest happy surprise: Whittier's diversity. "This is beautiful."
- Would like to know more about how we plan school-wide events w/families
- What should next year's intern know? It's so cold here!

Events and Fundraisers

Recaps: Staff Appreciation (Jen A), Winter Social

1/29-2/15: Read-a-Thon (Jen A, Kurt N)

2/12: National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID)

Misc

MacPhail scope, revisit decision to extend funding.

Idea for pop-up used book sale @ Dia Del Nino (can it tie to event theme?)

Weekend PTA get-together at Snapology

Treasurer Update (Jacques)

- Funding Requests/Reimbursements: Winter social, staff appreciation, finance manager software annual license
- Give to the Max raised approx. \$4K

Feedback/Input for remainder of 2017-18 school year

Current Volunteer Needs

Amity Lead

Project Whittier Lead

Next membership meeting

Monday, March 12 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Media Center

Reminder no meeting in February

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