

Whittier International Elementary PTA Meeting
March 12, 2018

of attendees: 9

Events & Fundraisers

- Recaps:
 - Read-a-Thon (Jen A). Eeked out \$10K goal. Kudos to all who helped.
 - Common Roots (Diana/Emily). Don't know amounts coming in yet.
 - Box Tops (Jennifer P). Spring turn-in netted \$240.
- March—Yearbook Underway (Emily). Orders are due, will be printed in April.
- April/May—Plant Sale Coming—Online & Onsite (Erin). Volunteer meeting 3/13.
- Future—Fall Book Fair (Dave). Dates locked in 9/25-27

School Programs

- 2018-19 Amity—interviewing in progress for intern + host families

Treasurer Updates (Jacques)

- Recent funding requests: Richardson Nature Center field trip, Safety Patrol MOA field trip, Science Museum field trip, Headsets for testing, Kinder Storytelling w/CTC, more!
- Budget updates & 18-19 Budget Prep/Discussion

Administration Updates (Principal Gibbs)

- Principal Gibbs is revisiting school use of
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MPS.Whittier>
 - Twitter: @WhittierIB

School Safety Procedures (Principal Gibbs)

- Discussion of procedures for emergency events. Please see Principal Gibbs for details.
 - There are general duty assignments for in-school behavior on normal school days. The spectrum of responses ranges from staff coaching to behavior specialists intervention.
 - In escalated situations, district security liaison or 911 can be called. Discussed mandatory protocol/reporting for some circumstances.
 - Discussed nature of public park use.
 - District does a safety evaluation that identifies needs, does not necessarily fund solutions.

Current Volunteer Needs

- Amity Lead & Host Families
- Plant Sale Volunteers
- Spirit Wear Lead
- 2018-19 PTA Executive Committee

Next membership meeting

Monday April 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Media center

[Note rescheduled to April 23 due to weather/school closure day]

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