

## **Whitehall Elementary School PTA**

General Body Meeting

September 25, 2018

### **Approximate attendance:**

**Start: 7:33PM**

**End: 8:28PM**

Attendance: 77 adults, 17 children, 4 teachers, 2 administrators, 7 PTA board members

### **Agenda**

1. Introductions of Board Members (Crystal)

If parents need to purchase spirit wear, please contact the PTA via email at [info@whitehallPTA.com](mailto:info@whitehallPTA.com) to place your order.

2. PTA Overview: Highlight Programs/Support at Whitehall, Staying Connected, Website, 2018-2019 Goals (Crystal)
  1. PTA Program Highlights
    - A. Ways you can support Whitehall
      1. Harris Teeter – parents must sign up each year
      2. Box Tops – Starting Oct 1 there will be a box tops competition for the month of October. Pizza party for the winning class.
      3. Giant bonus program
      4. Amazon Smile
      5. Shaparoo
    - B. Teacher Reimbursements – PTA reimburses up to \$50 to teachers at the beginning of the year. Funds are provided to off set out of pocket teacher costs for classroom.
    - C. Staff Appreciation Week – PTA supports teacher and staff appreciation week
    - D. Teacher Luncheon – PTA supports this event
    - E. Monthly birthday recognition/celebration for the teachers and staff
    - F. Mini grants to support teacher’s professional development experiences
    - G. Make your book
    - H. 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip
    - I. School Technology – PTA support technology initiatives by purchasing equipment
  2. Staying Connected with the PTA
    - A. Remind app: Text @6dk99 to 81010 to sign up
    - B. Monthly PTA Newsletter
    - C. Email, website, facebook group, instagram, Weekly Wire
  3. New PTA Website in progress
  4. 2018-19 PTA Goals
    - A. Chromebook Carts - purchased
    - B. 100% parent participation in whatever you can offer

- C. % parent participation = % teacher participation
- D. Effective Communicate within and to the Community
- E. Updated and Completed Website
- F. Weekly input in the Weekly Wire
- G. Complete integration of School's Technology
- H. Build upon school's technology
- I. Meet all fundraising goals
- J. Effective team building for board
- K. At least 80% volunteer fill rate
- L. Increase communication through media sources such as Facebook, Instagram, Blackboard, and REMIND

3. Upcoming Events (Crystal)

1. *October*

- Men Make a Difference - Mon. Oct 8
- PTA General Body Mtg – Tues. Oct 16
- Book Fair Ice Cream Social - Wed. Oct 24
- Mother and Son Dance – Fri. Oct. 26

2. *November*

- Skate Night - Mon. Nov 5
- Direct Donation Drive – Nov. 1 - 19
- PTA General Body Mtg – Tues. Nov. 27

4. Committees and Volunteers (Heather) – Email [info@whitehallPTA.com](mailto:info@whitehallPTA.com) to sign up.

- 1. Men Make a Difference – help is need for set up and break down
- 2. Green Team - Beautifies our school, maintains vegetable garden and courtyard. Ms. Mathis is looking for volunteers. School's Green Team status needs to be re-certified every 2 years. Ways your students can participate: Environmental club, clean up. Opportunities to earn service hours for high school students.
- 3. Recycling - help is needed on Tuesdays 12:15pm-1:15pm weekly guiding students in their weekly classroom recycling.
- 4. Ice Cream Social – Help is needed for scooping ice cream
- 5. Mother Son Dance – Help with decorations and volunteer during the dance
- 6. Maker Space and Technology - Mr. Pozen needs help with these committees
- 7. Help writing grants

5. Principal's Remarks (Mrs. Farmer)

- 1. Mrs. Farmer is grateful to parents who have volunteered to help at lunchtime. Need more help from lunch volunteers. Daily lunch time: 11am-12:50pm. Most critical need is from 11:00am-11:45am with kindergarteners. Must have fingerprinting and background check to volunteer for lunch.
- 2. Principal's lunch account – principal, teachers and staff donate money into an emergency account. Parents are responsible for repaying the amount borrowed. Accepting donations.
- 3. Mr. Cuvo introduced himself.

6. Parents can support/donate to individual teachers via [donorschoose.org](https://donorschoose.org).
7. Parents may donate on the PTA website.
8. School is working to centralize communication systems.
9. PTA is working with PGCPs to come to Whitehall to provide mobile fingerprinting for parents, grandparents, etc. at the school.
10. 2018-2019 Budget (Sanovia)
  1. Carryover from 2017-2018 ~30K
  2. Hoping to raise 40K this year
  3. Purchased 30 chrome books and carts
  4. Box tops forms will be sent home with students
  5. Budget Vote: 49-Yes; 0- No. Budget Approved.