

Whitehall PTA General Body Meeting April 9, 2019

Start: 7:38PM

End: 8:25PM

Attendees: 11 parents, 4 PTA board members, 3 teachers/staff

Minutes

1. Approval of Feb and March 2019 Minutes (Taifa) – approved
2. Treasurer's Report (Sanovia)
 - Revenue: Direct Donation
 - Expenses: Samuel Ogle rent for Daddy/Daughter dance, box tops shipping, MD PTA fee, storage, website, Career Day
 - Balance: \$10,941.14
3. Membership Report (CJ) – to be updated later
4. Announcements
 - a. Fun Run (Heather) –Kick off will be on April 29; students earn prizes as they secure donations. Fun Run will be held on Wednesday, May 8th. Students will run around the circle in the front of school. Volunteers will be needed throughout the day: water stand, check off students' laps, etc. Parents and family will be invited to come cheer on the students. Events will start at approximately at 9:30am. This year's fundraising goal is \$20K for school technology.
 - b. Technology (Mr. Pozen)

Mr. Pozen shared information from a recent education conference he attended

 - i. Framing where our society is moving and the role of education. What does this mean for educators and parents in support of our children?
 - ii. Parents and teacher to consider how we can encourage and foster an entrepreneurial spirit in our children
 - iii. Role of technology and safety: Understanding augmented reality; Personalized learning
 - iv. Great Parent Resource: [Common Sense Media](#) database of info on the all kinds of media including rankings by child's age
 - v. Importance of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)
 - vi. Importance of soft skills and how we can help instill
 - vii. Adult SEL assessment resources available Center for Academic Social and Emotional Learning
 - viii. *Parent recommendation:* SEFEL learning – program to help parents with SEL
 - c. Life Insurance (Leonard Smith)

Primemercia Insurance – life insurance, investments, 529 plans, financial planning

- d. Moby Max Contest (Crystal)
Contest on Facebook starting on Friday, April 12 for one week to raise funds to support costs of MobyMax at Whitehall.
 - e. Preparation for May PTA Elections (Crystal)
PTA election will be held at the May PTA meeting. If you are interested learning more about a particular position contact the PTA. The PTA will gladly send you position descriptions.
5. Principal's Report (Ms. Farmer)
- a. County predicts Whitehall enrollment of 627 students for the 2019-2020 school year.
 - b. Whitehall has request additional teachers and classroom space to support growth. Results of the budget request will shared at the May PTA meeting.
 - c. *Questions from parents:* How do we address the growing size of enrollment? What can we do to address people who do not live in the district? What is the educational impact of this increase in population to students?