

AGENDA

WATSON PTO MEETING
January 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

WATSON PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Leah Denson-President
 Kim Marksteiner-Vice President
 Karyn Coleman-Co-Treasurer
 Nicole Kirincic-Co-Treasurer
 Meredith Bickell-Co-Secretary
 Laura Tressel-Co-Secretary



Next Meeting – March 6, 2018- 6:30 pm – Art Room

1	Meeting Called to Order--Leah Denson
2	Pledge of Allegiance--Michelle Lavin
3	Welcome to Watson Parents and Staff--Leah Denson
4	Reading and Approval of November 2017 Meeting Minutes – Meredith Bickell
5	Treasurer’s Report – Karyn Coleman - Balance as of December 31, 2017 = \$37,156.90
6	Teacher Liaison Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Kindness Challenge--January 22-January 26th
7	<p>Unfinished Business--Kim Marksteiner</p> <p>ATTENDANCE AWARDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance certificates were awarded the first week back to school. Every student with perfect attendance received a “Kids eat free” gift certificate to Tyler’s Tender and a hand-signed certificate from Mrs. Lavin and PTO. <p>ALL-SCHOOL REWARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the second quarter All-School Reward, All students received 5 tickets to our Holiday Carnival, December 1, 2017. <p>HOLIDAY CARNIVAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Carnival 2017 was held Friday, December 1, 2017--5:30-8:30pm at Watson Elementary. • There were over 100 Raffles and Silent Auction Items from National and Local Businesses. • Live Entertainment was provided by LC Choir and Band, Grimmer Bell Choir, Watson’s 3rd grade Choir and DJ Z Productions. • Pictures with Santa provided by Tom Kiloran photography. • Ice-Cream and Cookies sold by I’Scream and Cookies. • PTO sold hot dogs, pizza, chips, pop and water. • Families had the opportunity to participate in 16 games and 2 crafts. • Net Proceeds after expenses- \$3,449.86 to date. Still have some raffle/auction money to collect/deposit so that number will increase. <p>MYSZAK FUNDRAISER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We came together as a Watson Community to raise money for the Myszak family to help with occurring medical costs. • We sold mittens (a fundraiser Mrs. Evanson graciously facilitated) and Watson Wildcat Light Up bracelets. • Total sent: \$308.00 profit from bracelet sales. <p>BALLS FOR THE PLAYGROUND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We approved the purchase of additional playground balls. • The balls will be purchased by the end of January. <p>FALL FUNDRAISER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income from sales was \$19,302.00 and expenses for rewards and the actual product totaled \$10,396.97. Total profit - \$8,905.03. <p>SANTA SHOP – ACTION REQUIRED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Santa Shop was open December 13-15th.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toys and novelties were provided by Penguin Patch and additional items were purchased by PTO Board Members and our amazing parent volunteers: Candi Witry and Sara Kroncke. • All items were wrapped by parent volunteers and parent volunteers helped facilitate the sale. • In addition we supplied a room with coloring sheets where teachers could take children who did not bring money to shop. • Net Proceeds after expenses- \$1,821.15. • To have this event in December 2018, a vote is needed. Feedback? <p>CLASSROOM HOLIDAY PARTIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Holiday parties were held Thursday December 21, 2017. • Parent volunteers were responsible for planning and providing all the supplies for the parties. <p>FAMILY NIGHT OUT--SMARTY PANTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Annual PTO sponsored Family Night Out will be February 8, 2018 at 6pm. • Smarty Pants--The Mousetrap Machine Show is a STEM oriented educational entertainment show that gets the audience involved. • They will do 3 presentations on Feb. 8th. Two shows will take place during the day. One for grade PreK-2nd grade and a more advance show for Grades 3 & 4. In addition, he will be presenting a completely different show for the entire family at 6pm. • This is paid for entirely by the PTO and is free to all Watson families.
9	<p>STAFF REQUESTS AND RECENT EXPENDITURES--Karyn Coleman</p> <p>Staff Reimbursement</p> <p>Tiered schedule, proper forms and receipts must be submitted. All items must benefit the students and are the property of Watson. Reimbursement deadline is May 1, 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Reimbursements as of December 31: \$1,500.00. • RECENT EXPENDITURES: \$10,080.45 sent to Kleinhenn Company for Fall Fundraiser product. Other than Staff Reimbursements, Holiday Carnival and Santa Shop inventory were the only expenses in December 2017.
10	<p>NEW BUSINESS--Leah Denson</p> <p>RED ROBIN FUNDRAISER NIGHT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join Watson Staff and Families for a fun night out at Red Robin in Schererville. • Time: 4-8pm • Date: Thursday, January 25th. • Bring your flyer, eat out and Red Robin will give 20% of your purchase back to Watson. It's a Win/Win! • Flyers will be going out closer to the 25th. <p>BOX TOPS/AUNT MILLIE'S CONTEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date TBD. This will be an individual contest. The top three students who bring in the most combined Box Tops/Aunt Millie's School Spirit labels will each win a gift card to Five Below. \$25, \$15 and \$10. Also, the student with the most combined Box Tops/Aunt Millie's School Spirit labels will get to be Principal/Dean/or Teacher for an hour: their choice. <p>DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PENNY WARS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 22-26th. • Co-Chairs: Gina Schutz and Draga Cucuz. • Parent Volunteers will be needed to help count change and hand out prizes. • Dollars for Scholars is LC Corp. wide. Elementary and Middle Schools do a change drive and classes compete against each other for small prizes. Monies raised from this event go to providing college scholarships for Watson alumni. • A Sign-Up Genius will be emailed out so parents can sign up to help. We will need volunteers every day from 1/22-1/26 from 9am-11am. <p>MARDI GRAS --ACTION REQUIRED</p>

- Tuesday, February 13, 2018.
- Sponsored by the Schererville Chamber of Commerce.
- Ticket price is **\$35**. Ticket, table and 50/50 tickets will be in the mail room in the main office.
- We will fundraise by auctioning baskets provided by each grade: More information will be sent home soon.
- Watson will receive 100% of the monies raised from their auction items and will also get their share of the 50/50 tickets.
- The 50/50 tickets can be sold ahead of time. We will be selling them at the Red Robin Fundraiser and at the Smarty Pants Family Night Out.
- 50/50 tickets: **\$5 for 10**
- Last year PTO purchased jelly donuts and Mardi Gras masks as favors for each person from Watson who attended Mardi Gras fest. Would we like to do this again? If so we need to vote to add this item to our budget. Approximately \$80.
- There is no Fashion Show this year. Event will be held at the Patrician. Ticket includes: vendors, unlimited champagne, photo booth, Mardi Gras inspired dinner, and live entertainment by a band, hula hooper, magician and comedian.
- Family and friends welcome.

CARSON'S COMMUNITY DAYS FUNDRAISER

- Coupon books are free to PTO.
- \$5.00 per book - Good only on Thursday, March 1st through Saturday March 3rd at any Carson's location and online. Over \$500 worth of coupons in each book.
- Sale dates are February 20-28th.
- Distribute one to each staff member and student. Submit payment if they would like to keep it, if not, return to school.
- More than one coupon book can be sold and/or bought. Contact PTO for additional coupon books.

CLASSROOM VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

- Will be held on **Wednesday, February 14, 2018** at 1:30 pm.
- Parents will be allowed access to the classrooms at 1:10 pm.
- No peanuts or peanut products policy in effect due to allergies. Please contact the classroom teachers for other dietary restrictions.
- Head Room Parents need to submit a list of volunteers who will be attending the party to Kim Marksteiner by February 1, 2018.

MOVIE NIGHT OUT

- We still need to have our Drive-In Movie night.
- Movie: The Princess and the Frog (Mardi Gras themed)
- Open to all families.
- Concessions free to PTO member families. Nominal fee otherwise.
- Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018
- Time: Movie will start at 5:30pm. There will also be a 15 min. intermission for bathroom and snacks in the cafeteria. Feel free to come when you can.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

- PTO has \$200 budgeted for event
- Ms. Lyda is coordinating. PTO will purchase an all school treat to encourage reading.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

- PTO has \$350 budgeted for registration supplies/and books for the incoming students.

11	<p>UPCOMING PTO EVENTS--Meredith Bickell</p> <p>January 25--Red Robin Night Out Fundraiser</p> <p>January 22-26th--Dollars for Scholars Penny Wars</p> <p>February 8, 2018--Smarty Pants Family Night Out Show FREE TO ALL WATSON FAMILIES</p>
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	<p>6pm, Watson Gym</p> <p>February 13th--SCC Mardi Gras Fest Tickets \$35 each and can be purchased in the Watson Main Office.</p> <p>February 14th--Classroom Valentine Parties</p> <p>March 1-March 3--Carson's Coupon Book Fundraiser</p> <p>March 6, 2018--PTO meeting 6:30pm Art Room</p> <p>March 7 & 8, 2018--KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (Help needed! A Sign-Up Genius will be going out.)</p> <p>Thursday, March 22, 2018--Drive-In Movie @ Watson We will be watching Disney's The Princess and the Frog. Time: Movie starts at 5:30pm. We will have a brief intermission for snack and bathroom break. PTO will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets as well as concessions.</p> <p>March 26-March 30th--Spring Break</p>
12	Parent and Teacher Comments--Nicole Kirincic
13	Thank you for coming Prize--Nicole Kirincic
14	Adjourn Meeting--ACTION REQUIRED