

JAMES H. WATSON PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.



A meeting of the Watson PTO was held in the Watson Cafeteria on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019. The meeting began at 3:08pm.

WATSON PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Present

Kim Marksteiner - President
 MeridethBickell - Vice President
 Nicole Kirincic - Co-Treasurer
 Yianna Pallas - Co-Treasurer
 Becki Murphy - Co-Secretary
 Bruce Nelson - Co-Secretary

PARENTS PRESENT

There were five (5) parents in attendance. Sign-in sheet available upon request.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Michelle Lavin, Principal

WATSON STAFF PRESENT

MarcieClaesgens
 Crystal Slavo
 Charity Lyda
 Chris Mikuly
 Tina Ostrom

Next Meeting – March 12, 20

19 – 3:00 pm-Library

1	Meeting Called to Order—Kim Marksteiner @ 3:08pm
2	Pledge of Allegiance--Michelle Lavin
3	Welcome to Watson Parents and Staff—Kim Marksteiner – Motion MrsClaesgens/2ndMrsOstrom
4	Reading and Approval of November 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Bruce Nelson
5	Treasurer’s Report – Nicole Kirincic - Balance as of December 31, 2018 = \$31,423.62
6	Teacher Liaison Report
7	<p>Unfinished Business—MeridethBickell</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 Chick-Fil-A free shake or Culvers free scoop 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, November 30, 2018. <p>HOLIDAY CARNIVAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday Carnival 2018 was held Friday, November 30, 2018--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& 4th 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, nachos, chips, pop and water. Families had the opportunity to participate in 18 games and 2 crafts. Net Proceeds after expenses- \$3,936.10 to date. To have this event in December 2019, a vote is needed. Date and time to be decided. McCully motioned and Ostrom 2nd

	<p>BALLS FOR THE PLAYGROUND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We approved the purchase of additional playground balls. 6 Soccer Balls, 6 Basket Balls, 12 Playground Balls, and 2 large Rubber Balls were purchased. Total Cost \$226.84 <p>SANTA SHOP – ACTION REQUIRED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Santa Shop was open December 12-14th. Toys and novelties were provided by Penguin Patch and additional items were purchased by PTO Board Members and our amazing parent volunteer, Sara Kroncke. All items were wrapped by parent volunteers and parent volunteers helped facilitate the sale. Net Proceeds after expenses- \$1,418.93. We would like to change to a full week next year with longer class times. To have this event in December 2019, a vote is needed. Feedback? Motion MrsLyda/2ndMrsSlavo <p>RED ROBIN FUNDRAISER NIGHT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watson Staff and Families had a fun night out at Red Robin in Schererville. Time: 4-8pm Date: Thursday, November 11th from 4pm-8Pm Red Robin gave 20% of purchases back to Watson. <p>Total raised \$199.99</p> <p>CLASSROOM HOLIDAY PARTIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom Holiday parties were held Thursday December 20, 2018. Parent volunteers were responsible for planning and providing all the supplies for the parties.
9	<p>STAFF REQUESTS AND RECENT EXPENDITURES- YIANNA PALLAS</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, 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Reimbursements as of December 31: \$1,488.92. RECENT EXPENDITURES: Other than Staff Reimbursements, Holiday Carnival and Santa Shop inventory were the only expenses in December 2018.
10	<p>NEW BUSINESS-Kim Marksteiner</p> <p>DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PENNY WARS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January February 4-8th. Co-Chairs: DragaCucuz. 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 2/4-2/8 from 9am-11am. <p>La Quesadilla Fundraiser Night WednesdayFebruary 13, 2019 11:00am-9:00pm La Quesadilla Mexican Grill 10% of all sales (carry out and dine in) will be donated to Watson</p> <p>CLASSROOM VALENTINE’S DAY PARTIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 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. <p>FAMILY NIGHT OUT—Silly Safari</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Annual PTO sponsored Family Night Out will be February 25, 2019 from 6-7pm • Silly Safari- A LIVE animal show that is a perfect blend of fact and fun for all ages. • They will do a day and night presentation on Feb. 25th. • This is paid for entirely by the PTO and is free to all Watson families. <p>Spring Fundraiser with Kleinmann—Cookie Dough, wrapping paper, catalog items, and Chocolate Easter Bunnies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick off—February 25th during Recess/Lunch time • Similar to last year’s fall fundraiser. All items will arrive in time for Easter gifting. • Orders will be due March 12th. • Watson makes 40%. • Brochures will be passed out to students on the 25rd following the assembly. • Prizes involves a Video Game Truck Sky Zone passes, limo ride and lunch, and a drawing for a bike! <p>KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTO has \$350 budgeted for registration supplies/and books for the incoming students. • March 13-14th • PTO will send out a sign up genius for helpers •
11	<p>UPCOMING PTO EVENTS—Becki Murphy</p> <p>January 28- February 1, 2019—The Great Kindness Challenge</p> <p>February 4-8, 2019--Dollars for Scholars Penny Wars</p> <p>February 13, 2019—La Quesadilla Fundraiser Night</p> <p>February 14, 2019--Classroom Valentine Parties</p> <p>February 25, 2019—Silly Safari Show</p> <p>February 25- March 12, 2019--Spring Fundraiser</p> <p>March 1, 2019-Read Across America</p> <p>March 12, 2019--PTO meeting 3:00pm Library</p> <p>March 25-March 29th--Spring Break</p>
12	<p>Parent and Teacher Comments—Yianna Pallas</p>
13	<p>Thank you for coming Prize--Nicole Kirincic Cynthia Rhodes and Mrs Mikuly won \$5 Dunkin Doughnuts Gift Cards</p>

14	<p>Adjourn Meeting-Kim Marksteiner-Motion Mrs Lyda/2nd Amber Volkman</p>
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