

AGENDA

WATSON PTO MEETING
November 8, 2021 3p



Next Meeting – January 10, 2022 - 3:00 pm

1	Meeting Called to Order	Meredith Bickell
2	Pledge of Allegiance	Mrs. Lavin
3	Welcome to Watson Parents and Staff	Meredith Bickell
4	September 2021 Meeting Minutes-review	Meredith Bickell
5	Teacher Liaison Report	Mrs. Claesgens Mrs. Pishkur Ms. Yelich
6	<p><u>OLD BUSINESS- recap</u></p> <p>Teacher Liaisons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Claesgens, Mrs. Pishkur, and Ms. Yelich will be the PTO Teacher Liaisons for the 2021-22 school year. <p>PTO Board Members for 2021-2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our 2021-22 PTO Executive Board President - Meredith Bickell Vice President - Carissa Bell Treasurer - Jillian Sanchez Co-Secretary - Sarah Cipolla Co-Secretary - Valerie Marlow Co-Secretary - Elisa Pozywio <p>**Carissa Bell has been voted in as VP due to a resignation**</p> <p>PTO Committee Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildcat Walk - Nicole Kirincic, Becki Murphy, Tara Siders and Carla Pyle <i>~the responsibilities will be divided up to make this an awesome event!</i> Teacher Appreciation - Sara Dennis Dollars for Scholars - Tiffany Razo Stracks Receipts – Sarah Cipolla/Meredith Bickell 	Sarah Cipolla
7	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Communication</p> <p>The PTO would like to request that if anyone has any comments, that they be EMAILED to one of the executive board members or teacher liaisons. We welcome any and all suggestions as well. We want to work together to help make Watson the best it can be! Our Facebook page is for communicating events and sharing information especially reminders.</p> <p>Recent Expenditures by Watson PTO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Wear = \$487.50 (\$115 staff & we have extras to sell) Recent expenses: Pumpkin decorating contest prizes, Bond Insurance, Watson Sign on the front of the building. <p>Balance as of October 31, 2021 = \$26,132.69</p>	Jillian Sanchez
	<p>Watson PTO Membership Drive—“Out of This World”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up...the Family who won the drawing for a \$25 Amazon Gift Card – The Marsh Family Total PTO memberships collected to date \$1109.65 (paypal fee was taken due to not selecting friends/family). Still interested in joining? It is never to late; please contact 	

	<p>watsonpto12@gmail.com; the membership form can be emailed to you and dues are \$10.</p> <p>Room Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum number of parents allowed at each party is 1 this is per the LC School Corporation policy • Thank you for volunteering to be a room parent and a PTO member! Thank you for working together to ensure a fun and successful parties for our Wildcats! <p>Classroom Party \$3 donations ~ this was set into motion by the LC school corporation. The PTO's role was to assist the office. Any questions or concerns regarding student's with allergies should be emailed directly to Mrs Lavin and or Nurse Laurie.</p> <p>Spirit Wear Stores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Place Spiritwear (online store) or local option of Hoosier Sports • Open all year long for purchases and PTO gets paid quarterly from both options • First Quarter sales for online Spirit wear store is \$214.44. • First Quarter sales for Hoosier Sports is \$54.00 	<p>Jillian Sanchez</p>
	<p>Santa Shop – unable to have; following the guidance from the LC school corporation.</p> <p>Holiday Carnival- unable to have; following the guidance from the LC school corporation.</p> <p>Duck Derby – COMING SOON! A facebook group has been started. Please accept the invite and then invite your friends. This is a way for us to still have raffles that we would have at the Holiday Carnival. We have won and many local businesses have donated prizes for the Holiday Carnival. We want to share all of it with the parents/families. Money profited will be used to cover misc items in our budget. **Donations are being accepted, if any of our Watson Families or Friends own a business and would like to donate.</p> <p>Dine and Donate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning on having one monthly, if possible, to provide increased spending and cover school-wide Brain Pop computer program and ESGI purchased for the 2021-22 school year. Cost for both was \$4152.50 Our Goal is \$5000! All additional money will be put toward the 2022-23 technology fund. • August ~ McDonald's fundraiser raised \$613.09 • September ~ La Quesdilla = \$400 • October ~ Schererville Culver's= \$300 • November 18 4p-8p ~ Schererville Red Robin • December ~ Panda Express 12/2/21 1030am-9pm • December ~ Fannie May store 12/15 2-6p • January ~ Unos in Highland 01/13/2022 all day <p>School Store</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packets went home with students. Online shopping with purchase funds coming back to the school. • Reason we selected this fundraiser; had in past, online shopping has increased. • Gift Card donations in 2020=2,055.00 • Gift Card donations in 2021=13,490.00 • PTO received 1729.70 to date; this is an ongoing fundraiser. • Teachers get 100% of gift card donation and the PTO get 10% of total gift card donations. 	<p>Valerie Marlow</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers received their gift cards on Monday 10/11; they have to use the gift cards at the online school store. Supplies, games and educational resources are available. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to their student's classrooms! Very much appreciated! <p>Fun Events for all our students are being planned!!! Principal Lavin will be drafting a plan as well as the executive board. Stay tuned! Suggestions welcome! Please email them to watsonpto12@gmail.co</p> <p>Virtual Pumpkin decorating contest – we had 45 entries 1st place for each category received a \$25 target gift card. All entries were submitted by email and then posted to our facebook page for voting. Was requested one vote per category per family. Winners were announced in school and posted to our Facebook page. A picture of all entries were posted for the students to see at Watson. Each student that participated received a Halloween goody bag. Thank you to everyone for participating! 1st place MISC- Jordan R/gum ball machine 1st place Book Character- Vincent V./Bad Kitty 1st place Cartoon Character- Scarlett R/ gremlin 1st place Staff Look a like-Mackenzey B./Mrs Caposey 1st place Spooky- Layani l/the monster in the forest on a full moons night 1st place Animal- Cohen B/EC/a cat</p>	
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8	<p><u>STAFF REQUESTS</u></p> <p>Staff Reimbursement – 2019-20 – we gave \$250 per teacher, \$150 for part time + \$50 speech 2020-21- we gave \$200 per teacher, \$100 for part time + \$50 speech Proposed for 2021-22 - \$175 per full time teacher, \$75 for part time + \$50 speech. **Will be paid for with the fall fundraiser profit.** Vote/action needed 2021-22 –revised budget*</p>	Meredith Bickell
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9	<p><u>UPCOMING PTO EVENTS</u></p> <p>Dine and Donate Red Robin 11/18 4-8p dine in and carry out.</p> <p>Fall Fundraiser Delivery = 11/18; we will post to facebook the official date and request it be emailed by Mrs Lavin. We had 89 sellers and 16% participation. Total profit:\$ 6,812.04</p> <p>Thanksgiving Break No school 11/24-11/26</p> <p>Holiday Party Thursday Dec 16</p> <p>Watson PTO Meeting Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 3pm (meetings changed to Mondays due to early dismissal dates on Tuesdays)</p> <p>Apples for Students Save receipts from any Strack & VanTil store dated September 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022 All receipts must be turned in by April 1, 2022 Please send in throughout the time frame. Do not hold on to them all and wait until the last day to send in. All receipts will also be submitted to the new Watson Fetch Membership! All</p>	Elisa Pozywio
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	perks including gift cards will be used supporting Watson Elementary. Such as teacher appreciation gifts, duck derby raffles or raffle prizes for Wildcat Walk. Newsletter- we hope you are enjoying our newsletters and thank you for participating in our fun challenge.	
10	Parent and Teacher Comments	Elisa Pozywio
11	Adjourn Meeting – ACTION REQUIRED	Meredith Bickell

Nov 22-29 ~ Special vote: all members emailed sign up genius to RSVP on the teacher/staff motion. The vote for staff/teacher reimbursement for the 2021-22 school year has been approved. We had 40-yes, 3-no and 1 maybe. Many not responding. (26 parent votes for yes & 14 staff). Thank you to everyone who voted. Vote to approve per Carissa Bell and seconded by Jillian Sanchez.

The "no" responses came along with comments that we should be doing more fun activities for our students.

Reminding parents we are still in a pandemic, educating parents and sharing what and how we use our funds will continue.