

# AGENDA

## WATSON PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Leah Denson-President  
Kim Marksteiner-Vice President  
Karyn Coleman-Treasurer  
Meredith Bickell-Co-Secretary  
Sara Dennis-Co-Secretary



## WATSON PTO MEETING May 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Library

### Next Meeting –August 29, 2017 @ 6:30pm Cafeteria

1	Meeting Called to Order--Leah Denson
2	Pledge of Allegiance—Mrs. Lavin
3	Welcome to Watson Parents and Staff—Leah Denson
4	Reading and Approval of March 2017 Meeting Minutes – Sara Dennis
5	Treasurer’s Report – Karyn Coleman
6	Teacher Liaison Report
7	<p><b>Unfinished Business –Kim Marksteiner</b></p> <p><b>Lion’s Club Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please welcome the NWI Lion’s Club who will be presenting the Library with a donation.</li></ul> <p><b>Midwest Gym Open Gym</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Night out at Midwest Gym held Saturday, March 25, 2017.</li><li>• Families were invited to come out for a “Stay-cation” Event at Midwest Gym. \$10 per student included access to the gym, the trampolines, the foam pit and Midwest Gym staff supervision. Cost to PTO-- \$30</li></ul> <p><b>Browns Music Bus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Event was April 10<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• PTO paid for One (1) show during the school day and One (1) free show at 6:30 pm for all Watson families.</li></ul> <p><b>BoxTops/Labels for Education Contest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contest was held April 17-April 21. This is a class competition. Prizes will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place classes who bring in the most combined Box Tops and Aunt Millie’s School Spirit labels.</li><li>• The winners are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place Mrs. Olenik 933 combined 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mrs. Lyda 615 combined 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mrs. Carr 319 combined Each winning class will received a new game and 15 min. of extra recess.</li><li>• A huge thank you to Betty Gulick for painstakingly counting and submitting all the labels this year and for agreeing to come back next year and help!</li></ul> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Attendance Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Third Quarter ends March 13, 2017. Students who have achieved perfect attendance for the third quarter received a certificate and a coupon for a free scoop of Culvers Ice Cream.</li></ul> <p><b>Brain POP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watson Elementary provides every student access to Brain POP. Brain POP is an online educational enhancement tool applicable for every grade. The cost is \$2,000. We voted last meeting to approve the purchase of Brain POP for the whole school for next year. The vote was passed.</li></ul> <p><b>Rear Gate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We voted last meeting to purchase a rear gate to prevent vehicles from driving behind the school during school/recess hours. The vote passed. We are currently obtaining quotes. The project is estimated at \$1,500.</li></ul> <p><b>New Projector for the Cafeteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teacher Liaisons have requested a ceiling mounted projector for the cafeteria that could be used frequently for class presentations, assemblies and as a special treat to show movies during lunch time.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTO is looking into costs associated with this with the help of Ms. Yelich.</li> <li>• Parents present at the last meeting agreed that this would be an excellent purchase. We will vote on this purchase once we have quotes available.</li> </ul> <p><b>PTO Nomination Form</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017-2018 Executive Committee nomination forms were sent home on April 6th with a return date of April 20, 2017.</li> <li>• New Executive Committee members are currently present and we will be inducting them today.</li> </ul> <p><b>Culvers Night Out</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watson families were invited to eat out at Culver's on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. During the hours of 3-8pm Culvers donated 10% of all sales back to Watson.</li> <li>• Watson Elementary earned \$130.</li> </ul> <p><b>Staff Appreciation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff appreciation was held May 1-May 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• PTO organized festivities to let our staff know how much they are appreciated.</li> <li>• A huge thank you to Crystal Gvist (Avon), Meredith Bickell (Gold Canyon), Vanis Salon and Spa (80 product donations), and Kenna Tieri (Young Living Oils) for donating products for our Swag Bags.</li> <li>• And last but not least, thank you to Little Italy for giving us an amazing meal at a discounted price to treat the fantastic Watson Elementary Staff.</li> </ul> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Party—Meredith Bickell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter went home to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents inviting them to participate in planning the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade party sponsored by PTO.</li> <li>• Planning Meeting was held Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Michel's Restaurant on 41.</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Grade party will be held Friday, May 19, 2017.</li> <li>• There will be a DJ, photo booth, beach ball signing and other fun activities.</li> <li>• All 4<sup>th</sup> graders will receive a Watson shirt as a graduation gift.</li> </ul> <p><b>Field Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field day is organized by Mr. Jones. Field Day is scheduled for this Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• A Sign-Up Genius was emailed to all parents who checked that they wanted to participate at the beginning of the school year.</li> <li>• Field Day will be an ALL-DAY event.</li> <li>• PTO is working on getting water bottles donated.</li> <li>• PTO will be providing an ice-cream treat through Lake Central Food Services for Pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>STAFF REQUESTS</b></p> <p><b>Staff Reimbursement—Karyn Coleman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Reimbursements as of May 5, 2017: \$6,985.59</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS—Leah Denson</b></p> <p><b>Teacher Liaisons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Claesgens, Mrs. Pishkur, and Ms. Yelich will be the PTO Teacher Liaisons for the 2017-2018 school year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Induction of PTO Board Members for 2017-2018—ACTION REQUIRED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations for new board members were accepted until April 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Current PTO members spoke with the new candidates to discuss their roles and answer questions.</li> <li>• Proposed 2017-2018 PTO Executive Board  President--Leah Denson  Vice-President—Kim Marksteiner  Co-Treasurer—Karyn Coleman  Co-Treasurer—Nicole Kirincic</li> </ul>

Co-Secretary—Meredith Bickell  
Co-Secretary—Laura Tressel

**Announcement & Welcome of PTO Committee Co-Chairs**

- Sara Kroncke and Candy Witry have volunteered to help us with Santa Shop
- Yianna Pallas will help chair Spirit Wear.
- Stephanie Garcia will help chair Wildcat Walk.
- Barbie Livingston will help chair the Staff Appreciation week for next year.

**2017-2018 PTO Events**

- Proposed dates are attached. They will be posted in the Staff Lounge, in the PTO section of the Watson website, and in the 2017-2018 PTO packet. Dates will also be written on the calendar in the Main Office.

**2017-2018 Proposed Budget**

- Pending approval of new Executive Board, the budget will be brought to the first PTO meeting of the 2017-2018 school year and voted on.

**2017-2018 PTO Membership Perks—ACTION REQUIRED**

- We would like to give parents motivation to join the PTO.
- Some ideas to discuss: a PTO Members party at the school—drive in theater for parents members and kids.
- Membership drive—PTO Rocks. Have guitars outside classrooms. Kid gets picture on guitar if parent joins PTO. Class with best participation gets an award.
- PTO Directory. Parents would have the option to decline putting their info in there.

10	Parent and Teacher Comments
11	Thank You for Coming Prize – Sara Dennis
12	Adjourn Meeting – <b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>