

James H. Watson
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2017



A meeting of the Watson PTO was held in the Watson Cafeteria on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. The meeting began at 3:06pm.

WATSON PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Michelle Lavin, Principal

WATSON STAFF PRESENT

- Marcie Claesgens, Teacher Liaison
- Kim Yelich, Teacher Liaison
- Sara Kroncke
- Mari-Jo Olenik
- Crystal Slavo
- Brittany Perry
- Rita Evanson

PARENTS PRESENT

Twelve (12) parents were in attendance. Sign-In Sheet is available upon request.

Next Meeting—November 14, 2017—3pm Library

1	Meeting Called to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order by Leah Denson at 3:06pm.
2	Pledge of Allegiance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Lavin led us in the pledge of Allegiance
3	Welcome to Watson Parents and Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah Denson welcomed parents and staff.
4/5	Reading and Approval of May 2017 Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith Bickell read the August 2017 Minutes. Mrs. Claesgens motioned to approve the minutes. Alicia Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed.
6	Treasurer’s Report – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn Coleman read the current Treasurer’s report. Heather Sarko motioned to approve the report and Jim Slavo seconded the motion. The motion passed.
7	Teacher Liaison Report— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Claesgens reported that Watson will be participating in National Bullying Awareness Month during the week of 10/16. A flyer with more information will be going home soon.
6	<p>OLD BUSINESS—Read by Kim Marksteiner and Nicole Kirincic</p> <p>Watson PTO Business Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following documents have been submitted to Lake Central School Corporation via Mrs. Lavin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State of Indiana Business Certificate of Incorporation Renewal - Current financial statement. - The proposed fundraising activities and support for the school year. - An updated list of officers. <p>Recent Expenditures by Watson PTO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildcat Walk--\$1,197 • Boo Bash—\$416.67 • 1st Quarter All School Reward—\$196.00 • Spirit wear—\$978 • Ukulele Insurance—\$137 • Liability Insurance--\$123 <p>Drive-In Movie Alterations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Drive-In Movie has been rescheduled for January 2018. Date to be Determined. • It is free to All Watson Families. • Concessions will be sold in the Cafeteria. • A free popcorn and drink will be given to all Watson PTO Members and their families. <p>Box Tops & Aunt Millie’s School Spirit Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fall Box Tops and Aunt Millie’s School Spirit Contest ended October 6th.

- The top three students who brought in the most Box Tops & Aunt Millie's School Spirit labels September 25-October 6th each won gift certificates (\$25, \$20 and \$15) to be used at the book fair this week:
- 1st—Alexander Thompson, 194 combined, Mrs. Evanson—3rd grade
- 2nd—Patrick Sullivan, 193 combined, Mrs. Olenik—4th grade
- 3rd—Maddux Brandt, 173 combined, Mrs. Lyda—2nd grade
- Points earned from Box Tops are used to purchase playground equipment.
- A big thank you to Betty Gulick for counting and submitting all of our labels! We couldn't do it without her.

Scholastic Book Fair

- Currently going on. October 9-13
- Teacher Preview was Friday, October 6, 2017 from 2-3:30pm or Monday, October 9 from 7:30am.
- Students shop during their scheduled Library time.
- Family Night/Grandparents Night will be held tomorrow Wednesday, October 11th—5:30-7:30pm.
- Fun for the whole family—teachers will be organizing games and activities per room and the book fair will be open for all to enjoy!
- PTO is hosting a Do It Yourself Photo Booth.
- The Watson Library receives all the proceeds from the Book Fair.

2017 Wildcat Walk

- The Walk was held on Friday, September 22, 2017
- This year we had a tropical Moana theme—"Wildcat Walk—There's No Telling How Far You'll Go."
- Great Prizes: Every student went home with a Wildcat Beach Ball and enjoyed an Outshine popsicle bar.
- For every \$10 in donation money, the students received a raffle ticket to put into the raffle of his/her choosing.
- Students with over \$35 in donations had their name placed on the WCW Wall in the main hall.
- Students with over \$50 in donations received their name on the WCW Wall, and were entered into a raffle to win a limo ride to or from school for themselves and 5 friends. In addition, they received a special Watson Wildcat fidget spinner.
- 1st place—Tristan Bear with \$260 in donations won a Midwest Ice and Gym party packaged valued at \$200
- 2nd place—Ethan Marks with \$218 in donations won Bowling and Dinner package valued at \$150
- 3rd place—Cooper Tocydzlowski with \$175 in donations won a \$50 gift card to Target.
- Mrs. Pishkur's class raised the most money and won a gift card to Fahrenheit 212. Ms. Extin's class had the best percentage of participation and she won a gift certificate to Noka's Café.
- A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers, students and staff and especially our Co-Chair Brenna Oberholtzer who did an amazing job!
- **Another thank you to our event sponsors: Strack and Van Til, Midwest Gym, SkyZone, Tenth Planet, Super Bowl, Inc., Carriage House Pizza, New Life Physical Therapy, Fahrenheit 212, Noka's Café, Meijer, Walmart, Northwest Indiana Martial Arts Academy, and Region Limos.**
- We raised over \$9,000 for our school!
- Total profit after expenses: \$8,612.00.

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NEW BUSINESS—Read by Leah Denson

Attendance Awards

- Attendance certificates will be awarded to every student with perfect attendance each semester. This semester will be a "kids eat free" gift card to Texas Roadhouse. Awards will be distributed after the quarter ends October 13th.

All School Reward

- At the end of each quarter students will receive a non-food treat to celebrate their accomplishments. This way all children, regardless of allergies will be able to partake.
- This quarter's reward is a paw print Watson Elementary pencil with a little note for the teachers to read saying, "You've got the " write" stuff Wildcat!"

Watson Night Out at Texas Roadhouse

- Tuesday, October 17th, 2017
- 4-10 pm
- Watson receives 10% of all purchases when you present your flyer.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest –

- There are five (5) categories and we will have a winner in each.
- This year the winning entries will each be awarded a \$25.00 Target Gift Card.
- Five Categories: Animal, Book Character, Cartoon Character, Watson Staff Member Look-A-Like, Miscellaneous
Nothing scary please.
- Decorated pumpkins may be brought to school anytime on October 18th by 3:30pm.
- Please indicate the child’s name, teacher and category on the pumpkin.
- The pumpkins will be on display in the hallway outside of the main office.
- Voting takes place October 19th & 20th. The winners will be announced at the Boo Bash that night.
- Please pick up your pumpkin at the Boo Bash. All pumpkins not picked up will need to be disposed of.

REMEMBER NO EARLY OR LATE ENTRIES AND NO CARVING!**Fall Fundraiser with Kleinmann—Cookie Dough, wrapping paper, kitchen items, jewelry catalog**

- Kick off—Monday, October 23rd. 2-15 min. assemblies:
- Grades 3 & 4 2:00 pm
- Grades K-2 2:15 pm
- Similar to last year’s fall fundraiser. All items will arrive in time for Holiday gifting.
- Orders will be due November 7th.
- Watson makes 45% off of the Holiday catalog, 40% off of Otis Spunkmeyer and 40% off the Family Delights catalog.
- Brochures will arrive on the 16th and be passed out to students on the 23rd following the assembly.
- Prizes to be Announced—Definitely involved Video Game Truck!

Boo Bash

- A Halloween Dance party for the whole family!
- Cost: \$5 per family includes trick or treat bag, Nut free trick-or-treating inside Watson, DJ, photo booth and costume contest.
- Our three night custodians will be the judges.
- Not a drop off event. Parents must stay with their kids.
- Family friendly costumes only. Costumes must adhere to the Watson dress code guidelines—i.e. no weapons or offensive graphics. Snack for purchase will also be offered.
- Meeting to help plan/decorate held Sunday, October 8th at 12:30 Fahrenheit 212.
- A big thank you to our Co-Chair Becki Murphy for all her hard work!

Holiday Carnival

- Initial planning meeting held Monday, October 9th at 6pm at Michel’s Sports Eatery in St. John.
- All are welcome to help plan our 2nd Annual Carnival. If you missed the first meeting and would still like to be involved, please contact Kim Marksteiner, watsonpto7@gmail.com.

Family Night Out in February—February 8, 2018 @ 6pm

- Smarty Pants—The Mousetrap Machine Show is a STEM oriented, educational entertainment show that gets the audience involved.
- We are waiting to hear back from the company on dates in February.

8	STAFF REQUESTS—Karyn Coleman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One staff member submitted forms for reimbursement--\$250.
9	UPCOMING PTO EVENTS—Meredith Bickell Scholastic Book Fair benefiting the Watson Library Monday, October 9 through Friday October 13,2017

	<p>Family Night @ the Book Fair October 12, 2017—5-7pm</p> <p>Pumpkin Decorating Contest October 18-20th. Voting taking place on the 19th and 20th. Categories: Watson Staff Member, Cartoon Character, Animal, Book Character, and Miscellaneous.</p> <p>Boo Bash Friday, October 20th, 2017</p> <p>Class Halloween Party Monday, October 31, 2017</p> <p>Fall Break—NO SCHOOL October 26 & 27</p> <p>Fall Fundraiser— October 23-November 7th</p> <p>PTO Meeting— November 14th, 2017, 3pm in the Library. All parents and staff welcome! Come get involved!</p> <p>2nd Quarter All School Reward— November 30th—Tickets to the Holiday Carnival</p> <p>December 1, 2017— Holiday Carnival—6-8:30pm</p>
10	<p>Parent and Teacher Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith Bickell asked if there were any Parent and Teacher Comments. • Barbie Livingston offered to make Apple Jelly for staff as a special Fall treat. PTO to pay for the supplies. She will need 85 Ball jars and apples.
11	<p>Adjourn Meeting – Leah Denson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yianna Pallas motioned to adjourn the meeting. • Sara Kroncke seconded the motion. • The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.