

AGENDA



WATSON PTO MEETING

January 10, 2022 ~ due to scheduling conflicts and
No new news to report. Information emailed.

Next Meeting – March 7, 2022- 3:00 pm

	Meeting Called to Order	Meredith Bickell
	Pledge of Allegiance	Mrs. Lavin
	Welcome to Watson Parents and Staff	Meredith Bickell
	November 2021 Meeting Minutes-review	
	Teacher Liaison Report	
	<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>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 	
	<p><u>REMINDERS</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 Balance as of December 31, 2021 = \$</p> <p>We will try to add a virtual component to our meetings. All members were emailed the link via sign up genius. It will NOT be posted to our Facebook page. All questions or comments need to be typed and asked via the waiting room. The waiting room will be monitored by our Teacher Liaison Kim Yelich.</p> <p>All our meetings are emailed to the Lake Central School Corporation along with our budget and requested to be posted to the Watson Elementary School Website under PTO. Any specific questions, please email one of the executive board members and/or teacher liaisons.</p>	

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Spirit Wear Stores

- 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
- Hoosier Sports- we did have an online store with them; however as of 12/23/21 they closed their doors. They were extremely busy but the owners were ready to retire.
- A proam spirit wear store will open soon! We want to support our local businesses too.

Duck Derby –A facebook group was started. 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.

**Not a member? Please reach out to one of the Executive Board Members and we will get you added. Please then invite your friends and family! Lots of awesome gifts raffled.

Dine and Donate

- 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 \$291.10
- December ~ Panda Express 12/2/21 1030am-9pm \$106.27
- December ~ Fannie May store 12/15 2-6p ~ waiting on amount
- January ~ Unos in Highland 01/13/2022 all day
- February ~ Texas Roadhouse 2/16 4-8p (dine and carry out)
- Febraury ~ Sweet Frog ?
- March ~ Buona Beef
- April ~ McDonalds 4/13/22 4-8p
- May ~ TBA

Fun Activites:

Suggestions welcome! Please email them to watsonpto12@gmail.co

Spirit Week ~ Week of 12/13-12/17

Winter Break Bingo ~ 12/18-1/3

NEW NEWS:

HOLIDAY PARTY was Dec 16, 2021. It was a success! Thank you to all the room parents and classroom parents for all your help!

HOLIDAY BINGO -We had 56 students participate. We hope the students had fun! All those who turned in their sheets were entered into a drawing. One winner per grade. Winner received a Watson bag, water bottle, t shirt and toy.
Winners: Pre K= Marjory B, K= Evelyn M, 1st= Cate S. 2= Jovan A, 3= Jack D, 4= Molly M.

STAFF REQUESTS

Staff Reimbursement – PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND THEM IN. FORM AND RECEIPTS REQUESTED TO BE PLACED IN THE RED ENVELOPE IN THE PTO DRAWER IN THE MAIN OFFICE.

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.
\$175 Reimbursement Amount to:
• Each Watson Full-Time Teacher
• Each Watson Full-Time Specials Teacher

\$75 Reimbursement Amount to:
• Each Watson Part-Time Teacher
• Each Watson Part-Time Specials Teacher
The Nurse
• The Special Services Provider

\$50 Reimbursement Amount to:
• Each Speech Teacher

UPCOMING PTO EVENTS

MONDAY FEBRUARY 14 130P Valentine's Day party- reminder: if you are the room parent that is the ONE parent to attend and can not attend for any reason, please notify the head room and Meredith at watsonpto12@gmail.com so planning and finding a replacement can be done. Any questions or issues please email watsonpto12@gmail.com

Watson PTO Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2022 @ 3pm (meetings changed to Mondays due to early dismissal dates on Tuesdays)

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 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.

UNO PIZZERIA IN HIGHLAND- our January dine and donate! DOUGH raiser tickets went home, turn in the tickets when order ~ WEDNESDAY 1/13/22 dine in or take out! 11a-10pm

TWO's DAYS! Help us celebrate 2/22/22! Students are encouraged to wear a tutu and or a tie! Have fun with it! Add in "2" of their favorite items; example, 2 bows.

Dine and Donates:
February ~ Texas Roadhouse 2/16 4-8p (dine and carry out)
February ~ Sweet Frog
March ~ Buona Beef

Parent and Teacher Comments

Meredith Bickell

