

# AGENDA



## WATSON IN PERSON PTO MEETING November 7, 2022 3p; in person meeting

Location: Watson Gym, Called to order @ 3:09pm  
In attendance:

Jill Skehan, Carla Pyle, Jacqui Nielson, Carissa Bell, Amy Alder, Misty Montalbano, Anabelle Bischof, Elaine Bintz, Emily Brundage, Marcie Claesgens, Jillian Sanchez, Jen Conlon, Meredith Bickell

	<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Meredith Bickell
	<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Mrs. Conlon
	<b>Welcome to Watson Parents and Staff</b>	Meredith Bickell
	<b>September 2022 Meeting Minutes-review</b> Any questions please let us know. <b>Correction to previous meeting notes (where says Mrs. Lavin, this is an error ~ Mrs. Conlon led pledge). Carissa Bell motion to approve minutes with change. Anabelle Bischoff seconded motion.</b>	
	<b>Teacher Liaison Report</b> <b>Teacher feedback from Trunk-or-Treat was great. Everyone loved it! Mrs. Pishkur and Mrs. Olenik were absent for this meeting due to spell bowl. Good luck!</b>	Claesgens/Pishkur/Olenik
	<b>New Business</b> <b>Teacher Liaisons</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Claesgens, Mrs. Pishkur, and Mrs. Olenik will be the PTO Teacher Liaisons for the 2022-23 school year.</li> </ul> <b>PTO Board Members for 2021-2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our 2021-22 PTO Executive Board</li> <li>Meredith Bickell-President</li> <li>Carissa Bell- Vice President</li> <li>Co-Treasurer- Jill Skehan</li> <li>Co-Treasurer- Carla Pyle</li> <li>Co-Secretary- Tara Siders</li> <li>Co- Secretary- Abby Carter</li> </ul> <b>Co-Chairs</b> Wildcat Walk (raffle item help)- Rashanda Berryhill Penny Wars- Elisa Pozywio Strack's Receipt Program- Amy Alder Santa Shop Helpers- Nicole Kirincic & Annabelle Bischof Glow Dance- Anabelle Bischof, Colleen Kiefor, Amy Alder <b>This is a new event. This is designed to be a spring version of the former holiday carnival/fun night. This event will be held off-site at On the Square Sports in Crown Point. They offer glow features open gym/dance, raffles, and games.</b> Staff Appreciation – TBD <b>We need co-chairs for this week. Please let a board member know if you are interested in helping.</b>  ***** <b>Wildcat Walk-</b> for reaching our goal and exceeding it! The school had a PJ day on Friday 10/7/22 and extra recess on (raining and indoor recess on 10/7). The all school show will be the Pro Kids Show. Our administration team will be handling details; date, time (schedule of classes) to be determined. More information will be shared as it becomes available. Cost will be paid for by the PTO. Thank you again to all our amazing families, students, staff and local businesses who made everything possible! Teamwork definitely made the dream work! On 11/8; our 15 winners of the lunch with Officer Steve/Administration team; enjoyed a McDs happy meal together! Schererville McDs went above and beyond to make this possible; we submitted the order ahead of time and they had everything labeled individually, every order was correct, they gave every student a drink coupon and hand wrote their names on it. And they gave Mrs Conlon and	Meredith Bickell

Officer Steve their orders as well. THANK YOU to Schererville MCDs for everything they do to support the Watson PTO and school!! **Feedback was that the order was extremely organized. We also had a student enjoy their very first happy meal! What a fun experience!**

**Trunk or Treat**

Was on Thursday 10/20.

We sold pre sale wristbands, concessions available for additional purchase.

We had 26 trunks.

Profit=\$1,732.24

Thank you to everyone who made this event a success!

Thank you to our Corporate partners: Ziggy's, Culver's, NWIMAA, Lake Hills Baptist Church. **Overall very successful event. We look forward to having this event again in the future.**

**Halloween Class Parties -**

Thursday 10/27

All school snack provided by the school with money sent in by parents : pretzels and juice were the snack for this party.

**Staff Appreciation-**

On Tuesday 11/1 to welcome staff back from Fall Break; the PTO went around and offered staff a snack and drink from a snack cart. It was very well received. We were happy to show our staff how much we appreciate them!

**Pumpkin Decorating Contest-**

Thank you to everyone who participated! It was awesome to have so many creative entries this year! Every participant received a prize and our top 6 winners (one per category) received a \$25 target gift card and certificate.

**Calendar Fundraiser;** In November, we are excited to bring something new! We are selling a calendar for \$30; it gives each participant 31 chances to win. Many gift card options and experiences for our Wildcats to participate in.

**SANTA SHOP!** We are excited to bring this event back into the school. We set up a shop and have the students shop for their family and friends. We need volunteers to make this event possible! A sign up genius has been emailed to all PTO members on 11/14. If you have any questions or did not receive the sign up genius; please let us know by email at [watsonpto12@gmail.com](mailto:watsonpto12@gmail.com)

**Items range from \$1-\$14. The intent of the PTO is recoup cost as this is not a fundraiser. A coloring station will be provided for students who are not participating. Envelopes and flyer will go home soon. Sign up genius was sent 11/7 for volunteers.**

Meredith Bickell

**Budget**

**Recent Expenditures by Watson PTO as of 11/1/22**

Expenses for events completed since last meeting:

Recent Expenses:

WCW budget -\$2,500

total spent of budget-\$3,362.54

Trunk or Treat

budget -\$1,200

total spent of budget-\$1,932.76

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

budget-\$300

total spent of budget-\$204.40

Carla Pyle

Upcoming Expenses:

Staff Reimbursement  
budget- \$9,100  
total paid to date- \$1,279.54

Calendar fundraiser  
budget- \$500  
total spent to date- \$0

Santa Shop  
budget- \$6,000  
total spent to date- \$76.84

All school event- WCW reward  
budget- \$1,500  
total spent to date-\$0

**Recent Income of Watson PTO:**

Income for events completed since last meeting:

Membership dues budget-\$2,000  
Actual income- \$2,030

WCW budget-\$12,000  
Actual income-\$14,553

Trunk or Treat budget- \$5,000  
Actual income- \$3,665

Upcoming Income:

Spirit Wear budget- \$2,250  
Actual income to date- \$2,344.30

Dine and Donate events budget- \$2,000  
Actual income to date- \$1,826.21

Santa Shop budget- \$6,500  
Actual income to date- \$0

Amazon Smile budget- \$250  
Actual income to date- \$56.87

[Questions about how to join/support Amazon Smile. How to will be reposted to facebook and in weekly family newsletter sent by Mrs. Conlon.](#)

Bank Account Balance as of November 7, 2022 \$41,210.09

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

**Spirit Wear Stores**

- 1st Place Spiritwear (online store)  
Open all year long for purchases and PTO gets paid quarterly.  
Link:  
We have additional spirit wear on hand; please contact a board member if interested in purchasing a Watson t-shirt. limited sizes available; cost \$10 each.  
If interested in a custom t-shirt; camo, tye dye or bleached- can still be custom made; cost \$25 each.

Jill Skehan

**Apples for Students**

The program is back! receipts from any Strack&VanTil store dated September 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023 we ask to be collected and sent in. Please put in an envelope or baggie; attention Watson PTO so the teachers can turn them into us. Last year we collected \$167,516! We hope this year to surpass this amount. Items we are able to redeem are used in raffles and prizes include games, sports equipment and electronics. **Amy Alder is chair and has been counting receipts as they come in. Thank you! Will reshare on facebook as a reminder to keep turning in.**

**Dine and Donate**

Goal is to raise money for our Playground Enhancement Fund!  
We want to upgrade our playground (**courtyard/blacktop area**) with painted activities our students can enjoy when it is too wet or muddy to be on the playground!

- August ~ Schererville DQ - \$490 raised
- August ~ Dyer Chipotle -\$ 342.42 raised
- September ~ 9/27 5-7p Schererville Chick Fil A- \$381.56
- October ~ 10/12 Schererville McDs 4-8p \*teachers welcome at their lunch periods.- \$299.44 raised
- November ~11/7 Smoothie King \*\*6:30a-9p\*\* no flier needed; raised \$312.79
- December ~ 12/13 Schererville Culver's 3-8p \*teachers welcome at their lunch periods
- January ~ 1/25/23 4p-8p Red Robin
- February ~ 2/15/23 3p-7p Sweet Frog
- **March - McDonald's? Opportunity to do McTeachers night. We would love for our teachers and staff to participate/support.**

Thank you to everyone for your continued support!

**UPCOMING PTO EVENTS**

**Newsletter-** newsletter to come soon! Newsletters will be emailed and posted to our Facebook Page. Done monthly.

They are created by Tara Siders and Abby Carter.

Santa Shop- Dec 5-9 - we need volunteers! Once our schedule is finalized- a sign up genius will be sent out. This event can NOT be done without volunteers!

Please help us bring this awesome event back!

5 Below Fundraiser- 20% of sales is donated to the PTO.

Dates :Fliers will be sent home and must be provided at time of sale.

**Reminders:**

Holiday Class Parties -

Reminders background checks MUST be completed ASAP! IF you are signed up for a party and you do not have one on file by the following; you will be notified and removed from the party. Dec 21 party; must have one on file by 11/28. Feb 14 party; by 1/13/23.

All room parents are asked to send in items they are donating prior to the day of the party.

You can send in with your student, make arrangements to meet the parents who are working the party outside of the school or bring the items to the main office and they will make sure the items get to the classroom.

Carissa Bell

	<p>Check in went well for the Halloween party and will continue the same procedure for the next 2 parties.          You can check in at 1p; Please sign out your student(s) on their class lists prior to going to the classroom. All students will then meet you at the main entrance at 230pm. Parents are NOT to go to other classrooms to get siblings.          **doors open at 115pm, parties start at 130p.          **We do not have a time yet for the 2/14 due to early dismissal. As soon as a time is available, it will be shared.          Thank you to all our awesome room parents!</p> <p>Upcoming "in person" PTO meetings:          1/23/23 @ 3p, 3/13/23 @ 3p, 5/8/23 @ 3p; all will be held in the gym.          Free childcare will be provided.          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> <p><b>Suggestions:</b>          We welcome new ideas and suggestions.          Please email a board member or teacher liaison if you think of any ideas!          We request that all suggestions and or ideas are submitted in writing.</p>	
	<p><b>Parent and Teacher Comments</b></p> <p>Parent Question about PTO Membership and ability to join throughout the year. - Discussion about sending reminder in weekly administration newsletter. Will revamp membership form. Reminder to join so parents can volunteer at future events including santa shop, glow party etc.</p>	<p>Meredith Bickell</p>

Anabelle Bischoff motion to Adjourn meeting. Emily Brundgage seconded motion Meeting Adjourned at 3:57pm