

AGENDA



WATSON IN PERSON PTO MEETING January 23, 2023 3p; in person meeting

Location: Watson Gym, Called to order @

In attendance: Carissa Bell, Abby Carter, Meredith Bickell, Jill Skehan, MariJo Olenik, Elaine B Anabelle Bischof, Misty Montalbano, Amanda Sarkady, Rashanda Berryhill

Carla Pyle,

	Meeting Called to Order @ 3:04pm	Meredith Bickell
	Pledge of Allegiance	Mrs.Lavin/Mrs. Conlon
	Welcome to Watson Parents and Staff	Meredith Bickell
	November 2022 Meeting Minutes-review Any questions please let us know. Motion needed to approve the minutes- Jill Skehan; seconded by EB.	
	Teacher Liaison Report	Claesgens/Pishkur/Olenik
	<p>Continued Business</p> <p>Teacher Liaisons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Claesgens, Mrs. Pishkur, and Mrs. Olenik are the PTO Teacher Liaisons for the 2022-23 school year. <p>PTO Board Members for 2022-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our 2022-23 PTO Executive Board President-Meredith Bickell Vice President-Carissa Bell Co-Treasurer- Jill Skehan Co-Treasurer- Carla Pyle Co-Secretary- Tara Siders Co- Secretary- Abby Carter <p>Co-Chairs</p> <p>Wildcat Walk (raffle item help)- Rashanda Berryhill Penny Wars- Elisa Pozywio Strack's Receipt Program- Amy Alder Trunk or Treat- Becki Murphy Santa Shop- Annabelle Bischof Glow Dance- Anabelle Bischof, Colleen Kiefor, Amy Alder Staff Appreciation – Anabelle Bischof <i>Special Thank you to all our awesome Co- Chairs!!</i></p> <p><i>Interested in joining the board as a co chair or officer for the 2023-24 school year? Please contact Meredith Bickell. We need awesome parents to help make everything possible!</i></p> <p>*****</p> <p>Old Business</p> <p>12 Days of Christmas Spirit Days Dec 7- Dec 22; Fun was had by staff and students while they counted down the days till Christmas!!</p> <p>Christmas Class Parties - Wednesday 12/21 All school snacks provided by the school with money sent in by parents : pretzels and juice were the snacks for this party. New request per administration: no food to be served at any of the parties! Only the all school snack. This is to ensure safety and to ensure every student is not excluded due to allergies.</p>	<p>Meredith Bickell</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Jill Skehan</p>

	<p>Staff Appreciation- On Friday 12/16 The PTO board teamed up with our Administration team and provided an all staff Hot Chocolate Bar on PJ Day! It was fun and the staff LOVED it!</p> <p>Calendar Fundraiser; In November, we tried something new! We sold a calendar for \$30; it gives each participant 31 chances to win. Many gift card options and experiences for our Wildcats to participate in. Total calendars sold = 53; 2 siblings that donated \$5 each We hope that those who participated had fun! We raised \$1605. Thank you to the staff who helped by providing fun experiences for our students! And thank you to our local businesses who provided prizes.</p> <p>SANTA SHOP! We are still excited that we were able to bring the Santa Shop back for our Wildcats! It was awesome to see so many happy and generous students! They definitely love to shop and LOVE their families and friends! Thank you to our amazing families for your support! To our volunteers ~ we could not have done it without you!!! THANK YOU! Our volunteers included LCHS students and several of our awesome PTO parents!! Special shout out to Anabelle Bischof, the co-chair for the event! Thank you for your time and dedication. Thank you Carissa for working the shop everyday and to Meredith for all the prepping and daily shopping! We are already planning for next year! If you are interested in helping please email watsonpto12@gmail.com</p> <p>Suggestion of Highland Bargain store for next years santa shop</p> <p>Scott's U Save- Online Competition. They reached out to 3 PTOs in the area and had a friendly competition between us all. Families were asked to go to their website and fill out a contact form for their marketing and VOTE for the PTO you are supporting. Each PTO was a winner! We did place 1st winning the \$750 check. Was awesome to have Brad, one of the owners, delivered the check and a BIG check! Picture was in the newsletter and on our Facebook page. Supporting local businesses means so much!</p>	<p>Jill Skehan</p>
	<p>Budget</p> <p><u>Recent Expenses:</u> Calendar Raffle Budget-\$500 Total Spent-\$0</p> <p>Super Student Tokens Budget-\$500 Total Spent-\$180</p> <p>Santa Shop Budget-\$6000 Total Spent-\$10,970.97</p> <p><u>Upcoming Expenses:</u> Staff Reimbursement Budget- \$9,100 Total paid to date- \$1,804.54</p> <p>All school event- WCW reward Budget- \$1,500</p>	<p>Carla Pyle</p>

<p>Total spent to date-\$0</p> <p>Spring Family Fun Night Budget-\$1,500 Total spent to date-\$0</p> <p>Recent Income of Watson PTO: <u>Income for events completed since last meeting:</u> Membership dues budget-\$2,000 Actual income- \$2,050</p> <p>Santa Shop Budget- \$6,500 Actual Income- \$13,121.87 (profit = 2,150.90)</p> <p>Calendar Raffle Budget-\$3000 Actual Income to date= \$1605</p> <p><u>Additional Income:</u> Dine and Donate/Community events budget- \$2,000 Actual income to date- \$2,091.14</p> <p>Amazon Smile budget- \$250 Actual income to date- \$130.11 <i>Instructions on how to add Watson PTO to your Amazon account is in our weekly newsletter email, shared on our Facebook page and is listed in the original PTO membership packet.</i></p> <p>Scott's U Save Online Competition- \$750</p>	
<p>CONTINUED BUSINESS:</p> <p>Spirit Wear Stores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Place Spiritwear (online store) Open all year long for purchases and PTO gets paid quarterly. Link: https://1stplace.sale/34842 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. <p>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 the co-chair and has been counting receipts as they come in. Thank you! Reminders are shared frequently on our Facebook page and shared weekly in the school's newsletter email.</p>	<p>Abby Carter</p>
<p>Dine and Donate</p> <p>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!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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* raised \$312.79 	<p>Tara Siders</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December ~ Five Below = \$34.93 • December ~ 12/13 Schererville Culver's 3-8p *teachers welcome at their lunch periods; raised \$230 • January ~ 1/25/23 4p-8p Red Robin • February ~ 2/15/23 3p-7p Sweet Frog • March - McTeacher night 3/15/23 @ Schererville McDs 4-7p; all money raised will be added to our budget for Staff Appreciation Week! • April + May - TBD <p>Thank you to everyone for your continued support!</p>	
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	<p>Friendly Reminder that any parent can join at any time! Dues are \$10 and a membership form does need to be filled out (located in the main office or can be emailed) and a background check form must be on file . PTO Members get communications regarding PTO sponsored event(s) volunteer opportunities. Reminder flier in our weekly email from our Principal team and information shared on our Facebook page.</p>	Tara Siders
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	<p><u>UPCOMING PTO EVENTS</u></p> <p>Penny Wars - sponsored by the LC Dollars for Scholars! 1/23-1/27 Thank you to our Student Council who helped make fun new signs.</p> <p>Valentine's Day Party- Doors open/check in starts at 1030. Room parents Can go to the classrooms at 1045am. Party 11-1145am. Please note that lunches or specials end at 11am. Parties need to be over by 1145am to get ready for early dismissal. Thank you to all our awesome room parents!</p> <p>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. Check in went well for the Halloween party and Holiday Party and will continue the same procedure for V day party. 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.</p> <p><i>Just a reminder that the room parent ~ 2 parents per party is set by LC Administration. All PTO room parents were randomly drawn to ensure fairness. We wish every PTO parent could volunteer, Thank you for your understanding. Snack at the party- what the school provides. Any additional store bought items need to be sent home with the students and not served at the party.</i></p> <p>Valentine Day Grams- We are offering a \$2 Special Valentine's delivered to your student from their parent, family member or a friend. A flier will be sent home to every student the week of 1/30! All orders are due by 2/10 and no late orders PLEASE. All Valentine's will be delivered to the classrooms on 2/14. Money raised will be used to help cover costs such as PTO sponsored events for our students and staff. Your continued support is appreciated!</p> <p>Glow Dance ~ SAVE THE DATE! 3/3/2023 ~ fun at On the Square Sports Academy in Crown Point! Evening of fun! Including silent auction, raffles and concessions! We are planning a raffle and silent auction; if you or anyone you know is interested in donating an item or being a corporate sponsor please contact</p>	Carissa Bell
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	<p>Meredith Bickell at watsonpto12@gmail.com or Carissa Bell at watsonpto20@gmail.com</p> <p>Read Across America Week- 2/27- 3/3; Read Across America Day is Thursday 3/2! We are planning an all school Craft/Gift donated by the PTO. More details to come!</p> <p>Upcoming “in person” PTO meetings: 3/13/23 @ 3p, 5/8/23 @ 3p; all will be held in the gym. Free childcare will be provided. All our meeting minutes are emailed to the Lake Central School Corporation along with our budget and 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>Suggestions: 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>Parent and Teacher Comments</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn - Carissa Bell 3:47pm ; seconded by Ana Belle Bischof</p>	<p>Meredith Bickell</p>