

AGENDA



WATSON IN PERSON PTO MEETING March 13, 2023 3p; in person meeting

Location: Watson Gym, Called to order @

In attendance: [Meredith](#), [Carissa](#), [Carla](#), [Jill](#), [Tara](#), [Abby](#)

[Conlon](#), [Claesgens](#), [Pishkur](#), [Olenik](#), [Yelich](#)

[Amanda Sarkady](#), [Anabelle Bischof](#), [Jennifer Richardson](#), [Jacqui Nielson](#), [Emily Brundage](#), [Jackie Toczydlowski](#),

[1 Unknown Signature](#)

	Meeting Called to Order 3:05 PM	Meredith Bickell
	Pledge of Allegiance	Mrs.Lavin/Mrs. Conlon
	Welcome to Watson Parents and Staff	Meredith Bickell
	January 2023 Meeting Minutes-(review on own) Any questions please let us know. Motion needed to approve the January minutes- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carissa Bell
	Teacher Liaison Report 1. Great reviews regarding Pro Kids Show, Valentine Grams, and Disability Week involvement 2. Mentioned having shirts available for red for ED for the future 3. Asked about available supplies for kindergarten round up	Claesgens/Pishkur/Olenik
	<p>Continued Business</p> <p>Interested in joining the board for the 2023-24 school year? We need awesome parents to help make everything possible! A nomination form has been sent home. Please be sure to send in or contact Meredith Bickell by 4/4/23 at watsonpto12@gmail.com. All nominees will be contacted to meet prior to names going on the ballot. *****</p> <p>Old Business</p> <p>Pro Kids All School Show- 2/10- was the prize for reaching and surpassing our goal for the WCW. It was awesome!! All the students and staff had a great time.</p> <p>Valentine's Day Class Party - Tuesday 2/14 All school snack 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. We had a few no shows from room parents and no communication as to why. We ask going forward to please communicate your absence to the PTO board so alternate room parents can at least be attempted. Thank you to all our awesome room parents who made all 3 of the parties fun and a success!</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. Watson donated \$ \$3184.88 total and placed second amongst all the LC School Corp Elementary schools. total for all elementary schools: \$17,079.90.</p> <p>Valentine's Gram Fundraiser- We are offered a \$2 Special Valentine's delivered to your student from their parent, family member or a friend. A flier was sent home and all grams were delivered on 2/14; one class 2/15. Money raised will be used to help cover costs such as PTO sponsored events for our students and staff. Total raised: \$1,751.78</p>	<p>Abby Carter</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Jill Skehan</p>

Read Across America- All School Craft Day 2/27- 3/3; Read Across America Day was Thursday 3/2!

We planned an all school craft; color a bookmark, decorate a journal and a sticker was provided (reading or paw print) to every student. We had 2 room parents per class come in to help with this. Thank you to our room parents for your patience and willingness to come in and help! Originally, there were going to be 16+ parents who did not help at a holiday party able to volunteer in their student's classroom.

Kindergarten day on 3/2- was a success. 1st-4th grade will be rescheduled for 3/23 and 3/24 due to the snow day on 3/3.

The parents who were signed up for 3/3 are the parents who have been contacted first to reschedule. March 23- third grade & March 24- first, second & fourth grade rescheduled dates.

Glow Dance - 3/3/2023 6-8p; CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER!

Rescheduled for Thursday 4/13 5-7p at Watson.

Pre-sale tickets, t-shirts, and glow bundles were sold in advance & will be available for sale at the door and event! Thank you to our amazing families, staff especially those who have signed up to volunteer and corporate sponsors who donated.

McTeacher Night at the Schererville McDs.- 3/15 4-7p- thank you to all our amazing staff who are making this possible!!

Look for a special guest at the morning drop off & dismissal this Wednesday!

We hope all the students come out & have the best time!

Money raised will be used for staff appreciation week in May.

Gretchen Pishkur graciously agreed to wear the apple pie costume the day of McTeacher night. (Teachers loved the McTeacher night schedule showing their time slots)

Budget

Recent Expenses:

All school event- WCW reward

Budget- \$1,500

Total spent to date-\$1,350

Valentine Grams:\$211.22

Read Across America Craft Day: \$548.02

Childcare for Regular Meeting: \$30

Spirit Wear- \$2,132.79

Upcoming Expenses:

Staff Reimbursement

Budget- \$9,100

Total paid to date- \$2,454.54

Glow Dance Fundraiser

Budget- \$1,500

Total paid to date- \$3,267.03

Staff Appreciation

Budget-\$1,200

Total paid to date- \$855.62

Recent Income of Watson PTO:

Income for events completed since last meeting:

Membership dues budget-\$2,000

Actual income- \$2,050

Valentine Grams: \$1,963

Additional Income:

Carla Pyle Informed the teachers that Amazon Smile was not coming back in the future

<p>Dine and Donate/Community events budget- \$2,000 Actual income to date- \$2,258.94</p> <p>Spirit Wear Budget-\$2,250 Actual income to Date- \$2,398.34</p> <p>Glow Dance Fundraiser Budget- \$5,000 Actual income to Date- \$4,442.48</p> <p>Amazon Smile budget- \$250 Actual income to date- \$252.89 <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. <u>Sadly the program is ending.</u></i></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>Carissa Bell</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 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 - \$167.80 February ~ 2/15/23 3p-7p Sweet Frog-\$ tbd; haven't had a reply yet. March - McTeacher night 3/15/23 @ Schererville McDs 4-7p; all money raised will be added to our budget for Staff Appreciation Week! April 20-4p-8p- Crumble Cookie in Dyer May - TBD <p>Thank you to everyone for your continued support!</p>	<p>Tara Siders</p>

	<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
	<p><u>New Business (upcoming events):</u></p> <p><u>Upcoming “in person” PTO meetings:</u> 4/17 @ 3p- no childcare will be provided due to length of meeting. Nominees for the 2023-24 executive pto board will be shared. Voting will be via email/google forms to all current PTO members.</p> <p>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>Update to nominations form: After reviewing our bylaws, we have an update to make to our nominations for the incoming board. The board will consist of seven members! They will consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary & three Executive Chairs for committee groups. The three committee groups are Financial, Special Events, and Administrative. Together everyone will work together to recruit even more parent involvement to ensure the PTOs ongoing success! The nomination committee will be meeting with every nominee to go over more specifics the week of 4/10. The ballot will be shared at the April 17 meeting.</p> <p><u>Suggestions:</u> 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>	Meredith Bickell
	<p>Parent and Teacher Comments Parent asked about a new nomination form if we changed the positions after we sent the first form out with incorrect nominee positions. (Said this after the meeting adjourned)</p>	Meredith Bickell