

# AGENDA

## WATSON PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Leah Denson-President  
Kim Marksteiner-Vice President  
Karyn Coleman-Treasurer  
Meredith Bickell-Co-Secretary  
Sara Dennis-Co-Secretary



## WATSON PTO MEETING

**March 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. ART ROOM**

**Next Meeting – May 9th, 2017- 3:00 pm – Library**

1	Meeting Called to Order
2	Pledge of Allegiance
3	Welcome to Watson Parents and Staff
4	Reading and Approval of January 2017 Meeting Minutes – Sara Dennis
5	Treasurer's Report – Karyn Coleman
6	Teacher Liaison Report
7	<p><b>Unfinished Business –Kim Marksteiner</b></p> <p><b>Buffalo Wild Wings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On January 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm BW3 donated 15% of all profits made that night back to Watson PTO. We made \$276.54.</li></ul> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Attendance Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hand calligraphied certificates signed by Mrs. Lavin and a free Culvers custard coupon were distributed to all children with perfect attendance for second quarter. Certificates/coupons were distributed January 20, 2017.</li></ul> <p><b>Mardi Gras</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Held Tuesday, February 28, 2017.</li><li>Sponsored by the Schererville Chamber of Commerce. In the past \$1,000 has been distributed to each Schererville Lake Central school that participates.</li><li>Ticket price was \$35 per ticket and Watson sold 40.</li><li>PTO donated a date night themed basket for the silent auction. We used a Meijer Gift card to purchase it. Sara Dennis purchased and assembled a beautiful basket.</li><li>PTO purchased masks and pazcki's for all participants as a favor.</li><li>We had 5 models representing Watson. A huge thank you to: Gretchen Pishkur, Jay Jones, Mandy Early, Ryan Kutzer and Vanessa Swatosh.</li><li>We raised \$206 from the 50/50 at the event.</li></ul> <p><b>Carson's Community Days Event Fundraiser</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coupon books are free to PTO.</li><li>Envelopes and books were distributed to each staff member and student. Books were \$5.00 per book. Sale dates were February 13-17th.</li><li>We raised \$1,040.00.</li></ul> <p><b>Classroom Valentine's Day Parties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parties were held on <b>Tuesday, February 14, 2017</b> at 1:30 pm.</li><li>Parents were allowed access to the classrooms at 1:10 pm.</li><li>The parties were a great success.</li></ul> <p><b>Dollars for Scholars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Was held January 30-February 3, 2017.</li><li>PTO teamed with Desanka Damjanovic to help collect and count monies each day.</li><li>Money raised from this event goes to fund a college scholarship for a Watson alumnus.</li><li>For the week: Mrs. Lyda's class came in first place donating \$315.76, Mrs. Pishkur's class came in second place donating \$ 196.85, and Mrs. Radencic's class came in third place donating \$164.64.</li><li>Classes were given trinket prizes each day for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.</li><li>Mrs. Lyda's class won smoothies from Smoothie King courtesy of Dollars for Scholars for winning the 1<sup>st</sup> place spot for the week long competition.</li></ul> <p><b>Read Across America</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PTO purchased really cute Dr. Seuss erasers for an all-school treat. They were distributed the week of February 28<sup>th</sup>.</li></ul>

	<p><b>Kindergarten Registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten Registration will be held March 8 &amp; 9th.</li> <li>PTO has \$350 budgeted for registration supplies/and books for the incoming students.</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>STAFF REQUESTS</b></p> <p><b>Staff Reimbursement</b>—Karyn Coleman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Reimbursements as of January 31, 2017: \$2,186.67</li> </ul>
	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b>—Leah Denson</p> <p><b>Midwest Gym Open Gym</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Night out at Midwest Gym.</li> <li>Date to be determined.</li> </ul> <p><b>Browns Music Bus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event will be held April 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>One (1) show during school hours.</li> <li>One (1) free show at 6:30 pm for all Watson families.</li> <li>The event is paid for by PTO.</li> </ul> <p><b>BoxTops/Labels for Education Contest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contest will be held April 17-April 21. This is a class competition. Prizes will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place classes who bring in the most combined Box Tops and Aunt Millie's School Spirit labels. Each winning class will receive a new game and 15 min. of extra recess.</li> </ul> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Attendance Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Third Quarter ends March 13, 2017. Students who have achieved perfect attendance for the third quarter will receive a certificate and a coupon for a treat on March 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Brain POP—Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watson Elementary provides every student access to Brain POP. Brain POP is an online educational enhancement tool applicable for every grade. The cost is \$2,000. Watson PTO would like to purchase Brain POP for the whole school for next year. We need a vote to approve the purchase.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rear Gate—Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently there is a chain being used to deter traffic from driving around the back of the school during recess hours.</li> <li>2 years ago PTO purchased an official gate for the front rear access near the playground. We would like to purchase a gate for the back rear access to provide a more substantial and safer barrier.</li> <li>We need to vote to approve the purchase. Cost estimated at \$1,500.</li> </ul> <p><b>New Projector for the Cafeteria—Action Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Liaisons have requested a ceiling mounted projector for the cafeteria that could be used frequently for class presentations, assemblies and as a special treat to show movies during lunch time.</li> <li>PTO needs to look into costs associated with this with the help of Ms. Yelich.</li> <li>Other ideas for school improvement that parents or staff would like to see PTO fund?</li> </ul> <p><b>PTO Nomination Form</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2017-2018 Executive Committee nomination forms being sent home on April 6th with a return date of April 20, 2017.</li> <li>New Executive Committee members will be announced on May 9, 2017 at the PTO meeting. All nominees should be present.</li> <li>We will need at least 2 new board members for next year. Co-positions are also available. Nominate yourself or a friend that you think would be a great addition to the PTO team!</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Staff Appreciation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff appreciation will be held May 1-May 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• PTO will be organizing the festivities to let our staff know how much they are appreciated.</li> <li>• Every year PTO pays for a luncheon, a cake and breakfast. Details to be determined. Parent involvement encouraged! If you have an idea you'd like to see implemented, please email Leah Denson, <a href="mailto:watsonpto4@gmail.com">watsonpto4@gmail.com</a></li> </ul> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Party</b>—Meredith Bickell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter will be going home to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents inviting them to participate in planning the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade party sponsored by PTO.</li> <li>• Planning Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Michel's Restaurant on 41.</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Grade party will be held Friday, May 19, 2017.</li> </ul> <p><b>Field Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field day will be organized by Mr. Jones. PTO will help find volunteers and will provide an all school snack.</li> </ul> <p><b>PTO Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last PTO meeting of the year will be May 9, 2017 at 3:00p.m. in the Library.</li> </ul>
11	Parent and Teacher Comments
12	Thank You for Coming Prize – Sara Dennis
13	Adjourn Meeting – <b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>