

J.B. Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting

January 12, 2016

J.B. Watkins Elementary School Library

President Kristen Beazley called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. In attendance were:

Officers:

Kristen Beazley, President

Brittany Krebs, Vice President

Auburn Stovall, Secretary

Shelley Neofotistos, Treasurer

Kimberly Cousins, Principal

Karen Anderson, Assistant Principal

Committee Chairs, General PTA Members and Guests:

Dana Gates, Mandy Bracey, Erin Brandenburg, Amy Shutts, Lara Jones, Leslie Brocato, Jessica Williamson, Mrs. McCormack

Kristen thanked Shelley and Kelly Joyner for working so hard to complete the ordering of the teacher's wish list items. The wish list items are now ordered except for a couple of items that will be ordered as soon as estimates have been received from the county. The remaining items to be ordered total about \$700. Kristen also thanked Dana, Kathleen and Kim for doing a great job getting the student directories and packets finished and sent out to PTA members.

Quorum Certification

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 10, 2016 General Membership Meeting were presented. There were no corrections and they will stand as presented.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report: Shelley Neofotistos

Shelley reported that we have had additional yearbook sales since the last general membership meeting. Shelley noted that the PTA does not make money off of yearbook sales but only acts as a middle man in the exchange of monies for the Yearbook Committee.

Shelley explained that there was an Executive Board vote to raise the Talent Show budget from \$100 to \$300 this year to support the high volume of Talent Show participants.

Lara Jones presented a \$400 check from Kids Fit & Fun to the Board. The program had a great response and they would love to offer it again.

63 teachers have submitted receipts to be reimbursed for supplies thus far with about \$5,000 in reimbursements. The PTA also added the office staff to the reimbursement eligibility list for an allowance of \$50 per office staff member. Shelley asked for an amendment in the budget from \$15,000 to \$27,000 for the teacher's wish list items to account for additional spending for wish list items and give room for any extra items that may come up. All present voted yes to amend the budget.

Vice President's Report: Brittany Krebs

Brittany said that there is a scheduled author visit, Pamela Duncan Edwards, on April 13 for 3-5 grades. Virginia Opera House will present Little Red Riding Hood for K-2 on February 19. The last Candela's night for this school year will be February 8. Brittany reported that Candela's was happy with the last Watkin's night, a lot of the business ended up being in carry out.

Committee Reports

Skyzone: Katie Berkman

The first Skyzone night back in November went great. The kids had a blast and we sold 103 tickets and we raised \$374. We plan to have another Skyzone night at the end of April.

Chick-fil-A: Kim Young/Sarah Orr

The next Chick-fil-A night is this Thursday night for the 2nd and 5th Grade.

Health and Safety: Erin Brandenburg/ Heather Murphy/Fritz

Erin thanked all of those that came out and helped with the Turkey Trot. Next year she would love to have more volunteers, but overall it was a great event and she has gotten great feedback. There were a total of 179 runners, 108 for the one miler and 71 5K runners. We raised \$1,262 for this event. Any suggestions for next year all welcomed.

Chess club: Lesley Brocato

Chess club is going well with a good volunteer participation and an average of 55-65 students per meeting.

Reflections: Angie Miller/Christan Martin

Reflections had a total of 54 entries this year which was a huge increase from last year. A reception was held honoring all of those that participated.

Directory: Kathleen Grattini

Student directories are complete and have been handed out to all current PTA members. There are some extras.

Membership: Dana Gates

We have a total of 684 members with 100% participation from teachers this year.

Talent Show: Sidney Newton/Divya Raman

The first round of rehearsals ran tonight and everything seems to be running smoothly. The Talent Show has a huge turnout this year and will fill two nights of acts this year.

Watkin's Wiggle: Tracey Malkie/Amanda Bracey

Mandy made a flyer that she showed to administration tonight for approval. Tracey reported that we currently have almost 100% participation for the class baskets. The Wiggle will have a new DJ this year. The Wiggle has one snow date.

Room Parents: Amy Shutts/Lara Jones/Laura Kurichh

There will be a luncheon held in February. Lara is getting ready to contact fourth grade parents to help with the Graduation this year.

County Council: Auburn Stovall/Kristen Beazley

There is a survey going out about searching for a new Superintendent and what qualifications the County is looking for. The survey can be found at this link until February 12 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KK6K9G>.

Staff Appreciation: Leila Ward/Lindsay Spears

Staff appreciation is going well. A hot chocolate bar was offered in December for staff. There is a staff luncheon coming up on February 17 that will include soup, sides and desserts. Lindsay will be contacting Room Parents and asking for volunteers in the coming weeks. This committee is currently under budget.

Lunch Buddies: Carla Hagan

The Lunch Buddy committee is still in need of more lunch buddies especially for the 11-12 hour for Kindergarten and 1st grade help. An email will soon be sent through the Room Parent committee to ask for more help.

Yearbook: Amy Shutts/Sherry Tremper

The yearbook committee currently has 699 orders with a contract of 800 expected ordered. They have extended the order deadline to January 31. The fifth grade shout outs are almost complete. Amy will send out an order opportunity to any new students.

Spiritwear: Kelly Kaze/Sandy Sharp

The Wiggle Committee has been in contact with Spiritwear to sell merchandise at the dance. Teachers and staff are interested in getting Spiritwear.

Ways and Means: Kristen Beazley

Kristen told everyone about a clothing bin company that has approached her about placing a bin outside of our school to collect clothing. The PTA members at the meeting decided against this idea for right now. Kristen also said that she has been approached by a supply pack company for school supplies. Mrs. Cousins said that she has seen mixed reviews about this kind of idea. Kristen said that she will look more into this idea for our school.

PTA members present discussed the issue of not having recycling offered at our school. Kristen proposed having a Green Team committee that would head a recycling initiative. Please let Kristen know if you are interested.

School Representative Reports

Principal's Report: Kimberly Cousins

Kim was really happy about having 100% teacher membership. She said that the extra \$100 supply reimbursement opportunity has been very positive and would like to offer it again in the future. The school library is being renovated this Summer. The interior is being upgraded and made more kid centered and kid friendly. She saw the time capsule today and has started to think about planning a 50th school anniversary celebration next Fall. The PTA will help with organizing a committee to help with the planning of a celebration for the school's anniversary. A new Administrative Assistant has been hired and will start the week of January 18.

Program Report

Kristen reported that the PTA Board is currently in a conversation with contacts at Chesterfield County School Board to discuss getting quotes on possible projects using the remaining funds from the APEX fundraiser. The PTA Board will report with quotes on these projects as soon as they are received. The Board has also been working on getting quotes for new copy machines for the building.

Mrs. McCormack asked if the PTA Board could include getting a quote on fixing the drainage at the Kindergarten playground. Mrs. Anderson said that she believes this may be something that Parks and Recreation could possibly help us with and she would look into that.

Kristen said that we also have more funds that can provide Lego Kits. If anyone at Watkins is still in need of Lego Kits please contact Kristen.

New Business

The Board is looking for members of a Nominating Committee to help with the nominating and voting process for the next PTA Treasurer and PTA Vice President(s). If you are interested in being a part of the nominating committee please contact Kristen Beazley.

The PTA is considering having more than one Vice President in the next two years in order to divide this role into manageable positions. The possible roles could include a VP of Ways and Means, a VP of Committees and a VP of Programs. If you are interested in any of these possible positions or in the PTA Treasurer position please contact Kristen Beazley.

The PTA Board has submitted two Bylaw Amendments to allow for voting of Vice President and Treasurer in March, April or May. The Board has also submitted an Amendment to allow for the voting and selection of more than one Vice President.

Announcements

- January 13 Talent Show Rehearsal 6:30-9 pm
- January 14 Talent Show 6-8:30 pm
- January 14 Chick-fil-A Night hosted by 2nd and 5th Grade 5:30-8 pm
- January 15 Talent Show 6-8:30 pm
- January 18 School Closed
- February 1 School Closed
- February 5 Chess Club 8:05-9 am
- February 6 County Reflections Awards Program 2-4 pm
- February 8 Candela's Night 6-8 pm
- February 9 PTA General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm with a motion made by Kristen Beazley with a unanimous vote.

_____ Minutes Approved as Written

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