



General Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2015 6:30PM
JB Watkins Elementary School Cafeteria

Meeting Minutes

The General Board Meeting of J. B. Watkins was called to order at 6:30 pm on May 12, 2015. The following people were present: Maggi Lewis, Brittany Krebs, Shelley Neofotistos, Kim McComb, Gretchen Burch, Carolyn Alford, Auburn Stovall, April Maurer, Dana Gates, Kim Sheehan, Amy Shutts, Karyn Andersen, Kimberly Cousins, Sherry Tremper, Katie Berkman, Kristen Beazley, Laura Kurichh, Shara Hamilton, Brittany Krebs, Leila Ward, Erin Clippinger, Mary Patterson, and Julia Trebour.

CALL TO ORDER

Maggi Lewis, president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PTA ELECTIONS

Maggi Lewis, President, welcomed everyone to the final PTA meeting of the school year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim McComb made a motion to approve the May 2015 minutes. There were no changes and the minutes were approved as written.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Shelley Neofotistos, Treasurer, reported that she needs all check requests and deposits turned in by June 12. The books will be closed for an audit the month of July and no checks will be able to be written.

Shelley also followed up with Ms. Cousins and the PTA will continue to support the RAZ kids reading program. The school is still looking into the future of the AR program.

Shelley mentioned that the PTA will provide money to pay for the Chinese Acrobat program to celebrate the Chinese New Year during the 2015-2016 school year. This is a program that the PTA will sponsor every 3-4 years.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Maggi Lewis, president, announced that Kris Perko was awarded PTA Volunteer of the Year for the 2014-2015 school year.

Maggi also stated that this is her last meeting of her term as president and Kim McComb's last as secretary. She then introduced the new Secretary, Auburn Stovall and President, Kristen Beazley.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION/STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Cousins, Principal, presented a County prepared presentation on the new report cards that will be introduced to the Elementary Schools during the new school year. After the video, she stated that we have teachers from Watkins who have been trained on these new report cards to help make a seamless transition. More information will be presented during Back to School Nights in September.

Mrs. Sheehan, teacher, stated that the teachers thought it would be a good idea to advertise PTA events in the local neighborhoods. Possibly have a neighborhood representative for each neighborhood to help with communication.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Box Tops, Erin Clippinger, stated that the school raised \$4865 this year in Box Tops. Continue to clip over the summer to win the popcorn party in the fall.

Yearbook, Amy Shutts, stated that yearbooks will be distributed on June 10th grades K-4. The fifth graders received them on Friday, June 5. Amy is also looking for someone interested in taking over yearbook for the 2016-2017 year to begin shadowing the chairs next year.

Candelas Night, Brittany Krebs, stated that the PTA raised \$265.30 at the last Candelas Night fundraiser.

Denim Drive, Tracey Malkie, stated that she has already collected over 150 pieces of denim for next years Denim Drive. Look for Facebook announcements for upcoming collection dates.

NEW BUSINESS/ OPEN FORUM

- Dana Gates, Membership Chair, made a motion to raise the PTA membership dues from \$5.00 per member to \$8.00 per single member or \$15.00 for two memberships. She stated that \$3.25 of each membership goes to the local and state PTA, so at this time the PTA only keeps \$1.75. After researching, Watkins' dues are much lower than other local schools. A motion was made and passed to raise the dues to \$8.00 for one and \$15.00 for two memberships.
- Erin Clippinger, mentioned that she feels like we should explore other restaurant fundraisers. She mentioned that Papa Johns does a delivery fundraiser and allow teachers and staff to deliver the pizzas. The new Board members will look into this for the upcoming school year.
- Shara Hamilton, Coke Rewards Chair, said that she will continue with this position and re-vamp it to work with the new program.
- Gretchen Burch, Reflections, asked the teachers to spread the word about working on Reflections over the summer. The theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next PTA Meeting will be in September 2015. Time and date TBA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

_____ Minutes Approved as Written

_____ Minutes Not Approved

_____ Date _____