

## **J.B. Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting**

October 11, 2016 6:30 p.m.

J.B. Watkins Elementary School Cafeteria

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President Kristen Beazley called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. In attendance were:

### Officers:

Kristen Beazley, President

Emily Stein, Treasurer

Auburn Stovall, Secretary

Divya Raman, Vice President of Programs

Amy Shutts, Vice President of Committees

Laura Kurichh, Vice President of Ways and Means

Kimberly Cousins, Principal

### Committee Chairs, General PTA Members and Guests:

Sarah Simmons, Kat Kelly, Tracey Malkie, Mathnasium Representative, Didi Cohen, Kelly Barry, Irene Delcamp, Jennifer Salley, Shannon Holland, Rebecca Williams, Lesley Brocato, Charmain Tremper, Katie Sloan

Kristen welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked everyone who volunteered and contributed to APEX. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback this year. Thank you for all of the support that made this fundraiser a success again this year.

### **Quorum Certification**

A quorum was established.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the September 13, 2016 General Membership Meeting were presented. There were no corrections and they will stand as presented.

### **Officer Reports**

#### Treasurer's Report: Emily Stein

Emily had everyone refer to the handout of the October Treasurer's Report. One highlight that was noted was that the Spirit Wear income has already exceeded our initial budget of \$5,000 with \$5,304.98. Emily said that there are still a good amount of teachers that still have not turned in supply reimbursement forms. Please encourage teachers to turn these in to get their reimbursement money. If you are a teacher and you have turned in receipts that exceed the initial \$100 amount, Emily is keeping these receipts to put towards an additional reimbursement if needed. There are still forms in her mailbox and on the PTA website.

If you have a cash deposit you are required to have two people other than Emily Stein to count the money and fill out the deposit form. Please email Emily before you turn in the money to her mailbox so that she knows that she needs to pick up cash at school for deposit.

Vice President's Report: Amy Shutts

Amy thanked all of the committee chairs for their hard work already in the early parts of the school year. She introduced two new committee chairs, Irene Delcamp for the Green Team and Didi Cohen, our new County Council chair.

Vice President's Report: Divya Raman

Divya briefly talked about the Jennifer Weiner visit. 15% of the book sales from this visit will come back to PTA. She has not yet received a check from the bookstore. The next author visit is Steven Smith, an author that writes mystery novels based on historical places and events in Virginia. This visit will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Committee Reports**

Chick-fil-A: Kim Young/ Sarah Orr

Our first Chick-fil-A night was very successful bringing in \$273. Kim Young is sending out deposit sheets to teachers so that two teachers are able to count the wheel money at the end of the night. The deposit sheet then should be given to Kelly Joyner in the office the next day.

Box Tops: Katie Berkman/ Erin Clippinger

Katie Berkman said that the first Boxtops collection raised \$1,351.90 for our school. The December check will include the May collection from last year plus all of the app submissions. Our next collection date is October 21. There is also an app that we are encouraged to use, the Room Mom committee will send the app info out again to be distributed. A flier will also be sent out with Boxtops app info and other Ways and Means information.

W.H.O.: Erin Brandenburg/ Kat Kelly/ Jaya Baker

Thirty one families came to the first W.H.O. meeting. Next month W.H.O. will be making Thanksgiving cards to put with Thanksgiving meals.

WEP: Kat Jelly

WEP is going well. The plan is to start calling WEP kids ten minutes after the last bell in the afternoon. WEP will ends at 5:00 p.m.

Chess Club: Lesley Brocato/ Michelle Sexton

Lesley reported that the first Chess Club meeting was a huge success with an attendance record of 76 kids! It was a great first meeting!

County Council Representative: Kristen Beazley/ Didi Cohen

Didi reported that this County Council meeting was about the hot topic of school start times. There were experts on sleep studies present at the meeting. Didi said that Option 3 is what the County seems to be leaning towards right now as it effects the least amount of children. The

final decision on school start times will be made by January of 2017 and will take in effect some time in 2018. The County is also looking into after school programs that would help bridge the gap for families concerning after school care.

#### Pumpkin Lighting: Rebecca Williams

Rebecca said that she feels very good about the upcoming Pumpkin Lighting! Flyers have gone home and tickets will be distributed. There are three food trucks, Smoking Pigs, Cheezilla, Woods Mobile Café, and a dessert truck, Mr. Softee. There will only be games in the fourth grade round and third grade area. The line for the hayride will be near the first and second grade entrance this year.

#### Denim Drive: Tracey Malkie

The first collection is this coming weekend. If anyone knows any contacts at local thrift shops sometimes they are willing to make big denim donations. The more denim the better! We currently have about the same amount of denim collected at this time last year.

#### Green Team: Irene Delcamp

Irene spoke with Amy about doing a special project for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with stepping stones. Each class would do a stepping stone for the school. Irene also has some recycling ideas that she is working on.

#### Membership: Katie Sloan

Katie reported that we currently have 639 members, last year we had 690 total for the year. However, we are down in our numbers for Administration and Staff. We only have 53 memberships in this category. Please encourage Administration and Staff to purchase membership!

#### Room Parent Liasons: Lara Jones/ Rebecca Williams

Rebecca said that there have been two meetings for room parents. There are still some classes that need communication forms filled out. We would like to have some kind of permission in writing even if it is a printed email giving permission for contact and pictures.

#### Reflections: Gretchen Burch/Jamie Anderson

Entries have been collected and the Reflections Reception is November 9 in the cafeteria.

### **School Representative Reports**

#### Principal's Report: Kimberly Cousins

Kim said that APEX was a great experience. So far, the overall feedback from faculty and students is that the APEX experience was less stressful and teachers seemed to be happier than last year. Kim also said a thank you to all of the volunteers that have helped Mrs. Jester in

the library. It has been so helpful to have the support of our volunteers to get the library together.

Mrs. Salley added that the scheduled class visits with APEX went so much better and that the way prizes were handled was also better. The team lead meeting concerning APEX was also helpful.

## **New Business**

### New School Update

There was a recent School Board meeting discussing the new school and what that means for Watkins. There may be another mega trailer added to Watkins campus next year in order to accommodate new students. Additional support staff would be helpful if we have these new mega trailers. Please come to School Board meetings when you can and speak up! There is a planning commission meeting next week on October 18. Go to the CCPS website for more meeting information.

### School Project Options

The amounts that have been pledged for APEX appears at this time to be enough to fund the third tier of projects for our school. The third tier is a school project such as covered walkways or an LED sign. The County is discussing possibly doing our covered walkways at this point, especially if we are to get an additional mega trailer next year. Other ideas brought up at the meeting were adding to the playground, water fountains, a new behavior module training, and hand sanitizer stations. The subject of cleaning classroom rugs was also brought up. Teachers are having to pay to have their classroom rugs cleaned. It was brought up that maybe PTA could help fund or find donations to help fund cleaning of the rugs for the teachers. Shannon Holland said she would reach out to a contact at ServPro and see if she could get cleaning services donated.

If you have any new idea for school project options, please email Laura Kurichh at [vpwaysandmeans@jbwpta.com](mailto:vpwaysandmeans@jbwpta.com).

### Mathnasium

A representative from Mathnasium stopped by and brought snack and talked about their upcoming Trimathlon. If Watkins provides advertisement our school will earn \$20 per Watkin's child that participates. Visit their website [www.mathnasium.com](http://www.mathnasium.com).

## **Announcements**

- October 12<sup>th</sup>, Fall Pictures
- October 21<sup>st</sup>, Box Top Collections
- October 21<sup>st</sup>, Pumpkin Lighting
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Last date for Denim Drive collection
- October 27<sup>th</sup>, Chick-fil-A night hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 5:30-8 pm
- October 29<sup>th</sup>, Denim Drive Awards Ceremony, 11:00 am
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>, BINGO Night, 7-8:30 pm
- November 4<sup>th</sup>, Chess Club, 8:05 am
- November 4<sup>th</sup>, 3 Hour Early Release

- November 7<sup>th</sup>, Student Holiday (Conferences)
- November 8<sup>th</sup>, Student Holiday
- November 10<sup>th</sup>, Chick-fil-A night hosted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 5:30-8 pm
- November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, Reflections Winners due to County Council
- November 15<sup>th</sup>, PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm

### **Adjournment**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm with a motion made by Amy Shutts with a unanimous vote.

\_\_\_\_\_ Minutes Approved as Written

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