

JB Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting

May 8, 2018, 6:30pm

JB Watkins Elementary School Cafeteria
501 Coalfield Rd, *Chesterfield, Virginia 23114*

President Leila Ward called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. In attendance were:

Officers:

Leila Ward, President

Carla Hagen, Treasurer

Amy Shutts, VP Committees

Laura Kurichh, VP Ways & Means

Auburn Stovall, VP Programs absent

Didi Cohen, Secretary absent

Debbie Weatherford, Principal

Karyn Andersen, Assistant Principal

Committee Chairs & Guests:

Mandy Bracey, Jenny Quarles, Heather Fritz, Kat Kelly, Erin Clippenger, Morgan Cheatham, Brandi Hidalgo, Lauren Sos, Kim Johnson, Arielle Green, Angie Trueblood, and Heather Parrish.

Quorum Certification

A quorum was established.

President's Welcome

President Leila Ward welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She mentioned the CCPTA Awards that we won: 100% Teacher Membership, Gold Star, Applause, and 3rd Place Advocacy. Leila thanked Auburn for her work with author visits this year, Mandy Bracey and Amy Shutts for the Mother Son Event, Lauren Sos and Angie Scranton for Chess Club, Heather Fritz for our last Spirit Night Event, and Sarah Simmons, Arielle Green and Whitney Revel for all the time they've put into the recycling campaign.

Treasurer's Report

Carla Hagen

Copies of the treasurer's report are available online. If anyone has questions, feel free to contact Carla. The monthly budgets are posted on the PTA website and Facebook page. As of March 30 we have \$36,000

Officer Reports

Vice President - Committees Report: Amy Shutts

Positions for next year are almost full. We still need the following positions filled: County Council PTA representative, assistant membership chair, Pumpkin Lighting co-chair, assistant room parent chair, and Spirit Wear chair.

Vice President - Ways and Means Report: Laura Kurichh

Laura Kurichh reported that the PTA has donated recess bags for all the 1st through 5th grades. The bags include basketballs, kickballs, chalk, jump ropes. Laura Kurichh and Melissa French may be starting a possible Field Day Committee to help with the 2018-2019 Field Day.

Vice President - Programs Report: Auburn Stovall

We've concluded all of the Author Visits for the year and there is nothing new to report.

Secretary's Reports — Didi Cohen

The minutes from March were approved and no changes were made. They are posted on the JBWPTA Facebook page and website.

Committee Reports

Box Tops: Katie Berkman/ Erin Clippinger

May 18th is the last collection. It's a close competition. We got \$1,282.60 to the school in April. We need box top clippers for next year. There will be an ice cream party for first place and a possible pizza party for the second place prize.

Chess Club: Lauren Sos/ Angie Scranton

Lauren Sos reported that there will be two sessions in May and one in June. Tournament is coming up. We had lots of volunteers this year. Carmax volunteers get money for volunteering. Carmax donated \$150 and will upgrade chess boards.

Green Team: Sarah Simmons/Whitney Revell

Sarah reported that the Green Team's project of recycling is going well. It started in April and we still need volunteers. We would like recycling to be a school wide initiative. The goal is to have "Recycling Rangers" in each class for sorting etc.

Mother/Son Event: Mandy Bracey

Mandy Bracey reported that 150 tickets were sold equaling \$900.

Staff Appreciation: Kat Kelly / Divya Raman

Al Cerra Azul was brought for Teacher Appreciation lunch. They gave the PTA a \$500 discount. Mellow Mushroom will cater tomorrow's lunch and there will be pizza and salad. Friday will be an ice cream social during lunch period. Heather Fritz and Jaya will be taking over as co-chairs for staff appreciation.

Spring Fling: Jenny Quarles/ Morgan Cheatham

This year's Spring Fling will be on May 18th from 5:00-8:00pm. Volunteers are desperately needed. Three food trucks are coming. Kona ice and community vendors are also coming. We are working on donations for door prizes. jbwspringfling@gmail.com

Representative Reports

Principal's Report: Ms. Debbie Weatherford

Principal Debbie Weatherford thanked the PTA for the staff appreciation lunches and thanked the Green Team for thinking of all the details that go into the efforts to make recycling happen at the school. Celebration of Learning Event is May 24th for PBL (Project Based Learning). Students will be able to talk about the projects they did. Some examples will be out to showcase what they have done. There will be a staff training after school June 18 and 19. Next year we will be adding more sections to grade levels and adding more staff. We have received additional funding from the county so we have purchased 3 more Promethean boards.

Teacher Representative Report:

Mrs. Parrish thanked the PTA for the lunch today. She was also grateful for the additional teacher reimbursements (\$100 each)

New Business

1. Unveiling of the Buddy Bench/ Beckett memorial was today.
2. June 5th is next PTA meeting. This is a change from the original calendar. Dr. Sidiqqi will be here to talk to us. A survey will be sent out about what to talk with him about. The general membership PTA meeting will be afterwards.
3. \$6400 was presented to Debbie Weatherford because of extra funds from direct donation fundraiser and events that made extra money.

4. Kat Kelly asked Debbie Weatherford about the decline in cleanliness of the school recently. Debbie said that SSC is being phased out and will be finishing June 30th. The county will be using a hybrid model for custodial service moving forward. On July 1st, the county contracted with 4 additional companies. We will have a say on which company we will use based on how well they do. We have 2 currently working at night. Our staff (administration) has to make up for it in the morning. Teachers will not clean their own classrooms. Currently we have 2 custodians during the day and we are trying to get a 3rd. We are currently getting help from Watkins Annex while trying to get a third person.

Announcements

- May 7-11 - Staff Appreciation Week
- May 8 - Staff Appreciation Lunch
- May 11 - Staff Ice Cream Sundaes (during lunch)
- May 11 - Chess Club Tournament 8:05am
- May 18 - Spring Fling 5:30-8:00pm
- May 25 - Chess Club Tournament 8:05am
- May 28 - Memorial Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- **June 5 - PTA Meeting 6:30pm PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE**

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was motioned to adjourn by Amy Shutts and seconded by Laura Kurichh. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Authentication of the Minutes

Respectfully submitted to the Board for approval this May 30, 2018 by Didi Cohen.