

JB Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting

March 12, 2019, 6:30pm
JB Watkins Elementary School Cafeteria
501 Coalfield Rd, Midlothian, Virginia 23114

President Leila Ward called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

In attendance were:

Officers:

Leila Ward, President
Sarah Shuey, Treasurer
Jenny Quarles, VP Committees
Kat Kelly, VP Ways & Means
Sara Sitkiewicz, Secretary

Committee Chairs & Guests:

Rebecca Williams, Mary Ayer, Arielle Green, Whitney Revell, Lauren Sos, Angie Trueblood, Brandi Hidalgo, Shannon Hoyland

All other committee chairs were absent.

Quorum Certification

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

See secretary report

Officer Reports

President's Report: Leila Ward

Welcomed everyone and started the meeting. Ms. Weatherford sends her apologies for not being here. She pointed out the thank you notes displayed on the table from teachers and classes thanking the PTA for the APEX items.

Leila wanted to thank several people for giving their time to the school like Erin Clippingier for taking care of the school sign. She always gets it done without being asked. Karen carps who does the website and for being patient and keeping up with the changes. Shannon Hoyland and Brandi Hildago for taking on WEP this year. They are rock stars and have done a great job with the program. Thanked all the many box top clipper for their time. Jenny Quarles for heading up the talent show. It was so fun this year! Kat Kelly for planning the spirit nights. Whitney Revell and Arielle Green for helping at Lunch Buddies and keeping the recycling program going. And Angie Trueblood for creating the newsletter every other week.

Announced that she is finished with ordering APEX items. All done and delivered except for a couple items coming for the music department.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Shuey (not present)

Since January we received the donation from I9. This is from children that register on I9 teams from Watkins. We have also received money for staff appreciation lunch collections but will be paid out tomorrow for cost of lunch. Finished purchasing for APEX and paid for spirit wear.

Vice President – Committee's Report: Jenny Quarles

Jenny passed around a list of open positions of committees. There are several but have had some confirmations for a couple of the positions. Some open positions are bulletin board and yearbook but would like to get the word out about open board positions first. Spirit wear started as a big team but came down to one person. It was done a little different this year with preorders in order not to take a large chunk of money out of the PTA budget at the beginning year.

Vice President - Ways and Means Report: Kat Kelly

Received a check for over \$300 from the spirit night at El Cero Azul. This Thursday is spirit night at Chick fil A. There will not be a wheel spinning this year during the night. April 26th is spirit night at Sweet Frog.

Vice President – Program's Report: Kim Johnson

The Theater IV program will be after spring break on April 9th.

Secretary's Report: Sara Sitkiewicz

The minutes from the January 8, 2019 PTA General Membership Meeting have been posted to the JBW PTA Facebook page and website. Hard copies of the minutes were offered at the sign-in table. There were no corrections and the minutes stand as presented.

Lunch Buddies: Sara Sitkiewicz

March lunch buddy sign up is posted I encouraged people to pass along the sign up. Whitney said recycling is not going as well in main cafeteria. A lack of parent volunteers could be part of why the program is suffering.

A discussion began about the lunch buddy program and lack of volunteers and in all programs. Arielle suggested we invite people to last PTA meeting. We should have more info about committees and volunteer opportunities for them. The May PTA meeting would be the call to action about filling committees and it's also where we vote on the new Board members. Maybe get rising kindergarten families to coffee and get them interested in volunteer opportunities.

Maybe another coffee to reach out to parents and possibly in evening coffee/dessert program. If we don't get committees filled then the programs don't happen. It was suggested we start a campaign of asking because sometimes people just need to be asked. Jenny would like to get some committees filled before June meeting because then it's decided for the next school year.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee 2019: Rebecca Williams

She will be putting up signs around school promoting the open Board positions and letting them know to contact her. She found some clever wording for attracting potential candidates and would like to get representatives from neighborhoods to post it. The person posting could tag certain people they feel would be a good fit for the position. It was suggested that she contact teachers about room parents that might be good to ask. Rebecca is going to send the information to the K-3 classes and also encourage the room parents to get the word out.

We have to have the President and Treasurer position filled to be an official PTA.

Box Tops: Katie Berkman/Erin Clippinger (not present)

We collected 4,829 boxtops in February, which earned us \$482.90

Our final collection for the year will be on Friday, May 10 - the class who collects the most wins an ice cream party.

Chesterfield County Council: Sara Saavedra (not present)

No report

Green Team: Arielle Green/Whitney Revell

Whitney announced a mulch and clean-up day over spring break. Kids are welcome. She will put a message out in the newsletter before spring break. Looking to do the marker recycling program again.

She would like to participate in the Trex recycling program. We would collect plastic bags and the school with the most gets a bench made of Trex material.

Chess Club: Lauren Sos/Angie Scranton

The March chess club had 16 kids in attendance, get new kids every month. Angie and her are moving on but actively looking for someone to take over the club. Have identified a few parents that might be interested. There are a few dads and she would like to engage them a little more about taking over.

Staff Appreciation: Jaya Baker/Heather Fritz (not present)

No report submitted

Leila added that tomorrow is the soup appreciation lunch and we have collected money from 3rd-5th. The soup is from Wegmans and cookies from Costco.

Spring Fling: Leila Ward/ Kat Kelly/ Sara Sitkiewicz

The Spring Fling will be May 3rd from 5:30-7:30. We have reserved 2 bounce houses, a dunk tank, face painting, Aloha Ice, Chick fil A, River City Pizza truck, a photo booth, free music from Bach to Rock and sidewalk chalk.

Teachers and administration will be in dunk tank. A sign up genius is going out before tickets are available. We will accept middle and high school volunteers. The Field Day rain date is 5/3 also but shouldn't be a problem.

Spirit Wear: Jennifer Hampton (not present)

Jennifer and Leila have ordered cups from Custom Ink that will be stuffed with JBW pens and stickers and will sell for \$5 at kindergarten registration. The registration date is April 11 from 9-7.

Jenny will be there recruiting for committees and others are welcome to talk about their committees and volunteer opportunities.

WEP (Watkins Enrichment Programs): Shannon Hoyland/Brandi Hildago

Tomorrow is last day and they're still struggling with getting volunteers. However, this has been a great WEP session. Shannon will not be here next year and Brandi is looking for a co-chair.

W.H.O.: Erin Brandenburg (not present)

Next meeting is March 19th. They are planning an event with Greenfield at some point

Representative Reports

Principal's Report: Deborah Weatherford (not present)

Emailed report...

Leila Ward read the following.

- Using the APEX money and some county budget money, we have been able to purchase 11 promethean boards. We expect those to arrive very soon. Once here, they will be installed and able to be used for the remainder of the year. Depending on if the other 20% of the county budget gets released, my plan is to

purchase more. The end goal is for every classroom in the building to have one. We are on our way.

- Now that the redistricting is finalized, plans are moving forward to have all core classrooms (including resource) in the main building next year. More information to follow in the coming weeks, as staffing numbers are finalized.
- The end of the marking period is coming quickly. Students in all grade levels will be involved with various required testing.
- Kindergarten registration is coming up on April 11th from 9-7. Watkins will register at the school and Old Hundred will be at Good Sheppard.
- Linda Eakin was selected as our Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Weatherford is headed to Chicago on Thursday-Monday for a conference. Committee chairs need to get Debbie info for Miner message by end of day tomorrow Wednesday please.

Teacher Representative Report:

No report

New Business

1. Kindergarten Registration Day - April 11th. More info - <http://mychesterfield-schools.com/family-and-community-engagement/preparing-for-school/student-registration/>
2. VA PTA Website - lots of great info - vapta.org
3. No PTA Meeting in April - *enjoy Spring Break!*
4. If anyone knows of someone that might be a good candidate for new PTA at Old Hundred they should contact Leila.

Announcements

1. March 14 - Chick Fil A Spirit Night 5:30-8:00
2. March 19 - WHO Meeting 6:30
3. March 29 - 3 hour early release
4. April 1 - 5 - Spring Break!
5. April 9 - Jack & the Beanstalk (K/1st)
6. April 19 - Student Holiday
7. April 26 - Sweet Frog Spirit Night 4:00-9:00

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was motioned to adjourn by Kat Kelly and seconded by Angie Trueblood. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Authentication of the Minutes

Respectfully submitted to the Board for approval this March 15, 2019 by Sara Sitkiewicz.