

JB Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting

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

President Kat Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

In attendance were:

Officers:

Kat Kelly, President
Becky Hoang, VP Ways and Means

Debbie Weatherford, Principal

Committee Chairs & Guests:

Erin Ewing, Cindy Crute, Rachel Anderson, Jennifer Waters, Whitney Revell, Jennifer Fazar, Morgan Bigley, Tiffany Jones, Danielle Ognibene, Brandi Hidlgo, Kim Sheehan, Laura Burke, Kim Johnson, Jean Patton

All other committee chairs were absent.

Quorum Certification

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

See secretary report

Officer Reports

President's Report: Kat Kelly

Kat welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending tonight. Kat and Ms. Weatherford shared a few ways that APEX funds would be used for our school. The school will be spruced up with flags on the light poles and new rugs for the front. The PTA will pay for educational online programs, flocabulary and solpass. Also using APEX funds the PTA will pay for a book vending machine. Ms. Weatherford is working with businesses to donate books.

Treasurer's Report: Lacey Knoll (not present)

The current presented budget was motion to be approved by Kim Johnson and seconded by Whitney Revell.

Vice President – Ways and Means Report: Becky Hoang

From APEX we made a profit of over \$33,000 which is on target for what we had in our budget. With this we will be able to give teachers and staff additional reimbursements towards classroom supplies.

Our first PTA spirit night is next Thursday, November 21st from 5-8pm at Blaze Pizza. Flyers will be going home early next week that families will need to show with their order.

Secretary's Report: Sara Sitkiewicz (not present)

The minutes from the October 15, 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.

Committee Reports

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

We collected \$253 worth of box tops in October! We will get a check for about \$1,250 from Box tops in December/January. This check will include the collections from May, September, and October.

Keep clipping and scanning receipts into the app. Our next collection is December 12. Thank you.

WEP: Brandi Hildago

WEP is going well, this is the last week. The spring session will start February 20th and run for six weeks on Thursdays. If anyone has new ideas for vendors please email wepjbw@yahoo.com.

Spirit Wear: Jennifer Hampton (not present)

Spirit wear went online with the inventory that we have on hand. If you would like to order go to jbw.com/shop

Green Team: Whitney Revell/Arielle Greene

Recycling is coming along. We will start the Trex Recycling Challenge soon. We are competing against other schools to collect the most weight in plastics, winning school gets a Trex bench. Collection bins are set up at the entry way and parent pick up. We'll need volunteers to help weigh and drop off collection to Food Lion. In December we will be collecting markers for the Colorcycle.

Chess: Jennifer Waters

Chess is going really well. 41 students attended our last chess club meeting.

Denim Drive Updates: Jennifer Brooks (not present)

Overall, CCPS donated almost 8,000 denim items this year. Coming in 5th place throughout the County, Watkins did a fantastic job to support those results. We collected 250 items, right on the dot. Third place went to the County's newest school - Old Hundred Elementary School! They brought in approximately 374 items, and we weren't too far from sliding past them for a win! So.... Our goal for 2020 is to come in at one of the top 3 spots! We are working on some fun ideas and things we can be doing throughout the year to prepare for next September! Have ideas or suggestions? Feel free to send to Jen Brooks at jbrooks531@gmail.com.

The top three ES for this year's denim drive were:

1st: Clover Hill 619

2nd: Grange Hall 502

3rd: Old Hundred 374

Chesterfield County Council Rep: Leila Ward

Last night the CCPS School Board hosted a reception to welcome all newly elected school board members. About 70 PTA members were there....Thanks to Kat and Ms. Weatherford for attending! Kathryn Haines is our incoming school board rep and she asked our group about the issues concerning us. There will not be a meeting in December, see y'all in 2020!

Representative Reports

Principal's Report: Debbie Weatherford

Ms. Weatherford had the opportunity to be sitting by Kathryn Haines at a community breakfast. She talked to her about having 1250 students and now having a smaller number of students at Watkins. She invited Ms. Haines to come to Watkins, talk with the teachers and invited her to join a PTA meeting. Ms. Weatherford expressed her concerns about the possibility of Watkins growing in numbers in the future.

Transportation is almost settled. She is trying to move the students out quickly out at the end of the day. Communication is a top priority to let parents know about delayed buses.

The cafeteria has been understaffed, so Ms. Weatherford and Ms. Borgman have been in the cafeteria helping to serve lunches to students. New staff starts this Friday.

Laura Burke brought up her fear of Watkins growing large again. She stated that she attended The Midlothian Residents Coalition meeting at Winfree and that no Chesterfield County Schools Representatives were present.

Ms. Weatherford again thanked the PTA for all their generosity with funds from APEX.

Teacher Representative Report:

Thank you for everything, we feel really supported.

New Business

No new business

Announcements

1. November 13th - Staff Luncheon (K-2 Sponsored)
2. November 21st - Blaze Pizza Spirit Night 5 -8pm
3. November 25th - 29th - Student Holiday
4. December 6th - Chess Club 8:15am
6. December 12th - Box Top Collection Day
7. December 12th - Fall Picture Day - MAKEUP
8. December 23rd - January 3rd - WINTER BREAK
9. January 7th - PTA Meeting 6:30pm

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was motioned to adjourn by Kim Johnson and seconded by Cindy Crute. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Authentication of the Minutes

Respectfully submitted to the Board for approval this November, 2019 by Becky Hoang.