

**JB Watkins PTA
General Membership Meeting**

November 9, 7 p.m.
JB Watkins Elementary School Cafeteria
501 Coalfield Rd.
Midlothian Va, 23113

President Lindsay Miller called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

In attendance were:

Officers:

Lindsay Miller, President
Liza Maddrey, VP Ways and Means
Brittany Heare, Treasurer
Karen Crenshaw, Secretary

Committee Chairs & Guests:

Michelle Plass, Monique Kuntz, Shaun Mestayer, Brenda Borgman, Allison Zabel,
Sarah Sitkiewicz, Missy Hill, Trupti Yates

All other committee chairs were absent.

Quorum Certification

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

See secretary report

Officer Reports

President's Report: Lindsay Miller

Lindsay thanked everyone for coming and stated that we had two great events, the Apex Fun Run and the Pumpkin Lighting which worked well outside. She reported that the Pumpkin Lighting made close to \$500 and asked for any comments or suggestions. Trupti Yates responded that the students had a great time and liked the number of activities. Missy Hill responded that from a parent's perspective, because it was outside, it was easier to navigate the crowds and participate, so she felt that the kids were able

to do more things. Since we were not doing WEP this year Lindsay said things were a little slower now moving into the holiday season.

Treasurer's Report: Brittany Heare

Brittany went over the balance of the budget and asked if there were any questions and received none.

Vice President – Ways and Means Report: Liza Maddrey

Liza went over the Apex Fun Run stating it was a big success and thanked everyone for their help, and welcomed any feedback. She reported that the fun run made about \$28,000. She said that the PTA will be meeting with Mrs. Weatherford on Thursday about working on purchasing some sunshades for the playgrounds. There are 2 scheduled spirit nights coming up with the first being at Dairy Queen on Nov. 6 from 5-7 and are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help out with some cleanup. The second will be at Chicken Fiesta right before Winter Break. We are also working on getting payments submitted for SOLpass, Flocabulary, and Breakout EDU, online programs. She stated that the teacher luncheon was great and worked well on the teacher workday.

Secretary's Report: Karen Crenshaw

The minutes from the October 20 PTA General Membership Meeting were reviewed. Hard copies of the minutes were offered at the sign-in table. There were no corrections and the minutes stand as presented.

Committee Reports

Spirit Wear: Margie Morgan (not present)

Lindsay reported that the spirit wear shop is open now with two t-shirts available and a school wide spirit day would be the day before Thanksgiving break. More designs would be added next week and the store would close on the 10th and hopefully shirts will be delivered before the holidays.

Pumpkin Lighting: Sara Sitkiewitz (present) / Shannon McGinnis (not present)

Sara acknowledged Monique for helping with the Pumpkin Lighting and reported that this event doesn't usually make money but that it made about \$450 this year. About 500 tickets were sold. Caramel apples and pumpkins were sold at the event. Many reported to her that they liked the event being held outside and on a Saturday and that this might be the new normal. She welcomed any comments and suggestions. Sara also suggested getting more parents to take a more active role for Spring Fling since this is her last year here and could help pass on the information to go forward. Trupti

suggested the PTA do a coffee meeting with the room parents to help pass on the information. Missy suggested even a virtual option meeting.

Reflections: Elizabeth Danowski / Allyson Duffy (not present)

Lindsay reported the submissions are in and Allyson has secured all the prizes for the students. Trupti asked if there was any increase in submissions this year and Lindsay reported that there were 13 that went across 3 categories.

Room Parent Coordinator: Shaun Mestayer

Shaun reported that the questionnaire went out for staff favorites and they are working on it to send to the room parents to send out. Shaun also reported that classes can have class parties as long as teachers are ok with it, parents fill out a volunteer form, which is available on the CCPS website, wear a mask while in the school building, and can still bring treats as long as they are individually wrapped. Brenda Borgman suggested capping the number of parents for the holiday parties due to Covid. Shaun suggested that the room parents could create a sign up genius for volunteers.

Green Team: Whitney Revell (not present)

Lindsay reported that the plastic bag recycling program would take #4 and #2 plastic bags, weigh them and receive prizes for donations. Last year we received planters. The kickoff is November 19 and communications and promotions will start after the Thanksgiving break. Sara suggested having an outside bin for easier donation drop off.

Yearbook: Missy Hill

Missy reported that about 250 books have been sold, which is kind of low, so we need to push out that the price increases from \$20-\$25 next week to room parents to include in an email. She also wanted to post the price increase on the Facebook page. Missy also wants to try to get pictures of all kids so they are all represented in the yearbook. Brenda Borgman suggested finding a way to make it easier for teachers to upload pictures that they take.

Representative Reports

Vice Principal Report: Brenda Borgman

Brenda stated that the Apex Fun Run was a huge hit even when they made the decision to move the K-2 run to the morning from the afternoon to avoid the heat. She said that the parents and the students loved it. She stated that the skills and videos the Apex team did with the students were good learning experiences and instilled good values. She liked pairing up 2 classes on the same track where one cheered on the running class and then they would switch after 15 minutes. She also reported that the K-2

luncheon was great and acknowledged the PTA and Jessie for keeping hot chocolate stocked for the teachers and that it has been wonderful.

Teacher Representative Report

Allison spoke for the teachers saying that they appreciate the PTA and were grateful for the teacher reimbursement. She also reported that the Book Fair went pretty well despite having Friday being turned into a day off from school for students.

Announcements

Nov. 16	DQ Spirit Night
Nov. 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 6	Fall Picture make-up Day
Dec. 15	Chicken Fiesta Spirit Night 5pm-8pm
Dec. 20-31	Winter Break

Adjournment

With no further business, the PTA meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Authentication of the minutes

Respectfully submitted to the Board for approval this November 30, 2020 by Karen Crenshaw.