

JB Watkins PTA
General Membership Meeting
January 14, 2025 6:30p.m.
513 Coalfield Rd, Midlothian Va 23114

Brittany called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

In attendance were:

Officers:

Lindsay Miller, Interim President, VP Ways and Means (not present)

Brittany Heare, Treasurer

Karen Crenshaw, Secretary

Allyson Duffy, VP Outreach

Committee Chairs & Guests:

April Maurer, Kim Sheehan, Diana Perazzo, Alex Lawson, Diane Best, Kelly McDougald, Erin Hansard, Arielle Greene, Debbie McGonigle, Brenda Myers, Amy Lott, Beth Hines, Amber Rhodes, Nadira Ashgar, Melanie Barba. All other committee chairs were absent.

Quorum Certification

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

See secretary report

Officer Reports

President's Welcome: Lindsay Miller (not Present)

Brittany called the meeting to order, and thanked everyone for attending. She announced the changes to the board, welcomed questions and announced that board elections would be later this year.

Treasurer's Report: Brittany Heare

Brittany discussed the treasurer's report from November and December. Spending was finalized from the festivals, lunches for the teachers and teacher reimbursements. There is about a \$47,000 balance.

Vice President Ways and Means Report: Lindsay Miller (not present)

Allison reported for Lindsay the upcoming spirit nights. Tomorrow, January 15 will be the Skate-a-way spirit night that is Resource Teacher Night from 6:30-8:30pm and that the PTA will be doing a match for what we will be making. January 25 is the Richmond Spiders Basketball night at 6:00pm and thanked Diana for working on this. PTA and administration will be talking about options for using the additional funds from the APEX Fun Run and the Coal Miner's Challenge. The floor was opened up for discussion of options. Kindergarten suggested equipment for kids with special needs. Debbie will look at options to get something for spring and factor in storage issues. Teachers suggested assistance for field trips would help. A sensory room option for Special Education was also discussed.

Committee Reports

Sensory Pathways: Arielle Greene

Arielle stated that hopefully the sensory path can be done this year and asked for suggestions about where it should be put. PTA will check with other elementary schools to see what they did with their playground and ask about what worked and didn't work.

Richmond Spiders Basketball Night: Diane Perazzo

Diane has fliers that will be distributed to the students to take home. It was brought up that the Midlo Athletics is doing a Richmond Spiders Basketball fundraiser as well at the same time about a week apart and that now that they are aware, next year we will coordinate so that the fundraisers aren't so close or conflicting.

International Night: Alex Lawson

Alex announced that we are excited for the first annual Watkins International Night on Saturday March 22. There will be limited tickets due to occupancy of the Watkins cafeteria. An email will go out to ask for volunteers. Kids will get passport books to get stamped at each booth that they visit. There will be an interest zoom meeting next Wednesday. She asked if kids can be involved in morning announcements to help spread the message. There will be a sign up genius to sign up for a country to represent. An alternate date for the night will be looked into in case of inclement weather.

Board of Elections and Committee Chair Vacancies

Brittany announced that the most likely vacancies will be VP of Ways and Means and Treasurer, and that we are trying to get possible candidates by April for the elections. Handbooks are going to be made for the positions for each member and committee chairs.

Representative Reports

Principal Report: Debbie McGonigle

Debbie thanked everyone and announced that the enrollment was still growing with 945 students, with 20 new students enrolled since being back from the break. Watkins will be getting a mega trailer next year and installed over the summer, with 2 existing trailers staying and 2 will be leaving. Debbie announced that Watkins will be implementing the House System next year, where kids will be sorted into houses and stay in that house for the entire time at Watkins from K-5.

Teacher Report

None

New Business/ Announcements

Beth announced that a Valentine's day teacher appreciation was in the works and asked for any ideas from teachers that they would like.

Announcements read:

3 hour early release January 16, No school January 20, Watkins night at U of R Spiders Basketball game January 25 at 6pm and International Day February 22.

Adjournment

With no further business, the PTA meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Authentication of the Minutes

Respectfully submitted to the Board for approval this January 30, 2025 by Karen Crenshaw.