

JB Watkins PTA General Membership Meeting
March 18, 2025 6:30p.m.
Virtual Meeting via GoogleMeet

Brittany called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. In attendance were:

Officers:

Lindsay Miller, Interim President, VP Ways and Means (not present) Brittany Heare, Treasurer
Karen Crenshaw, Secretary (not present)
Allyson Duffy, VP Outreach

Committee Chairs & Guests:

Alex Lawson, Diane Best, Erin Hansard, Arielle Greene, Debbie McGonigle, Amy Lott, Beth Hines, Amber Rhodes, Nour Hamadeh. Burnette

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 which board members were present, welcomed questions and announced that board elections would be later this year. She stated that the PTA would also be looking for committee chairs for next year and that the idea of doing a 'committee spotlight' communication has been discussed to

Treasurer's Report: Brittany Heare

Brittany discussed the treasurer's report from January and February, 2025. Funding was finalized from the spirit nights with about a \$41,000 balance. Brittany also confirmed that Apex was confirmed for next year and that additional spending for ADA playground equipment, kindergarten teacher conference attendance, and help with the upcoming house system were all approved.

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

Brittany reported for Lindsay the upcoming spirit nights. The success of Skate-a-way, Mellow Mushroom, and the Spiders game were confirmed as well as a reminder that the next day would be the spirit night at Chick-fil-a and there would be one more Skate-a-way spirit night before the year-end.

Committee Reports:

International Night: Alex Lawson

Alex announced that the first International Night at JB Watkins on Saturday, February 22nd, was a huge success. She discussed the good attendance at the event and how excited the students were to participate and how much they enjoyed being part of the event. She stated that there is lots of interest in doing the event again next year.

Sensory Pathways: Brittany Heare and Arielle Greene

Arielle first stated that her family participated in and attended the International Night and agreed that it was a huge success and they are excited for it to occur again next year. Brittany and Arielle agreed that we are still on path to have this completed this year, with volunteers signed up ahead of year end, but actual time to work on the pathways occurring after the school year ends, most likely in early June. Brittany discussed having talked with other school PTAs about how the sensory path had worked and suggestions.

Talent Show: Lindsay Miller (not present)

Brittany reported for Lindsay and reminded that the talent show would be on Friday, March 21st in the cafeteria and that there would be a dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 20th. She said that this year, there would be around 23 acts and that the parents had the option to request for their child/children to perform earlier if they were in the younger grades. Brittany also encouraged attendance from the teachers and staff to support their students. Erin asked if a list could be provided to the teachers of the students and their performances and Brittany said that should be doable so that the teachers can review.

Fifth Grade Events

Brittany reported for Sophana and reminded that we will have the fifth grade bridging ceremony again this year as well as a pizza party for the fifth graders and other fun events at the end of the year. She noted that the Spring Fling will be a fourth and fifth grade only event this year. Allyson confirmed that she was working with Tess Clark (Room Parent Coordinator) to have the room parents of the fourth and fifth graders be the first line of volunteers for the event and to communicate about the event to their classroom parents. Allyson also stated that a signup genius would be sent out in the next week or two for an official count of the volunteer numbers.

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 and introduced Mrs. Erin Hansard to talk about the House System for the upcoming school year. With this new system, the incoming students - starting in the 2025-2026 calendar year, will be sorted into different houses and would stay in that house for their entire time at Watkins K-5. Houses will be classified by different gemstones and there will be a t-shirt for the different houses - the PTA will be funding the T-shirts. Amber Rhodes, PTA member, has done the house system at her prior school and Erin discussed that they were working closely with Amber on how the process would work. It was also discussed that, at this time, the plan is for the house assignments to be fully at random, and there will be competitions and prizes and house celebrations periodically throughout the year and that everyone at JB Watkins - including teachers, faculty, and staff, would also be assigned to a house. Allyson Duffy asked about communication to the parents about the upcoming house system and was advised that there would most likely be information sent out over the summer, before the new school year starts.

Teacher Report

None

New Business/ Announcements

Brittany reminded that teacher appreciation was also coming up May 2nd through May 9th and that more communication would be coming out soon.

Announcements read:

Reminder that the 3 hour early release on March 21st was changed to a full day due to the snow, as well as the last day of school being changed from a half day to a full day. Brittany also reminded of the Spirit night the next night and thanked everyone for their attendance.

With no further business, the PTA meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Authentication of the Minutes

Respectfully submitted to the Board for approval this April 13th, 2025 by Allyson E Duffy.