

Lebanon Borough School

PTA Meeting

2/2/26

Attendance: Heather Berg, Kristen Abeles, Danielle Valliere, Brandon Borzelli, Megan Glowinski
Bruce Arcurio, Mike Pepe

Paperwork: Agenda, Treasurers Report, Log of Expenses/Deposits

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Heather Berg.

CSA Report

- **Sixth-Grade Planning Update:** The Board of Education will be discussing and potentially voting on sending our 6th-grade students to Clinton Public School beginning in the 2026-2027 school year at the February 3rd Board meeting. This decision follows the community survey from late 2024, where approximately 80% of respondents indicated support for this option.
- **Registration Open:** Registration is now open for our tuition-free preschool program and kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year. Families interested should contact the school office for information.
- **Winter Wellness Challenge:** Our "Move More - Screen Less: 20 in 20" home challenge for students continues through February 28th. Thank you to all families participating in this initiative to promote physical activity and healthy screen habits.
- **Weather-Related Schedule Changes:** We've had several weather-related closings and delays this month due to frigid temperatures and winter conditions. The Winter Walking School Bus has been postponed and will be rescheduled when weather conditions improve.
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Treasurer's Report

- Our current balance on hand is \$3,811.45.
 - This includes \$50.00 in miscellaneous fundraiser money.
 - This does not include upcoming expenses from the field trip to the Ben Franklin show and the PTA-sponsored dance.

Upcoming Events

February Dance – February 6

- Heather Berg confirmed that DJ Dan will host the dance.
- We will DJ Dan for the previous year's dance as well, for which we never received an invoice. Heather asked that he provide an invoice this year. Treasurers Ruth Karavidas or Daneille Valliere will write him a check.

Ben Franklin Experience Field Trip at the Growing Stage

- This trip will be for Grade 3-6.
- The PTA will fund half of the cost, as we are anticipating increased expenses for the potential fifth grade graduation events.

March Fundraiser – tentatively scheduled for March 20

- Heather Berg suggested another Kids' Night Out as a fundraiser, as it was well-received in December. Heather said we can make a concerted effort to reach out to the students in the younger grades.
- Mike Pepe reported that the Student Council has proposed a talent show, and the idea comes up repeatedly. In addition, Mrs. Dulevich suggested a parent/student basketball game and Jump Rope for the Heart as potential fundraisers.
- Megan Glowinski suggested a simple winter carnival. Heather Berg notes that at her school the Student Council made and ran games for the younger graders, and it was a fun family night.
- Kristen Abeles brought up Mike Pepe's idea of a "Recess Olympics" with four-square and table ball. Dr. Arcurio mentioned some other easy competitive activities like long-jump, rope jumping, hula hoop and board games. Brandon Borzelli noted that prizes for these events are inexpensive.
- Heather Berg mentioned the idea of a parent/student dodgeball game as well.
- Kristen Abeles will make a form to gauge interest in any of these formats, as well as interest in organizing and volunteering. Dr. Arcurio will send it out in his Friday email.

Scholastic Book Fair

- Our second Scholastic Book Fair will happen in April. TBD Date
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Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4-8

- Heather Berg says that we must create a committee and organize volunteers to begin thinking about this event. We will discuss it at the March meeting.

Miscellaneous

- Scholastic dollars
 - Heather Berg reports that the staff needs to spend the Scholastic Dollars soon, as it is almost \$3,000 worth of rewards. She has sent invitations for the Scholastic Wishlist to the teachers through the Scholastic account, but she hasn't heard back. Mike Pepe will check to make sure it went through. Likely, it was directed to the spam folders. Heather also reached out to Mrs. Petty, but she hasn't received a response.
 - Dr. Arcurio asked Heather to send him the email with the Wishlist link; then he can forward it to the teachers. Additionally, Heather will investigate the reasons for the difficulty of sending the links.
 - Heather says that the teachers and PTA must coordinate to make sure everyone is finished with their requests before the Wishlist is closed out.

Heather Berg adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm.