

Lebanon Borough School
PTA Meeting
3/9/26

Attendance: Heather Berg, Kristen Abeles, Danielle Valliere, Brandon Borzelli, Megan Glowinski
Bruce Arcurio, Lila Kosiolik, Ruth Karavidas

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

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

CSA Report

- 2nd Trimester Closing: The 2nd Trimester ends tomorrow, March 10th. Grades will be available to families in the Parent Portal beginning March 17th.
- Kindergarten Registration: Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 school year. Families interested in enrolling should contact the school office for information.
- Read Across America Spirit Week: Student Council organized a themed spirit week to celebrate Read Across America, with daily dress-up themes. Great energy and participation from students and staff.
- NJSLA Spring Testing: Spring state testing is approaching. 5th Grade NJSLA Science is scheduled for May 6-7, and NJSLA-Adaptive ELA/Math runs May 11-15.
- Conflict Resolution Corner: Over the past several weeks, weekly parent communications have included brief, practical conflict resolution tips for families — covering topics like the pause before reacting, repair after mistakes, and listening before responding. These support our commitment to a positive school culture.
- School Photo Decision: We are looking to make a decision on this in April and schedule photos for next Fall.
 - [Vendor Comparison Slideshow](#)
 - [Detailed Report](#)

Upcoming Dates: BOE Meeting March 16th at 6:30 PM; Early Dismissal March 18th at 12:45 PM; Spring Break April 3-12; Spring Concert/Show May 28th.

Treasurer's Report

- We currently have a balance of \$2876.45 in our account. This includes the following:
 - The DJ cashed our check from this year and last year's school dance.
 - A check for \$250.00 was cashed for the class trip.
 - There was one membership donation of \$15.00.

Old Business

- The school dance in February was successful and well-attended, with more than 30 children in attendance. Natasha Maglione and the dance committee did very well organizing this event. Heather Berg noted that the DJ, Doctor D, gives us our school a discount because he likes the atmosphere here. The only negative note was that parents did not enjoy being pulled up to dance in front of the crowd.

Upcoming Events

- **The Scholastic Book Fair:** This is scheduled for the week of April 27-May 1, before NJSLA testing and teacher appreciation week.
 - Heather Berg notes that we still have over \$3000 in Scholastic Dollars. She can be the Media Specialist to make the decisions about purchasing, as it is difficult to navigate the process of spending the money.
 - Kristen Abeles will submit the Facility Request Form for this event.
- **Fundraiser:** We are still considering ideas for a fundraiser to replace a March event. Everyone agreed that the small size of the school limits our options. Here are some ideas the group came up with:
 - A photography fundraiser, in which a local photographer donates his/her time taking and editing photos, and families pay for prints or digital access.
 - Brandon Borzelli says that the high school does similar events for sports teams. Brandon and Dr. Arcurio both noted that digital packages usually cost between \$25.00 and \$50.00.
 - Heather Berg notes that this is a good idea, with low overhead cost.
 - Danielle DiNardo and Kristi Pasorek are both local photographers, and we could reach out to them to gauge interest.
 - Glamour shots or family photos are both a possibility. In addition, Kristi Pasorek ran a booth at a STEM night years ago in which she edited students into backdrops of their choice.
 - Dr. Arcurio mentioned that we can limit it to digital rights only to reduce cost.

- Kristen Abeles suggested tying this event to the Easter Egg Hunt next year to increase the level of participation and to take advantage of kids already being dressed-up.
 - Kristen Abeles will contact Kristi Pasorek to see if she has interest in volunteering her time for this.
- Lila Kosiolik suggested partnering with a local restaurant for a night, in which a portion of sales would go to the PTA.
- Kristen Abeles suggested selling frozen water bottles or other concessions at the Spring Concert on May 28.
- Brandon Borzelli suggested doing a Student Council Car Wash, possibly paired with Rita's Ice after school.
- Brandon Borzelli mentioned a Spirit Wear Sale aimed at the incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten families as part of their welcome kit. Pre-K orientation is usually at the end of August. Dr. Arcurio said that they are considering doing a parents-only orientation before the end of the school year. Megan Glowiski added that parents could donate money at the door to get in. Kristen Abeles mentioned including some CPS wear for the older students.
- Kristen Abeles will look into the price of Costco flowers to see if a flower sale is feasible.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**
 - Heather Berg will give this event to Natasha Maglione to coordinate.
 - The budget should be between \$400 and \$500 (or less). Dr. Arcurio suggested using Sign Up Genius for donations to minimize cost.
 - Lila Kosiolik mentioned that early in the day works better than later, as teachers can enjoy together.
 - Tuesday and Thursday are good days for larger events, as most staff are present on those days.
 - Here are the top contenders:
 - Lunch from Bensi
 - Flower arrangements
 - Snack bar
 - Here are some gifts we have given in the past:
 - Lottery tickets
 - Yogurt bar
 - Additional ideas include
 - Charcuterie board with to-go boxes
 - Succulents
 - School supplies
 - Teachers pay teachers gift cards
 - Breakfast cart surprise
 - Wall of thanks

- Cards from students
- Flowers from students
- PTA covers a teachers class for 15 minutes

Miscellaneous Business

- Dr Arcurio suggested that LBS information be posted on the town marquis.
- Heather Berg asked about the 2026-2027 schedule and Dr. Arcurio said it will be nearly identical to CPS (which hasn't yet been approved). Heather brought up the conflict with back-to-school night this year, suggesting separating middle school back-to-school night at CPS from LBS.
- Dr. Arcurio noted that the last day of school will be June 16 if we don't have any more unscheduled days off.

The meeting was adjourned by Heather Berg at 7:32pm.