

Lebanon Borough School

PTA Meeting

5/11/26

Attendance: Heather Berg, Kristen Abeles, Danielle Valliere, Brandon Borzelli, Yvette Corradi, Megan Glowinski, Ruth Karavidas

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Heather Berg.

CSA Report

- 4th-Grade Wax Museum
 - Our 4th-grade students participated in their Wax Museum presentation on April 17th. Their research and preparation were evident in every display, and it was a wonderful morning for our school community.
- PTA Book Fair
 - Thank you to everyone who participated in our PTA Book Fair on April 27th and 28th! It was a successful two-day event in the library, and we are grateful for the community support.
- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Our staff felt truly celebrated during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4th-8th. Thank you to all of our families for the generosity and thoughtfulness you showed. Each day brought something special, and every gesture was a reminder of the caring community we are fortunate to be a part of.
- Wingman Program
 - On April 28th, we held our final Wingman Activity Day with a whole-school gym event led by our trained 5th and 6th-grade Wingman students. While the Wingman organization is transitioning in a new direction, we are proud of the leadership and kindness our students demonstrated throughout their involvement in the program.
- State Testing
 - Our 5th-grade students completed the NJSLA-Adaptive Science assessment on May 6th and 7th. Students and staff navigated both days of testing smoothly with no technology issues.
 - This week, students in grades 3-6 are completing the NJSLA-Adaptive ELA and Math assessments (May 11th-15th). Make-up sessions are scheduled for May 18th-21st.

- Yearbook Orders - Open NOW Through May 15th!
 - Yearbooks are on sale through May 15th only. Each book is \$20.00. Orders can be placed online at the Remember Me Yearbooks store. All books will be distributed in June. For questions, please contact aadamaitis@lebanonschool.org.
- Health Lessons - Opt-Out Forms
 - Opt-out forms for the 2nd and 5th-grade Health lessons on Human Growth and Development were sent home on May 8th. Please return completed forms if applicable.
- Virtual Orientation for Preschool and Kindergarten
 - A virtual parent orientation for incoming Preschool and Kindergarten families is scheduled for May 19th. We've switched the parent orientation to virtual this year based on parent feedback from previous years. There will still be a student visitation at the end of the summer, before the start of school. Details have been shared with the families. The orientation will be on Google Meet. If the PTA would like a speaking slot, just let me know.

Important Upcoming Dates

- May 11-15: NJSLA-Adaptive ELA/Math (Grades 3-6)
- May 18-21: NJSLA Make-Up Testing
- May 19: Virtual Preschool/Kindergarten Parent Orientation
- May 22 & 25: School Closed - Memorial Day Weekend
- May 28: Spring Concert/Show 6:30 PM
- June 3: Early Dismissal - Teacher In-Service
- June 9: 6th Grade Promotion - 6:30 PM
- June 10: 5th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony - 10:00 AM
- June 10: 5th Grade Train/Somerville Trip
- June 10: 6th Grade Great Adventure Trip
- June 12: Field Day
- June 15: Early Dismissal - 12:45 PM
- June 16: Last Day of School - 12:45 PM Early Dismissal

Treasurer's report

- Our current balance on hand is \$3,315.40. This includes the following:
 - One check for \$20 from Boxtops.
 - Membership and Teacher Appreciation donations of \$640.00.
 - One expense from Teacher Appreciation Week, totaling \$226.05.
- Not included in the current balance is the Scholastic Book Fair earnings, but they will be an even exchange.
 - Heather Berg reminded the group that we still have at least \$1000 left in unused Scholastic dollars, even after using Scholastic Dollars for Teacher Appreciation.
 - Heather noted that it is inconvenient to spend the Scholastic dollars. To ease the burden on the teacher, they could make a wish list, and the PTA could handle it from there.
 - Yvette Corradi mentioned that some classroom teachers need class sets of books, but some don't come from Scholastic. She will reach out to the teachers to see what they need specifically, and report back to the PTA.

Past Events

Scholastic Book Fair

- Megan Glowinski, who helped organize the event with Lynn Francisco, reported that the event was successful.

Teacher Appreciation Week

- This event was also successful, and Heather Berg thanked the community for their help and support.

Upcoming Events

Clothing Drive

- This event is ongoing. Pickup will be Friday morning, 5/15. Heather Berg encouraged all to share this information with friends, parents and community members. Kristen Abeles will post on the PTA Facebook page. Ruth Karavidas will post to the Lebanon Borough Meetinghouse.

Spring Concert PTA Sale

- The PTA will sell water bottles, fans and candygrams. We will keep a donation bucket at the table to capture any additional donations. All leftovers can be used during Field Day.

Field Day- June 12

- Currently Mr. Torres is planning for a Field Day without a field, as the park renovation continues. He plans to use the gym, basketball court and black top for all activities.

- Because of the reduced scope of Field Day, Mr. Torres will not need as many parent volunteers, although he will allow PTA members to volunteer if they would like. PTA members should let Mr. Torres know if they would like to participate.
- The day will consist of a half day of activities, followed by lunch, a movie, and fire truck arrival at the end of the day.
- PTA usually provides pizza, snacks, watermelon, flavor ice, water and a snack. Megan Glowinski volunteered to help slice the watermelon.

End of Year Italian Ice Party – June 16

- Natasha Maglione will run this. Natasha asked where she should set up if the park is still unavailable. The municipal lawn was suggested. Natasha will reach out to Karen Romano for permission.
- Natasha has a tent we can use in the event of a hot day. She will also repurpose the flyers from last year, and will use the same flavors as last year.
- We will discuss this more at the June PTA Meeting.

PTA Board and Membership

- The terms of President and Secretary are ending this year, and Brandon Borzelli is resigning at Vice President. We will need new leadership on the PTA.
 - We can reach out via Remind and Facebook to advertise for these positions.
 - Megan Glowinski and Danielle Valliere suggested making a flyer summarizing all the PTA has accomplished this year. We could include where the PTA money has been spent, mention the budget shortfall and the need for volunteers and additional funds.
 - Brandon Borzelli advised that the best way to recruit is via in-person social connections at the park and outside of school. Nathasha and Danielle will try to involve incoming preschool parents. Danielle offered that the PTA should take a few minutes to advertise during Preschool and Kindergarten orientations.
 - We need a Board, as well as general members. Natasha Maglione noted that many people find it daunting to commit to the meetings, but they may want to volunteer on an event basis.
 - The minimum we need for the PTA Board is a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
- Heather thanked all, and stated that the year was a good one despite challenges. People came to events and the teachers felt appreciated. Yvette Corradi said the students often spoke about the PTA events and loved attending.

Miscellaneous

- Yvette Corradi noted that the Wingman program is being evaluated for next year. It has been a positive program for all. In addition, she reported that the grades intermingle in other ways, through buddy reading and cooperative science lessons.

- We discussed the fact that our Facebook page may not be the platform to reach many of the parents anymore. Megan Glowinski suggested Instagram may reach more parents.
- Kristen Abeles explained that the group needs to update its bylaws to comply with the PTA Board, and to renew our gambling license. It is difficult to reach a quorum with low attendance at the meetings. Yvette Corradi offered that the teachers could attend.

Heather Berg adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm.