

Lebanon Borough School
PTA Meeting
9/8/25

Attendance: Heather Berg, Brandon Borzelli, Kristen Abeles, Danielle Valliere, Natasha Maglione, Mike Pepe

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

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

CSA Report

- Enrollment Update: We currently have 84 students enrolled for the school year.
- Successful Summer Programs: Our summer programs, including Art Camp, Theatre Camp, primary reading tutoring, and English Language Tutoring, were well attended and positively received.
- Orientation Success: Kindergarten and preschool orientations went smoothly, allowing parents and students to engage with the school community.
- First Days of School: The first days of school went well, with early dismissal days and a welcome event on the front lawn for parents.
- Lunch/Breakfast Service continues to be popular and successful again this year.
- Wingman training starts next week. 5th and 6th graders have two-day training
- Back to School Night is scheduled for September 11 @ 6:10pm

Question: Will someone speak at the Back to School Night? Would you like a table?

School Photos: We will be using the same company again this year; however, I spoke with the photographer and told him that parents were looking for some changes/improvements. If you can, please generate a list of items that I can discuss with him in the next week so that he can prepare for our photos on October 17th. - Thank you!

Action Items before October Meeting

- Inform Dr. Arcurio about the feedback from last year's school photographs. Those present suggested that LBS parents would like to see more proofs. In addition, this year they would like to see more effort to encourage kids to smile. In the past there have

been some complaints about glare from students' glasses showing up on the photos. Finally, some parents have requested an easier review process for the proofs.

- Kristen Abeles will call Destination Athlete regarding last year's Spirit Sale. We never received a fundraising check from this event.
- Heather Berg will create a pamphlet for the PTA member donation before Back to School Night.
- Kristen Abeles will submit the Facility Request Form for the October Recreation Committee Event.

Treasurer's Report

- Danielle Valliere brought the audit, and it was signed by President Heather Berg.
- Here is what the audit says:
 - As of July 24, we had \$3,933.33 in our account.
 - Our total income was \$4,241.96.
 - Our total expenses last year were \$5,638.64.
- We currently have a balance of \$2,536.65.
 - This amount does not include Dr. D, who hasn't billed us yet for the school dance. We will have to add this to the current year's budget. It could be \$300.00 or \$500.00. This does not include the money from the Destination Athlete sale. Kristen Abeles will contact Destination Athlete to confirm.
- Our budget for the 25-26 school year is \$4955.00, about \$100.00 more than last year.
- There is currently nothing in the Venmo account.

Old Business

- The PTA officers met in July to discuss changes to our bylaws and to vote on the new positions. Danielle Valliere is the new Treasurer and Brandon Borzelli is the new Vice President.
- Heather Berg spoke at the Pre-K and Kindergarten orientation. She noted that there seem to be many younger families joining LBS.
- Danielle Valliere will touch base with Mrs. Farrell to see if she is interested in doing another running club in the Fall or Spring. It is currently listed in the budget.

Upcoming Events

- We decided to forego the Ice Cream Social this year, and make the Membership Drive the only event in September.

- For October we will host the Clothing Drive during the first week in October. In addition, we will help with the Recreation Committee's Fall event. Kristen Abeles will be the liaison for this. The Recreation Committee is still deciding on which date to host this event.
- We will host the Scholastic Book Fair, as usual, in November.
- Heather Berg will host the PTA table at Back to School Night.
- On December 12 the PTA will host the Kid's Night Out event. This has been a low-budget and well-received event in the past. We don't need many volunteers, but we can ask a teacher to help to lend legitimacy.
- The January event will be co-hosting the 12th Night celebration with the Recreation Committee, on January 6.
- The February event will be the Valentine's dance on February 6.
- Our March event will be our major fundraiser, on March 20.
 - Kristen Abeles proposed the Taste of Lebanon event. Other members suggested it may be too much to ask people to contribute a meal, while also voting with their cash for each table. They also noted that there wasn't much interest in this event based on Kristen's poll last year.
 - We will reach out to the larger community for additional ideas.
- Our April event will be another Scholastic Book Fair.
- Our May event is Teacher Appreciation week.
- In June we will host the Italian Ice Social on the last day of school. Natasha Maglione offered to help, along with the parents who hosted last year.
- We will host pizza lunches on Halloween and Field Day. Danielle Valliere has added this to the budget.

Miscellaneous

- These will be the dates of the PTA meeting for the 25-26 school year: 10/6, 11/10, 12/1, 1/12, 2/2, 3/2, 4/13, 5/4, 6/1
- Natasha Maglione asked about PTA participation. Everyone confirmed the necessity of engaging younger parents.
- Mike Pepe reported that the school mentoring program in which older students mentor the younger ones is going well.
- Brandon Borzelli explained the financial structure of the school year, as we've had it in recent years: the donation drive at the beginning of the year, followed by the events, ending with a major fundraiser. We discussed the idea of staggering the fundraising throughout the year.

- We spoke about the necessity of a major fundraising event, such as Bingo. This has worked well in the past. We need to work with our PTA chapter and Karen Romano to acquire a gambling license first.
- Kristen Abeles modified the PTA Bylaws, which were approved at the meeting. She will send them to the local chapter before the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm by Heather Berg.