PTA Meeting Agenda

November 5, 2026, 7:00–8:30pm (Virtual Only)

For online meeting link go to: www.loespta.com

Call to Order

Welcome

November Calendar

National Native American Heritage Month: November 1–30

American Education Week: November 15-21

Veterans Day: November 11 — Thank you to all who have served!

Thanksgiving: November 26

School and PTA

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Schedule opens November 6

PTA Winter Wonderland Planning: November 7 (tentative)

PTA Hospitality & Read-a-Thon Planning: November 12 @ 8pm

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/ipq-mzfn-gxq

PTA Fundraising Planning: November 16 @ 8pm

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/xiv-uczn-qau

Book Fair: November 16-20, 23 & 24

PTA Winter Wonderland Planning: November 22 @ 2pm

PTA Teacher Hospitality: November 23

Parent-Teacher Conferences: November 23 in person, November 24-25 virtual

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SECTION 1: FOLLOW UPS FROM LAST MEETING

PTA Vision and Mission Update

Mission: Advocacy, Adaptability, Representation, Memories, Community

Version 1: ***We advocate for every child's success, represent the voices of all community members, and create a sense of belonging that makes our school a joyful place to grow and learn.***

Version 2: *Together, we speak up for our kids, make sure every family is heard, build a community that we love, and adapt as we go.*

Vision: Add in sustainability, alignment with administrative goals

Version 1: ***A PTA that partners with school administration to assure that every family belongs and every voice is valued. Through lasting systems including shared goals, open communication, and welcoming traditions, our PTA reflects the full diversity of our school, today and for generations of families to come.***

Version 2: *A PTA built to last, where every family belongs, every voice is represented, and our diverse community leads together.*

SECTION 2: REPORTS AND BUSINESS

Call for Quorum

REPORTS

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

School Updates

- Administration update
- Parent–teacher conferences: November 23–25, sign-ups open November 6

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) Updates and Advocacy

- Ptaschc Coffee & Conversations w/Board of Ed. member
    - 11.07.26 at 9:30 a.m. at Ellicott Mills MS
    - To attend, email boardoffice@hcpss.org

- FY28 Budget development process in full swing:
    - Capital budget is for long term projects with various funding sources (renovations, improvements, special projects, etc.)
    - Operating budget is typically an MoE (Maintenance of Effort) budget to cover routine expenditures (salaries, benefits, etc.)
    - Public work session 11.12.26
    - Board review 11.19.26

- New HCPSS policy review process includes feedback from the public
    - New policies being reviewed, evaluated, vetted:
        - Policy 3050: Teaching Controversial Issues
        - Policy 3070 re: use of AI

- Technology Committee to offer spring 2027 programs incl. workshops, demos, roundtables, etc.

- HCPSS changed policy re: sharing contact info and will no longer share family contact info from HCPSS database with PTAs.
    - Please share back any ideas to PTACHC re: how Longfellow ES PTA collects this information from our community (to help other PTAs)

Treasurer Report

- Financial Status Update
- Year-to-date income and expenses:

	Income			Expenses		
Category	**Prior YTD**	**October**	**YTD**	**Prior YTD**	**October**	**YTD**
Operations	$ 1,225.00	$ 150.00	$ 1,375.00	$ (627.92)	$ (13.35)	$ (641.27)
Fundraising	$ 1,020.36	$ 28.72	$ 1,049.08			
Recognitions & Hospitality				$ (472.41)		$ (472.41)
Community Events		$ 44.00	$ 44.00	$ (164.50)	$ (208.00)	$ (372.50)
PTA Events						
Student Enrichment Activities					$ (250.00)	$ (250.00)
Community Grants						
Grade/Department Allotments						
Total	**$ 2,245.36**	**$ 222.72**	**$ 2,468.08**	**$ (1,264.83)**	**$ (471.35)**	**$ (1,736.18)**

- Fall Fest financial recap, fundraising receipts, and approved disbursements
    - Expenses
        - Sign: $104
        - Other Supplies: $131.97
        - Total: $235.97
        - Budget: $250
    - Income
        - Chili Sales: $154

LoES PTA Board of Director Changes

- Bylaws Chair: JP Javier-Wong (previously Beth Javier-Wong)
- Fundraising Chair: Beth Javier-Wong (not previously filled)
- Communications Chair: Rowena Winkler (previously JP Javier-Wong)

SECTION 3: UPDATES

I. Participation/Volunteer Opportunities

- Join the PTA. Encourage others to join. Membership goal: at least 100; updated count to be provided.

- Hospitality
    - Thank you to everyone who contributed to October 22 “Thanks a Latte” staff hospitality.

- Monday, November 23: “We Are Thankful for You” dinner during parent–teacher conferences — **setup and cleanup help needed, may need donations**.

- Fundraising
  - Upcoming Restaurant Nights: MOD Pizza, Tuesday, November 10, all day
    10000 Town Center Ave, Suite C, Columbia, MD 21044
    Event page:
    https://modpizza.force4good.com/event/acc10453-7905-47e6-98d2-1b798ca3ea47

  - Amazing Athletes Winter Programming (rolling admissions and scholarships available)
    - Little Medical Doctor STEM program (December - March)
    - Soccer (indoors) and Basketball (January - March)

  - Read-a-Thon planning is underway!

II. Reminders

- PTA meetings are monthly, generally the first Thursday, alternating in person and online.
- Community Events
  - **Fall Fest** (October 30): recap, volunteers and donations — thank you! See pics on socials.
  - **Winter Wonderland**: Friday, December 11, 6:00–8:00pm.

    Volunteers and planning support needed.

    Tentative meeting dates: Saturdays at 2pm on Nov. 7 & 22 and Dec. 5

    Email loesPTAinfo@gmail.com if interested in helping.

    Sign Up Genius:
    https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BA9A82EA3FE3-66980656-loes#/

III. Misc. News/Notes

Curriculum Committee

- Richard Pollard - appointed to the HCPSS Science Curriculum Committee

Website Redesign - Derek

Announcements From the Community

- **Health and Wellness Fair for Men and Boys — November 21, 10:00am–12:00pm, Harriet Tubman Cultural Center**

- **Bright Minds Emergency Student Support Fund**

  The Bright Minds Education Foundation’s Emergency Student Support Fund is experiencing increased demand as more Howard County students and families face housing instability and unexpected hardships. With funding running low, community support is especially appreciated.

  The fund helps families with critical needs, including:

  - **Temporary emergency shelter** for families experiencing homelessness
  - **Essential vehicle repairs** to help students get to school

- **Other emergency assistance** to promote family stability and minimize disruptions to education

How You Can Help: Consider making a tax-deductible donation. Every contribution, no matter the size, can make a meaningful difference for a local family in need.

Donate here: https://brightmindsfoundation.org/donate/?blm_aid=285706

EXIT SURVEY

Please complete our Exit Survey: PTA Meeting Feedback and Follow-Up Request

END OF MEETING