

PTA Meeting Agenda

February 20, 2026, 6:00-7:15pm

Longfellow Elementary, Media Center

For online meeting link: www.loespta.com

Prepared by JP JW, PTA President

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Call to Order

Welcome & Introductions

Belated Happy Presidents Day

Happy Black History Month

- Moment of Silence to recognize the passing of Rev. Jesse Jackson

Happy Lunar New Year

Have a blessed and meaningful Lent - recognition of the start of Lent

Ramadan Mubarak - recognition of the start of Ramadan

SECTION 1: COMMUNITY BUILDING (10 MINUTES, 6:05-6:15PM)

We will start each meeting with short activities to uncover and build shared connections between attendees.

I. PTA Recommends: Something I'm Loving Right Now

An opportunity for any individual PTA member to share a 1-minute summary of something they're currently enjoying and would recommend to others.

II. PTA Question of the Month: Small Group Discussion

One question will be posed to the entire group, and then attendees will have 3-5 minutes to share their responses with the other attendees in close proximity to them (pairs or groups of 3 are ideal).

How do you discuss the importance of cultural identity with your children? How is this similar/different to how this was handled when you were a child?

III. Parent Corner Storytime (Panel) - NOT THIS MONTH

SECTION 2: SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT (15 MINUTES, 6:15-6:30PM)

- I. **Admin Report** - Ms. Jackson and Murray unavailable tonight
- II. **Volunteer Opportunities & Needs** - none that PTA is aware
- III. **Recognitions That Have Happened Since Last Time We Met**
 - o Approved Funding Requests
 - Field Day Supplies from Mr. Abdullah for \$77.96
 - Laptop Cart from Ms. Knox (ELD) for \$316.54
 - February Staff Hospitality from Ms. Anderson for ~\$200.00

SECTION 3: REPORTS AND BUSINESS (40 MINUTES, 6:30-7:10PM)

Call for Quorum

Vote for Approval of January 2026 LoES PTA Meeting Minutes - next meeting

REPORTS

Treasurer Report - talked through the Q1 and Q2 income and expenses

Quarterly Update on Approved LoES PTA Budget 25-26: October, November, December

Budget Category	Proj Inc 25-26	Q1 Income	Q2 Income	Proj Exp 25-26	Q1 Expenses	Q2 Expenses
Operations	1,500.00	1,237.38	175.93	1,962.00	746.32	718.81
Fundraising	17,250.00	265.92	1833.03	450.00	0	0
PTA Events	200.00	28.00	45.00	1,850.00	351.74	575.06
Community Events	500.00	0	208.76	4,075.00	152.39	1,310.21
Community Grants	0.00	0	0	500.00	0	0
Recognitions & Hospitality	0.00	63.58	0	5,250.00	1,475.99	1,196.88
Grade/Department Allotments	0.00	0	0	2,950.00	0	509.91
Student Enrichment Activities	0.00	0	0	2,550.00	0	237.40
TOTALS	19,450.00	1,594.88	2,262.72	19,587.00	2,726.44	4,548.27

UPDATES

I. PTA Action Since We've Last Met

- GL Socials
- Read-A-Thon Committee Meetings
- Spring Fair Committee Meetings
- Thank you for supporting the special request from Mrs. Starr
- Black History Month Virtual Story Time 1 of 2. Save the date for the second program on Tuesday, 2.24, 6:30-7:00pm.

II. Needs

- Attend our PTA Leadership Interest Calls, next week. Mon 2.23, Wed 2.25, Fri 2.27, 12:00-1:00pm, online. Drop in.
- Spring Fair Committee Meeting: Thu 2.26, 8:00-9:00pm.
- Save-the-dates and get ready for Read-A-Thon. March 9 - March 23.
 - This is the single-largest fundraiser for PTA: goal of \$12K
 - Theme: Super Readers Unite! Every student is a reading superhero. Classes or houses team up to defeat the Villain of Illiteracy by reading more minutes each week!!
 - Themed dates: 9, 16, 23, tentative.
 - Prizes starting week of March 16 (second week)
 - School-wide participation!! Flyers, Website, QR code, and SOME individual emails.
 - Anyone interested in decorating our bulletin board? Email loesptainfo@gmail.com.
 - More information is coming soon!!
- Support our Fundraising efforts:
 - [Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens](#)
 - You order. PTA gets a donation of 50% for each Original Glazed Dozen ordered. Go to your local Krispy Kreme to pick up at your convenience.
 - 15 boxes away from our goal of 50. Currently ~\$240 raised!!
 - [1st Place Spiritwear](#)
 - Golf Tournament (June 5). [Start signing-up](#).
 - Amazing Athletes Spring Season: Basketball and Soccer, tentative. Starting in March.
- Reminder: March meeting date changed to Thursday, March 12

- Reminder: End of the Year PTA Reception & 5th Grade Send Off/Showcase: Save-the-Date, June 3

III. Participation/Volunteer Opportunities

- CultureCon: Fri, April 17, 6:00-8:00pm
- Grant Program from National PTA: Ready, Tech, Go! : Thurs, April 30, 6:00-8:00pm
- Spring Fair: Sat, May 16, starting at 1:00pm

IV. Committee Reports

- PTA Planning 2026-2027
 - This month, Feb: Who is the LoES PTA, organizationally? Review Boardsmanship Training
 - March: What should the PTA do next year? Open Executive Committee nominations for next year.
 - April: How should the PTA be structured to accomplish our goals?
 - May: PTA Executive Committee Elections
- Who is the LoES PTA, organizationally?
 - Four fundamentals
 - We are separate from the school
 - Members can be anyone, not only parents
 - A small business over a social club
 - Our purpose: advocacy; not activity or interest based
 - [Boardsmanship Presentation](#)

V. Misc. News/Notes

- Announcements From the Community
 - From HC DrugFree: [Upcoming Classes for Parents, Guardians, and Grandparents](#). More information can be found online at hcdrugfree.org.
 - The Resilience in Student Education: Youth Engagement in School (RISE YES) project at Children's National Hospital is conducting a remote study focused on understanding and promoting resilience among 5th and 6th grade students who do not experience difficulties with attention, hyperactivity, or impulsivity.
 - Caregivers may receive \$50 for completing two remote visits and may request a free mental health wellness summary of their child. Teachers may receive a \$20 gift card for completing online questionnaires. Families also receive monthly resources designed to support the transition to middle school.
 - Interest form: <https://bit.ly/RISEYESstudy>

- Contact: RISE YES Coordinator, Marzia Naqvi
 - Email: RISE@childrensnational.org
 - Call/Text: (202) 505-3343
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EXIT SURVEY

Email loesptainfo@gmail.com, with "EXIT SURVEY" in the subject line.

Who is someone that should get involved in PTA leadership?

END OF MEETING

Transition to Family Fun Event, this month's activity: Black History Month Group Dance Lesson