



GENERAL PTA MEETING 7

March 3, 2025 / 7 PM / In-Person

Attendees:

LHMS PTA Board (6): Renee Brown Small*, Mary Ellen Spencer*, Vonda Hampton, April Setlik, Andrew Gordon*, KC Johnson

LHMS Staff (1): Sharon Duncan-Hudspeth*, Vice Principal, Kim Schauer, Teacher Parents/Others (5)

Attendees: (13) attendees in total (6 Board/Parents, 5 Parents/Others, 2 Staff)

[See Document] for the list of attendees. Note: (*) indicates individuals not listed on attendance sheets but in attendance.

7:03 PM Meeting CALL TO ORDER by Renee Brown Small, President

- Secretary's Report- Mary Ellen Spencer, Secretary
 - Minutes from the February 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved.
 - Vonda Hampton made the motion to approve and April Setlik seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes.
- Dangers of Vaping Presentation, Monica Rogers, [Substance Abuse Specialist](#)
 - She discussed the dangers of vaping, different clues to tell if your student is vaping and resources that exist if your student needs help.
 - Thank you Monica for this very important presentation.
- Renee Brown Small, PTA President's Report
 - The Book Fair launches March 17th. Dr. Mizell set a goal to sell 500 books. Help us reach our goal.
 - Working on updating mini-grant policy and will present new policy and whatever mini-grant requests that have been collected in April.
 - The PTA needs a Basketball Game Chair; the game will be held March 25th at South Lakes.
 - [Karen Keys-Gamarra](#) will be speaking at our April meeting.

- Treasurer's Report- Andrew Gordon
 - Not many expenses or revenue for the previous month.
 - Still need to fund mini-grants.
 - PTA has skate night and basketball fundraisers left for this year.

- Fundraising (Renee Brown Small)
 - Skate Night is March 14th
 - Online ticket sales and cash ticket sales during lunch.
 - Need volunteers for lunch sales and the event.

- Principal's Points (Sharon Duncan-Hudspeth):
 - The rising 8th grader Curriculum night was held in February. This is a new and much needed event. There were lots of questions from parents.
 - The LHMS musical, Matilda Jr., was a success! Thanks for attending and supporting the students.
 - The recent Panther Party, celebrating students, was great. Lots of students attended and had fun.
 - The coat distribution is coming up. Thanks to the generosity of Stohlman Subaru and Kids R First, we're giving away brand-new winter coats to students in need! Join us at Langston Hughes Middle School on Wednesday, February 19th, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This event is open to all and coats will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - The Read Across America event with Kwame Alexander was a huge success.
 - SOL testing dates are available. Please make a note of these dates on your calendar and send your student to school well rested. SOLs are good benchmarks for students and help measure reading/math skills.
 - The IRW (Integrated Reading Writing) tests will be in April.
 - The date for Career day is April 25th. This was a big success last year, there was such a wide variety of careers represented. Please sign up if you'd like to speak this year.
 - Superintendent meeting: March 12th.
 - The 3rd Quarter ends in 4 weeks.

- Book Fair Information
 - The LHMS Book Fair is set for March 17-21, 2025. It's going to be a great way to show that Langston Hughes supports books. Sign up to volunteer to help with the event.
 - MySchoolBucks is not an acceptable payment source but there are many ways to pay.
 - Books available target 6-9th grades but there will be books for everyone and the goal is to sell 500 books.
 - Book fair will be open late on March 19th.
 - If school reaches the goal students will get to participate in a Panther Party.

- Plan to raffle gift cards each day, please donate cards if you have some laying around
- Share Book Fair event details on Social Media.
- Book club event will take place April 29th from 7-8pm, sign up today.
- Other Information:
 - Congratulations to Dr. Mizell for winning an Educational Leadership award.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm