



New Lenox School District 122 PTO Meeting

Thursday, October 16 @ 9:30AM

Location: District Office

Board Members and attendance at meeting:

Co-Presidents: Jordan Tsoulos (PRESENT) and Jordan Carrero (ABSENT)

Vice President: Nuvia Vazquez (ABSENT)

Head Treasurer: Jill Lanigan (PRESENT)

Assistant Treasurer (NORTH): vacant

Assistant Treasurer (SOUTH): Janine Shortall (PRESENT)

Secretary: Danielle Ryan (PRESENT)

Correspondence Secretary: Stefanie Harris (ABSENT)

Board Members: Jim Mihalovich (PRESENT) and James Kapp (ABSENT)

Teacher Representatives Present: Introduced themselves and the school they represent

Dr. Motch's District and Board of Education Update

- Many visitors expected, including a state artist winner
- Auditors will be present
- Presenters will review and possibly approve a solar credit agreement, resulting in approximately \$55,000/year in savings
- Dr. Cucci will present the District Improvement Committee goals
- October 28: Full Day Kindergarten kickoff meeting with a full presentation
- Bob Groos will present the tax levy

Current Business

A. Read-a-Thon Updates

- i. Shared the amount raised to date
- ii. First round of prizes/coupons are being sent back with teacher reps today
- iii. Sponsorship thank-you notes are available for members to fill out during the meeting or take home.

- iv. Feedback & Future Ideas
 - Technology: Issues with switching between kids using the same email; only one child per link
 - Timing: Good placement as the first fundraiser of the school year
 - Fees: Noted 20% platform fee
 - Engagement: Missed some reading excitement, such as the Mystery Reader
 - Ideas for Next Year: Punch cards, bingo cards, or library activity sheets to encourage reading participation and hype

B. Family Dance/Bingo feedback and discussion

- i. Previously more formal (e.g., father–daughter with food).
- ii. This year: More casual family event with a dancing/music in the gym and bingo in the cafeteria.
- iii. Discussed idea of combining the Family Bingo Night and Dance into one event taking place on Feb 21, 2026
- iv. Notes about from discussion on new “Family Fun Night”:
 - Avoid charging separately for tickets and food
 - Emphasize a free or low-cost community event instead
 - Revenue opportunities: vendors, sponsorships, concessions
 - Several attendees agreed to help organize and volunteer during the event
 - Emphasis on fewer but larger baskets for higher impact
 - Ideas included: spirit wear from each school, front row graduation tickets for junior highs, local sports organization donations, more TBD

C. Sponsorship and Community Involvement

- i. Going forward for future years: create tiered sponsorship packages at the start of the year to cover events like Family Fun Night and the 5K.
- ii. NJHS students can volunteer for service hours.
- iii. Use the Family Fun Night event to promote and encourage PTO volunteer participation for parents and vendors

Upcoming Business

- A. Family Dance/Bingo – February 21 @ Spencer Crossing
- B. Next PTO Meeting – November 20, 9:30AM @ District Office

Questions/Concerns/Suggestions

Motion to Close