

Wisdom PTA Meeting 3/24/25

- Zoom Meeting Called to order at 7:03 by Lauren Sica
- Principal Report - Mr. Arevelo-Shaw - Good Evening!
 - Solar panels are complete and operational. Major work around the ground is the total renovation of the back field. New track, football, multipurpose field, tennis courts with non polluting lighting that will not affect the houses nearby. This has been a very long time in the making. The roof also has some resurfacing happening after hours
 - State testing coming up, ELA April 9 & 10 and Math 28 & 29. If you are opting out please get the papers in as soon as possible. All digital this year.
 - We are in the second round of the "School of Distinction" process. Goal is to be recognized as a Middle Level School of Distinction. Next are interviews with students, parents, staff etc. that will be coming up soon.
 - REMINDER to kids and parents, remember IDs and be on time!
- Secretary - Faith Dermody - Minutes stand as written
- 1st VP - Janette Ruddy - No Report but we are in need of a delegate for the next Council Meeting 4/1
- 2nd VP - Ronna Duarte - As of today membership is 227 members.
- 3rd VP - Yeliz Cipriano - 8th grade Lawn signs are available now link on parent square and facebook
- Treasurer Report - Anthony LoPinto - see attached report
- Corresponding Secretary - Tara Reyes - no report
- 4th VP - Ms. Going - see attached report
- Delegate report - Jeanette Eichele - see attached report
- Transportation - Yeliz Cipriano - Met on March 18 at 10 AM via Zoom. Some updates, We did get an aid candidate from the agency that we were using and they are in the process of being hired. This person has experience with special needs students so they believe that it is a good fit. Board of education decided to remove the stop arm cameras. We had a multi year agreement with the camera company which expired December 2024 and the board's overall decision was not to renew with them so the cameras will come off all our buses. They are working to make sure that they don't damage our buses while the equipment comes off. April 1 is the deadline for all private and parochial school transportation applications to be submitted. We are still in need of drivers and bus aides. Next transportation meeting is on April 8 at 10 AM via Zoom
- Nominating - Karen Martinez - The nominating committee met on February 18th to create a slate for the 2025-2026 school year. The meeting was conducted in adherence to our bylaws. All candidates have confirmed their willingness to serve. President-Janette Ruddy; 1st VP- Yeliz Cipriano; 2nd VP- Ronna Duarte; 3rd VP- Sarah Tamberelli; 4th VP- Brianna Springer; Recording Secretary-Karen Martinez; Corresponding Secretary-Tara Reyes; Treasurer- Roxanne Piantieri. We will be voting on the slate as presented at the April 22nd meeting. Any additional nominations to run from the floor must be received by the Chair at least 2 business days prior to the April meeting with the written consent of the nominee.
- Honorary Life - Tara Reyes - Dinner and awards ceremony will take place on April 30@Coral House. Invitation were sent out, rsvp with payment are due by March 26th. Wisdom PTA will be donating an Italian themed raffle basket for the event
- By-Laws - Lauren Sica - They were approved by the state and will be uploaded to the district website
- Food Services - Eileen Lynch - Cafeteria was renovated over break. A lot of choices on the salad bar, everything looked nice and fresh. Hot stuff is on one side and cold stuff on the other. Next meeting is on Wednesday. Looking into why Wisdom doesn't have a panini press that other schools have one. Craisins, raisins and applesauce are all new items available. Ramadan students can go to the nurse so they do not have to watch others eat.
- SEPTA - Marie Loeffel - March 10th, Guest speaker a Levittown parent that is also a PT/OT and spoke about how physical therapy and movement helps with brain development. Color Run info on parent square along with spiritwear
- Old business - none - New Business - none
- Meeting Adjourned 7:28

Ms. Going 4th VP Report

- Ro Daly Volleyball Tournament is this Wednesday after school starts @ 3:15
 - All are welcome ~ tickets can be purchased during lunch periods or at the door
 - Snack will be sold before and during the event
 - All money raised will go to American Cancer Society
- Regional Science Olympiad competition was Kellenberg HS- March 8th ~ 8th Grade team came in 3rd place and will be heading to NYS competition in April.
- NJHS and World Language Inductions- April 7th
- Dress Boutique is Wednesday @ LMEC
 - Not just prom dresses ~
- Mrs. Zeller & Ms. Neary are looking for volunteers to help with the career exploration unit and preparing for their upcoming practice interviews on April 9th, 10th, & 11th. Email them for the times needed.
- Mrs. Entin, Ms. Specht & Mrs. Mazza wants to remind everyone that students' art work will be displayed in the Boardroom @ LMEC throughout the month of April.
- 8th grade trip to the Long Island Holocaust Museum & Tolerance Center in Glen Cove – students will be divided into three groups (museum cannot take more than 100 kids per day).
 - Trips are this week Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
- Living Environment Trip to Cold Spring Harbor DNA Learning Center - April 30th
- Dr. Ippolito will be sharing information later this week about Autism Acceptance Month. We have many different activities planned to celebrate the uniqueness of all of our students.
- Yearbooks can still be purchased.
 - Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) for ordering
 - Photo submissions library is closed but photos can still be sent to Mrs. Going to be used in the end of year slideshow. cgoing@levittownschools.com
 - NO baby photos please
- Mr. Dave will be reaching out to NYBC to set up a meeting to plan our next blood drive. He would like a PTA representative to attend the meeting. He will reach out once the meeting is set up.
- Guidance Dept Annual College and Career week will be April 7-11.
 - GC Tech student will come to Wisdom to discuss the programs offered
 - 8th graders will set up a Naviance account to help them research careers based on their likes and strengths
 - Activities & conversations about college & careers will be happening throughout the week
- Music in the Park ~ Ms. Katcher & Mrs. Spainer taking Chamber orchestra 7th grade band & 7/8 chorus, students to Great Adventure to perform ~ May 17
- 6th grade trip to Medieval Times was last Friday ~ Kids had a great time
- Wisdom students, Builders and SADD Club members participated in the Annual Pizza and Play Night Leadership Building event Thursday, March 20th, 2025 hosted by the Division Avenue H.S Chapter Key Club Int'l and SADD Club

Delegate Report 3/4/25

- ❖ 3/5 - There was a session for Tech Elementary Parent University.
- ❖ Nominating Committees should meet soon.
- ❖ Honorary Life is on April 30th.
- ❖ Senior Award Dinner - 30 ppl per unit can attend. Each unit will give a basket.
- ❖ Todd Winch report: Security Overview Meeting - was an overview of protocols, answered questions.
 - Anyone who has questions can send an email to securityfeedback@levittownschools.com. A presentation is also available online.
- ❖ The Budget Meeting to adopt the budget was on 3/19.
- ❖ The district is waiting on guidance from the state regarding a new cell phone policy banning the use of student cell phones from bell to bell. This has not been implemented yet, the district is hoping for some flexibility on the ban.
- ❖ SEPTA - Planning a Color Run fundraiser for Autism Awareness.
- ❖ Reflections - there were 8 winners from LSD at regionals who went to state.
- ❖ Council Nominating Committee - met and slate was voted on.
- ❖ Food Service - there is a new available item - sliced veggies with dip. The kids eat more veggies when they are cut up.
- ❖ 2nd Trimester is ending - report cards coming.
- ❖ There is still a bus driver and aid shortage.
- ❖ There are electric vehicle charging stations in the faculty parking lot - they were free. You need a cc to charge your vehicle.

Treasurer's' Report Feb 1, 2025 - Feb 28 2025

Opening Checkbook Balance \$20,271.25

Expenses:

Honorary Life Pins	\$55.00	
Supplies (Condolence Cards)		\$10.41

Total Expenses \$65.41

Income:

Bank Interest	\$3.14
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Total Income \$3.14

Closing Checkbook Balance \$20,208.98

Checkbook balance as of Feb 28, 2025 \$20,208.98

Bank balance as of Feb 28. 2025 \$20,413.98

Difference of \$205.00

Checks Outstanding: Total: \$205.00

1022 \$100.00 Personal Best - Alexis Arechiga
1026 \$100.00 Personal Best - Madison Messina
1032 \$5.00 Lazo - Picture Refund