

September 1, 2026

1. Introductions: C. Onken, C. Oman, A. Baker, L. Stutte, D. Schwinn, S. Schubert, M. Schubert, R. Hengen, R. Zigelstein, A. Kelly, K. Funkey, K. Molivac.

2. PTO overview and orientation: Danni was a chair last year. C. Onken is taking over.

Mission is communication and outreach. The money is raised historically for the curriculum. They want to focus on community outreach. PTO wants to fundraise for playground additions, such as gag ball pit, mud kitchen. Communicating what the money goes towards ups parents' participation. This year PTO is getting t-shirts for all students at LO. We might involve high school students in helping us build some of these projects. Last year we had a movie night. They want to add one more activity to run something like this, maybe a dance? The goal is to improve the relationship between community and school.

There are many committees on PTO. They invite everyone who wants to share tablets with school, staff, and kids. They need help with various committees.

Renata shared that Russ's and Allen's receipts are no longer happening. They stores were not able to find a person to run it.

Katie shared about the Box Tops program and how it's earning us money. It is an easy fundraiser, because with every Walmart purchase, we get points from Box Tops.

Yearbook - Jenni is still doing it. She collects pictures throughout the year. There is a Google document where people can drop pictures. March is the cutout for pictures.

Restaurant nights - they need a volunteer.

Artist in residence - Irina will find out more about the grant. PTO is suggesting a local artist and invite them for \$600 they have budgeted for artist in residence.

Playground cleanup - an idea to invite Scouts for next year - Laura will be in charge.

Beginning and end of the year breakfast.

Logo sales - t-shirts will be before October/November. T-shirts will be purchased for all kids.

Red for kids

Gray for staff

Reading Challenge - Danni Schwinn

Square One Art - gets us about \$500. Kids and families enjoy doing this fundraiser, so they will continue it. October 8 mail out. December catalogs come. Mystee.

Reading for Education - PTO wants to start it tomorrow. Kids will take them in their Wednesday folders. Teachers will show videos to kids about the fundraiser.

Black for staff

Kinder - blue

Thanksgiving meal - Vanessa Dericks.

PTO tables and events -

Crafts supplies will be prepared by PTO members during meetings. Ideas are appreciated.

Tour of the building

Photo of kids in red t-shirts and have a picture of 100.

Sale of athletic apparel for \$1

Near the holidays toys are brought. Kids can use LEAP store money to buy these toys.

100th day of school - trash pick up

Flowerbeds - can a grade level take charge of it and work on it?

## Principal's Report

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1. We greatly appreciate the help with cleaning our playground. Our school was looking beautiful for the Open House and for the first day of school!
1. This school year we use LEAP tickets again to reward students for their good character. If your child comes home to share with you about a LEAP ticket, please ask your child what she or he did to receive this recognition.
1. Parent teacher conferences will be on September 17 and September 24 from 4-7:45 pm. We appreciate when parents join us in our efforts to help our students learn, grow and succeed. Expect more information from teachers through ParentSquare.
1. Our Wellness committee organized a Family Recess in the Park. It will take place on October 2 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Crosier Park. There will be a food truck if parents want to buy food. This is an opportunity for families to spend organized time together and enjoy the company of children and adults.
1. I want to get some ideas from you on our centennial celebration of Longfellow Elementary. What activities or events would you like to see us experience?