

**PTO Executive Board Meeting
February 19, 2026**

Lantrip Elementary PTO

January 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, and Location: Thurs. Feb 19, 2026, by Meeting called by the PTO president
Lauren Zentz at 6pm and virtual**

Call link: <https://meet.google.com/sqg-mmaj-vtz>

Attendees:

- Lauren Zentz
- Leslie Copeland
- Richard Walters
- Carrie Hendrix
- Becky Hernandez
- Janet Benavides

School admin update

- Cage will co-locate with Lantrip
 - Lantrip Families (Only) meeting next Wed. 2/25 @ 5:30, Location: Lantrip

School teachers update:

- Teachers plan to use funds for end-of-year field trips
 - Encourage teachers to apply for funds as early as possible
 - PTO will send the current budget for each grade to Walters.

Previous Meeting Updates:

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Budget Review:

- Needs update.

Agenda Items:

- Discuss new Secretary position
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- General PTO Meeting - Thursday 2/26
 - Time 5:30 Location: Lantrip library
- Spring Semester Events
 - Sparkle Days: every 3rd Saturday
 - February 28 (approved, Point of Contact Ms. Benavides)
 - March 21 (approved by Ms. Fitch)
 - April 11 (Orchard Day and Garden Education? Ms. Burton?)
 - May 16 (approved, Point of Contact Ms. Benavides)

- Loteria: Feb 20th (updates)
 - Free
 - light bites
 - Volunteers are available for set up
 - Location: MPR Time: 5-6:30

- V-Day Dance (recap)
 - Concessions Split between PTO (under \$190) and 5th grade.
 - PTO will use their funds to support the PreK petting zoo costs.
 - Vote is still pending.

- Movie Night
 - 3/20, Finca Tres Robles, free admission, concessions for sale, Wild Robot
 - Collaboration between PTO and Eastwood Civic Association
 - Time: 5-7pm

- STAAR Test Dates from Admin
 - Dates: (early April) Math 4/23 (3rd-5th), ELA 4/14 (3rd-5th), 4/21 Science (5th)
 - Students (3rd-5th): ~160
 - Provide treats for Teachers
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- [Art Bike Parade](#) PTO Team - March 28th

Theme: Blooming from our Roots

 - Smither Park
 - Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/250286862869170>
 - Whatsapp (12-15 families have joined the chat):
https://chat.whatsapp.com/LVleQUwblj3GC27FIXBUJn?mode=gi_t

- Earth Day - April 25, 10-12pm
 - Potential Chairs/Co-chairs: Dee and Teresa
 - GT Summit winners present their projects
 - PTO will do same ticket structure as at Fall Fest
 - Funds will go to the grade mini grants
 - PTO Plant Sale (proceeds for teacher appreciation week)
 - Invite environmental programs/professionals for presentations/booths
 - Air Alliance Houston
 - Green City Recycler
 - Finca Tres Robles?
 - Other ideas?

- Children & Nature Network Toolkit:
<https://www.childrenandnature.org/resources/nature-in-early-childhood-a-toolkit/>
- Easter Egg Hunt
 - Proposed Dates: April 1st or 2nd
 - Request egg and candy donations from parents.
 - Organize separate hunts by grade level to ensure a smooth flow.
 - Reach out to Sandra with Party Mom Events to inquire about borrowing a bunny costume.
 - Offer a Photo Booth opportunity for \$5 per picture.
- Spring Sing - Talent Show May 15th? (EOY test is on 5/19)
 - Proposed Timing: April or May (after STARR testing concludes)
 - Hold student auditions in March to allow adequate preparation time.
 - Schedule two rehearsals closer to the event date.
 - Event time: 4:00–5:00 PM (after school).
 - Ticket pricing: \$5–\$7 per person.
 - Sell concessions during the event for additional fundraising.
 - Practice starting on 5/4 and event on 5/15
- Fundraisers Spring 2026
 - March: HMNS Raffle - Purpose: EOY Classroom Parties (17 classrooms pizza & cupcakes \$100/room, need \$700 more)
 - April: Plant Sale - Purpose: Teacher Appreciation Week
 - April: Misc. Raffle - Purpose: Teacher Appreciation Week
 - May 3rd: Spirit Night - Purpose: EOY Classroom Parties and Grade Mini-Grants
- Teacher Appreciation Spring 2026
 - March: Teaching Appreciation - March 16
 - April: Teaching Appreciation - STARR Test Dates Needed from Admin
 - May: Teacher Appreciation Week - May 4th-8th
- May: Field Day(s): Date(s) Needed from Admin PTO sales concessions
 - Note: PTO has never provided tshirts. Those have been coordinated by teachers and parents in each grade.
 - Maybe use spring sing \$ for this.
 - Request from Coach Tuggle for a “gaming truck” (higher grades) and bounce houses/obstacle course (lower grades) – PTO needs to connect with Tuggle to get a better idea about costs and dates
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Tabled Items:

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Action Items:

- PTO will send current grade budgets to Walters to share with teachers.
- PTO will reach out to Coach Tuggle to discuss field day activities, costs, and dates.
- Becky will send an updated budget over the weekend.
- Call for new Secretary

Next Executive Board Meeting: Thursday March 19th @ 6pm

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Next General PTO Meeting: Feb. 26

- Set date for April meeting