

**HEMPFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
LANDISVILLE ELEMENTARY CENTERS
PARENT - TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

**Executive Board Meeting
January 7, 2026**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm Nick Katherina

Members in Attendance: Stacey Lauter, Danielle Sunday, Ron Swatner, Manny Luciano, Michelle Reich, Steve Reich, Nick Katherina, Jenn Meyer, Ian Daecher, Manny Luciano

Community Members in Attendance (Signed in): Ganesh Seeniraj, Michael Sebergandio

- Secretary's Report- Molly Earhart
 - Festival Planning
 - Next meeting to be held on Thursday, March 5th at 7pm

- Treasurer's Report - Manny Luciano
 - Discuss tax cost and cost for audit coverage. Look at other tax preparers & auditors for next year.
 - Reviewed account balances.

- PEP Coordinators' Report – Michelle Reich (LIC)
 - LIC is so grateful for the donation from TFB catering
 - Next staff appreciation meal is March- parent funded
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 - Teachers appreciated their classroom gifts
 - Holiday gifts were distributed to non-homeroom staff before the break- amazon gift card and assorted chocolates

- PEP Coordinators Report-Stacey Lauter (LPC)
 - November Luncheon was a big success- we are so grateful for the donation from TFB catering
 - Next staff appreciation meal is March- parent funded
 - Funds that were collected from parents in the Fall were transferred to Zeffy to hold in reserve until this next event
 - LPC will not need to ask parents for additional monetary donations
 - Should consider our options for the event as we have received generous donations from families
 - Most recent PEP meeting was this Tuesday
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- Ways and Means Report- Danielle Sunday and Jenn Meyer
 - Holiday Shoppe was a success - "sold" ~7000 items, have ~3000 items left over. In 2024 we lost money on this endeavour, in 2025 we have recouped the money spent on the shoppe.
 - The Ways and Means Committee is gearing up for three winter fundraising activities:
 - January: S. Clyde Weaver Sub Coupon Sales

- February: Hersheypark Tickets (tickets will be valid 4/3/26 - 1/3/27.) Have a table at the VIP dances to see Hersheypark tickets and S. Clyde Weaver coupons.
 - March: Urban Air Spirit Night moving to Thurs., March 12 due to conflict with Urban Air (There's no school on 3/13/26)
 - For the S. Clyde Weaver Sub Coupons and Hersheypark Ticket sales, order forms will be sent home with each student with the option of returning with cash, check payments or paying online via Zeffy.
 - Additionally, Zeffy pages have been set up as well as flyers created for Pep Reps to share out asking families to donate to 'teacher appreciation funds' for both LIC and LPC.
 - RaiseRight Update: We currently have 69 registrants. Can we add this to the PTO webpage as it's a year-round, ongoing initiative like Box Tops for Education?
 - Continue Fall Fest in 2026? Grow the Fitwalk? Does VP take on Fall Fest from Ways and Means?
- Programs Report – Macy Bui & Riley Hughes
 - LIC: Riley Hughes
 - Hi everyone sorry I can't be here tonight I lost my voice! I hope everyone had a great winter break.
 - Math family engagement night was a blast! My students are still talking about thank you for helping out with the snacks!
 - The 5th grade musical and the winter concert were amazing, the students did a great job!
 - The staff were very grateful for the giftcards!
 - Students absolutely loved the Holiday Shoppe this year.
 - 6th grade heads to Biztown on January 20th and 21st
 - Our OBOS assembly is coming up on the 26th, students are excited to see what book was picked this year.
 - LPC: Macy Bui
 - Jace is doing GREAT!
 - Macy is set to return March 2
- LIC Principal's Report - Ian Daecher
 - Math Family Engagement night was a success
 - 5th Grade Musical was wonderful (thank you for the script!)
 - Holiday Shoppe was a special time for kids and parents remarked how much they enjoyed the cost analysis
 - Winter Concert was very well attended
 - Thank you for the gifts to staff over holidays
 - Giving Tree was a great experience, as always
 - Winter testing window to ensure student growth and achievement

- LPC Principal's Report- Ron Swantner
 - Feedback regarding Parent Teacher Conferences?
 - Holiday Shoppe success and THANKS!
 - Thank you for staff gifts for the holidays
 - Giving Tree success
 - Winter testing window and Data Team Meetings upcoming
 - Mrs. Becky France joins the Landisville Centers
 - Art changes at LPC
 - PBIS Incentives / Rewards
 - Upcoming Dances 2/27 LIC & 3/06 LPC
 - Spread the word; we can use the help 😊

- President's Report- Nick Katherina
 - SPAC Meeting notes from December 9th, 2025:
 - Members of the meeting expressed what they loved about the schools. It was heart warming to say the least.
 - We had some good discussions over conferences including what some of the parents thought worked well, what didn't work so well, as well as thoughts and improvement suggestions for next rounds in March.
 - Floated the idea of a survey around the dates of March conferences, as well as parent's preferences on students having 2 days off before Thanksgiving.
 - We were made aware of how the inclement weather system works, including timing on when decisions are made, and the benefits of PowerSchool for the parents that don't use it.
 - For parents using powerschool, their phone number needs to be coded as a mobile phone for them to receive notifications. If it is listed as a home phone, they will not get a notification.
 - We reviewed the draft of the school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year, and discussed how families felt about inservice days - using them as full weeks, or individual days. Most families agreed that individual days throughout the year made the most sense for them.
 - The state approved budget increases back in November of '25. Hempfield SD will see a budget increase of about \$1 million for the year with increases towards basic education funding, special education funding and a hardy increase to Ready to Learn Book Grants (Adequacy Funding). Total increase netting out to \$1,043,558.
 - Potential local school tax increase around 4.1%
 - The school district is projecting a \$1M deficit in budget this year, but will look to close that gap by year end.
 - Potential allocation of up to \$100 Million for school safety and security (was in limbo in December).
 - The state set aside \$100 million(M) for school facilities improvement grants. Hempfield received \$1.5M in grants last year, and will be asking for more for 2026. No guarantees, but would be nice!
 - We discussed at a high level the Cyber Charter Reform, which is meant to improve charter schools for districts. Basically creating a better, more accountable program for cyber schooling. Hempfield has a good history for Cyber, but the schools would always prefer to have students in person if possible.

- LPC having new HVAC and Ventilators in 2026, semi-old news but was discussed.
 - They gave everyone a run down on how the new lanyard tags work for teachers and staff. What a great addition to keeping students and staff safe within our school district!!

- Vice President's Report - Steve Reich
 - Sunshine Shows has committed to the 5/1/26 Fun Fest Date and a contract has been drafted.
 - Once the 2026 contract is reviewed and approved internally, it will be sent to Sunshine Shows for their signature.
 - I will be looking to schedule a virtual meeting over the next few weeks in order to brainstorm workflow suggestions and ideas on how we can improve the overall Fun Fest experience. If you would be interested in participating, please let me know!

- Family Engagement
 - OBOS starts on 1/26!
 - OBOS Family Engagement Night at LIC on 2/25
 - • Game playing; less electronics and more social interaction game playing
 - • Read every night before bed; ask questions; make predictions; laugh and connect with the book sharing thoughts about the character and themes
 - • Math games: Cranium Games; Rush Hour
 - LPC OBOS will look "different" - Olympic Themed
- Unfinished Business -
 - Do we want to move board elections from September to May? Does it need to be changed in the bylaws?
 - Discussion on creating a new board position as Events Coordinator to oversee committees or parent volunteers with such events as Holiday Shoppe, VIP Dances, Book Fair, Basket Raffle, etc.

- New Business
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Nick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. Molly seconded. All in favor.