

Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

January 21, 2026

In attendance:

Council – Mandy Gerstenbrand, Laura Ulaszek, Andrea Malenfant, Jon Wennstrom, Nicole Dant, Elizabeth Grayson, Kristen Quesada

Guests – Jenna Kuhn and Zachary Kuhn (student), Stephanie Rea, Jessica Westberg, Shanya Rackley, Sarah Benbe

In attendance via Zoom: Lynda Scheel, Megan Moore, Kellie Dummer

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mandy Gerstenbrand.

Introductions around the room.

Approval of the November 19, 2025 meeting minutes motion by Elizabeth G., 2nd by Jon W. Minutes, unanimously approved.

Superintendent Report –Andrea Oquist (not presented, no report)

Elementary Report – Jon Wennstrom, Riley principal

- Reset and review after winter break, PBIS assemblies,
- QUAR visits (Quality Assurance Review)
 - o Niji, Grant, Holmes, LCTC. CHS
 - o District teams visit schools and review goals and plans
- Galileo – Riley hosted, aspiring leaders. Student council got to participate
- CogAT – 6th graders getting ready to take next week. Nine 10-min tests, all computerized
- Niji-Iro: Rice Pounding event Mochitsuki, January 30, all day

Secondary Report – Kristen Quesada, principal at Churchill

- CSA (each marking period, not like finals which were whole semester) finished on Tuesday due to weather closure
- Report cards – 1/28
- 2/2 – no school, PD day
- 3/5 – spring conferences
- 4/30 – 8th grade DC trips
- Preview Nights:
 - o LCTC 1/22
 - o CHS 1/27
 - o FHS 1/28
 - o SHS 1/29
- CAPA musical: Sponge Bob, 2/13 weekend
- Franklin – Grease, March 12-15
- If you have a graduating senior, check website once a week for new scholarship opportunities

NEW BUSINESS

Chili Cook-Off – Keadin P. (Mandy reported)

- 11 chilis

Reflections – Megan M.

- District results posted, sent to state
- Ceremony – March 25: gallery 6:30 pm. Ceremony 7 pm at Franklin

Founders' Day – Andrea M.

- o Reminder sent out about payments due 2/6
- o All units submitted nominees info for program but one
- o There will be a selfie station, Bel Canto choir from Franklin will be singing, and we will have some volunteer photographers from Franklin
- o Past president and officials invitations went out today

YMAD – Holli K.

- 4/22/26 at Churchill at 6 pm
 - o Commitment forms due 3/1

OLD BUSINESS

Food Service Appreciation event went well

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer – Nicole D.

Corresponding Secretary – Megan M. – No report

Recording Secretary – Laura U. – No report

2nd Vice President – Andrea M. – No report

1st Vice President – Keadin P. – No report

President – Mandy G.

- SOA letters – Lisa Rosco (MI PTA) said she's working on them
- MI PTA Convention: April 17-19 in East Lansing
- Officer training – supposed to be May 20 but this is 8th grade Honors Night (at least at EMS)
- Legislative Convention in DC – Mandy is attending, March 1-4
- Michele Arble's (student accounting) husband wants to donate Vernors Boston Coolers – 70,000 cases
 - o Wants to give us a pallet to distribute to PTAs
- LPS Education Foundation Gala – February 5 – Mandy, Andrea and Nicole will attend
- Elizabeth Grayson application – will vote on next meeting
- Transportation, Warehouse, Maintenance, Printing Appreciation Event – 99 people, March 19

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Mike Testa – no report

Bylaws – Andrea M. – No report

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging – OPEN

ELVs & Math APS – Keadin P. – No report

Founders' Day – Andrea M.

- above

Membership - Nicole D

- 2,147 members

Newsletter – Laura U. – No report

PEP – Keadin P. – No report

Reflections – Megan M.

- Above

STEM – OPEN

Student Engagement – Andrea M. – No report

Website – Laura U.

- Check your pages on the website and send any changes to Laura.

YMAD - Holli K.

- above

Other Business

none

Motion to Adjourn at 6:53 p.m. by Nicole D.