

PTA Public Meeting
February 5, 2026
5:30pm, Spring Glen Elementary Library

Agenda

Call to order & welcome

Reports

1. Principal's report
2. Treasurer's report
3. Board report
 - a. HPS / PEL Capacity and Coherence Review Focus Group

New business

- Someone Special Dance – February 27
- Spring Book Fair - April 27-29th (setup on Friday the 24th after school)
 - Scholastic Dollars
 - Summer book initiative
 - Teacher wishlists
- 5K - Sunday, May 17, 2026

Open discussion

Meeting Notes

Principal's Report:

Monday will be the 100th day of school so there will be activities around that. Saturday will be Spring Glen Day at Quinnipiac's Basketball Game

Treasurer's Report:

Some sales have come in for the Someone Special Dance
Most is going according to budget, membership is a bit behind

Board Report:

Josh participated in a focus group for Hamden PTAs hosted by nonprofit consulting agency for the Hamden School District, which is doing an internal systems audit regarding coherence of the district's vision and mission

Someone Special Dance

Reminders will go out via Kathy. Kathy has a background and stand for photos.
Allison will also be sending out an email via Givebacks.

Book Fair:

We have a lot of Scholastic Dollars which needs to be spent.
The committee has decided it would be best to use cash instead of Scholastic Dollars instead.

5K:

Event will be on Sunday, May 17th
We have the timer that gives official time
Discussion of PayPal/check collection for sponsors.

Open Discussion:

Howard says that students don't have a safe space to play. Bus ramp is not safe due to drivers that miss the entrance to the medical building next door. Walks around the perimeter of the school. Temperature guidelines have been a factor. Not all students have snow gear, and time putting on and off snow gear. Volunteer help for cleanup raises an issue under the custodial contract. The cafeteria requires a new heating unit. Long ago there was a gear library for winter gear but there isn't a lot of storage. PTA bulletin board outside is broken.

Outdoor Committee:

Mural was painted but not fully finished, waiting for warmer weather to paint details
Susan wants to organize a ribbon-cutting ceremony.
Susan has been meaning to email volunteers for the outdoor committee.

Attendance

Josh Groffman
Melissa Whitson
Allison Dickin
Susan Dorfman
Jessica Nasser
Lucy Hardy
Jeff Saerys-Foy
Chloe Ngov-O'Connell
Howard Heinrich
Brendan Woo
Heather Strycharz