FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOL
L'ETOILE DU NORD
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

PTO General Meeting Agenda
October 21, 2026 | 6:15-7:15 pm

6:00 pm — Before Meeting: Fill out a name tag with your name, kids' names, and their grades

6:15 pm — Welcome from PTO President – Rebekah LaCasse

6:18 pm — Read meeting norms and procedures – Anita Faltesek
Today's agenda will be followed by discussion/question time afterwards as time allows. There are sheets on the tables with QR codes for volunteer signups, etc.

6:20 pm — Principal's Update – Principal Barter
Principal Barter is unable to join us tonight due to a family commitment.

6:25 pm — School Nurse Presentation - Amy Blitzer
Audience question: LNFI is peanut-aware, but what about tree nuts? Answer: A teacher will email families if students in a particular class need to avoid tree nuts or other allergens due to particular student allergies in that class.

6:35 pm — Intern Committee – Rebekah LaCasse
- Fall Events
- "Invite An Intern"

There are 6 interns at LNFI this year. Each class has an intern for half of the school day, and Mme Vang and Mme Bissoy have interns for half of the day as well.

Interns are here on a cultural visa, and there are monthly events for them to experience our culture. Recent intern events were a paddleboat cruise and a fall party for interns and host families (including those at Hidden River Middle School and Central High School).

Please consider the Invite an Intern program: you can invite one or more interns to a meal or family activity. The interns love spending time with families!

In December we will start talking about 2027-28 hosting. Families host for half of the year (mid-Aug through mid-Jan or mid-Jan through mid-Jun).

The intern committee is looking for more members. Talk to Rebekah if interested.

6:40 pm — Social Committee – Anna Larson
- Carnaval des Citrouilles
- Staff Appreciation Meals

Carnaval is 5-8 pm Oct 29. It is fall themed and costumes are optional. 100 middle and high school students will be volunteering!

Pay as you wish ($7/person suggested donation). If you can help: volunteer signup + Amazon wishlist

Fall conferences will be Nov 10 and 12, and the PTO will provide staff appreciation lunches (sandwiches/tacos) on these days. Please sign up to donate drinks, chips, desserts, etc.!

6:45 pm Fundraising – Sarah Canfield

- Direct Donation Update
- Davanni's Update

The PTO fundraising committee chair position is open, and we'd love your help! Apply here.

We just completed our direct donation campaign. Approximately ~75% of families contributed. Our goal was $15,000; we raised just under $14,000 and we saw a big increase in recurring monthly donations, which we expect will bring us up to our goal.

We earned $211 from the Davanni's fundraiser on Oct 14.

6:50 pm Communications – Malia Caruso

- French Book Fair
- Red Balloon Book Fair

The online French book fair ended Oct 11; we will have another in the spring.

The in-person book fair will be Nov 10-13. We're switching from Scholastic to Red Balloon this year. Sign up here to volunteer.

Will include books in French
Fewer trinkets compared to Scholastic
Kids (2nd-5th grades) will have a chance to shop during the school day

Membership Toolkit is an online family directory app. We encourage you to opt in! This is a great way to connect with families (for example, to set up a play date with another family).

LNFI spirit gear (shirts/sweatshirts) will be for sale at Carnaval des Citrouilles, and families will be able to place an order for spirit gear soon (will be received before winter break).

6:55 pm New Business

- Board Member Vote: Emily Hautala for Social Co-Chair
- Still Seeking Board Members: Intern Chair, Fundraising Chair, Communications Co-Chair
- Community Discussion: What does our LNFI Community Need?
    - Talk at table or fill out suggestion form

Apply here for the PTO board! Apply by Nov 15 to be considered at our next meeting.
Emily Hautala was approved as social co-chair. Congratulations, Emily!
Please use our online suggestion box to give feedback to the PTO. We appreciate your input.

7:10 pm Wrapping Up

- Volunteer Survey
- Next Meeting: November 18, 2026

Please complete this volunteer survey if you would like to get involved.

Our next meeting will include a potluck dinner and the interns will be at the meeting to talk about their experiences thus far. We hope you can make it!

7:15 pm Adjournment