



# Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes

April 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by Keith Harvey.

## I. Executive Officers' Report

### A. Executive Board Meeting Date

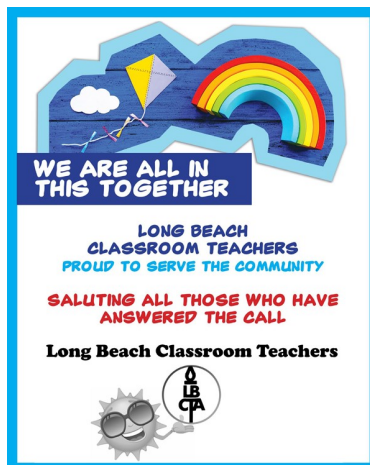
6/8/20

B. I hope this newsletter finds you well. Let me start by saying thank you for everything you are doing. There has been a tremendous amount of positive feedback regarding your work from parents, administrators and School Board.

C. The district has issued grading procedures for the final marking period and final grades for the year. Like the Continuity of Learning Plan, please make sure you have read and understand the procedures. Two other topics that will affect the end of the year are APPR and tenure. This year's tenures are tentatively scheduled for the June 9<sup>th</sup> BOE agenda. NYS Education Department will be meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss APPR. More information will follow. With the current closure extended until May 15, we look forward to working with the district to help make the closing of the school year as special and memorable as possible for all our students.

### D. LB Herald Ad

The following ad will appear in the Long Beach Herald's 4/30/20 special section saluting local health care workers. All proceeds will be used to provide donations of meals, treats and gifts for local health care workers. Thank you to the LBCTA Public Relations Committee for preparing the ad.



Keith Harvey

*President*

Karen Bloom

*Executive Vice-President*

Amy Leder

*Vice-President for Secondary Schools*

Beth Prostick

*Vice-President for*

*Elementary Schools*

Patricia Van Loon

*Recording Secretary*

Elleen Parks

*Corresponding Secretary*

James Fiola

*Treasurer*

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**E. LBCTA End of the Year Celebration**

Unfortunately, the End of the Year Celebration to honor our retirees on May 20, must be postponed. Once businesses open, we will be communicating with Bridgeview for a future date.

**F. Long Beach Board of Education**

Budget—The Long Beach Board of Education is still waiting on guidance on how to conduct the Budget and Board election vote. The procedures are currently in limbo. The LB budget as last presented was a 2.1% increase with a tax levy increase of 1.81%. The board will be meeting again on 4/28/20 to continue discussing the budget.

**G. Building Rep Elections**

The Executive Board of the LBCTA passed a resolution to postpone all building rep elections until 6/8/20 or the reopening of Long Beach Public Schools whichever comes first.

**H. NYSTRS Delegates**

Lisa Rundo has volunteered to be our NYSTRS Delegate. This position is unopposed. With the approval of the Executive board, and under the Landrum Griffin statute, I will cast one vote to appoint her as our Delegate.

**I. MOA for Summer School**

The District has once again contracted Nassau BOCES to run a Regional Summer School Program in Long Beach. We have signed the MOA which is very similar to the one from last year. What it looks like and whether it can happen will be determined based on state guidance on the current situation.

**J. Payroll Direct Deposit Stub**

Beginning with the 4/24/20 pay date, employees with direct deposit should have received their pay stub as an email PDF attachment rather than a hard copy check stub. We thank the district for implementing this process during this time.

**K. Eyeglass Reimbursement—Reminder**

We are in year two of a two-year cycle for eyeglass/contact purchases. Members have \$400 to spend on glasses/contacts. On the [form](#) you will attest that the glasses are for your personal use. Completed claim forms with receipts attached must be sent to the HR department in Administration, or email Dr.Natali

**L. FLEX Spending Plan**

With the Covid-19 crisis schools as well as employers are closed. This situation allows for changes to a dependent care election. If you need to make a change to your day care election you completed the Change of Status [form](#) (found under Resources/Forms) and turn it into your employer.

**M. Study Money Date—Reminder**

There is one more opportunity to participate in the Study Program: Summer-May 8, 2020. Members with permanent or professional certification may apply for up to \$1,750 in study money per semester. The application is available online at [Request for Participation in Study Program - Group A](#). Completed applications can be mailed to Long Beach School District, Attention: Human Resources, 235 Lido Blvd, Lido Beach 11561 or you can scan your application and e-mail it to Dr. Natali at [mnatali@lbeach.org](mailto:mnatali@lbeach.org).



**N. Long Beach Teacher Center**

The following members will be appointed to the Long Beach Teacher's Center Policy for a two year term;

Michelle Root (2022) Lido School	Crysti Busching (2022) Lido School
Patricia Van Loon (2022) LBMS	Jennifer Garrett (2022) LBMS
Keith Harvey (2022) LBCTA President	

## II. Committees

### A. Negotiation Committee—Chief Negotiator’s Report—Keith Harvey

The committee is actively meeting in an effort to secure a successor agreement prior to the current one expiring.

## III. Treasurer’s Report—Jim Fiola

### A. March Financial Results

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
NYSUT	\$15,444	Union Dues	\$40,770
AFT	9,473	Total	\$40,770
Taxes and Insurance	7,082		
Officer and Rep Stipends	24,296		
Donations	6,000		
Total	<u>\$62,295</u>		

B. I hope that you are all safe and healthy. Please consider donating a sick day to the sick day bank now that the bank is at 0. You can listen to the School Board Meetings via a phone conferences. Thank you for reading the minutes and please encourage your fellow members to do the same.

**If you have any changes to your personal file (address, name, etc.), please email them to me at [jfiola@lbeach.org](mailto:jfiola@lbeach.org).**

C. Union dues for 2019/2020 for full-time members will be \$1,017.96. The break-out is \$397 local, \$378 NYSUT, \$234.36 AFT dues and \$8 PTA. \$101.80 will be taken from your first check of the month (except September when it will be taken out of the second check on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>) and will show up under the column “MDED-03.” We are determined to keep your dues as low as possible while still meeting our local obligations and making charitable contributions to the Long Beach community.

**2019 union dues for tax purposes for full time members was \$1,016.56. The new tax deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## IV. Building Reports

### A. West School

1. Thank you to West School’s own Giulia Simone and her sister Theresa for creating a Facebook page [Serving Those Who Serve Us](#) and obtaining donations. They then used the money to purchase food from local restaurants and deliver to hospitals and EMS workers between three to five times a day. We are so thankful for you both.

2. A shout out to Mrs. Dirolf and D.J. Kugelman for the West School Zoom Dance Party we had last week. It was so much fun to see the West School families coming together to have some dance time. Families met in sessions K-1, 2-3, and 4-5, on Zoom and we all danced up a storm. ♥

3. A shout out to all the teachers, support staff, assistants, clerical workers, and custodial staff for their support. The collaboration and team work has been a gratifying experience.

4. Thank you to Superintendent Gallagher for her guidance and direction during this time of doubt and uncertainty.

5. Thank you to the Administrators and Instructional Coaches for their encouragement and resources.

**B. Lindell School**

1. Congratulations to Kelly Mooney on the birth of her twin girls, Mary Lillian and Margaret Genevieve.
2. Congratulations to Jenna Pierson on the birth of her baby girl, Gracie Rose.
3. Welcome to Lauren Muscarella who is filling the leave replacement for Kelly Mooney.
4. Welcome back to Jenna Pierson and Danielle Lopez from maternity leaves.
5. Condolences to Stephanie Esposito on the passing of her mother.
6. Thank you to all the Special Area teachers for setting up wonderful Google Classrooms and/or websites for the students to join.
7. Thank you to all the teaching staff for the incredible job they are doing during the pandemic.

**C. East School**

1. Congratulations to Becky Wesselhoft on the birth of her son, Tyler Daniel.
2. Congratulations to Tamara Sommers on the birth of her son, Thomas George.
3. Congratulations to Zoe Irwin on the birth of her son, Oliver.
4. Congratulations to Christina Baldeo on the birth of her daughter, Madison.
5. Condolences to Mary Jane Rochford on the loss of her mother.
6. Thank you to Dr. Gallagher for your updates, not only for the families of LB but for us too.
7. We would also like to thank all the Long Beach Administrators for being supportive during this unprecedented time.

**D. Lido School**

1. Condolences to Brad Wofsy for the loss of his grandmother.
2. Kudos and much love to Kirsten Golden and Emily Ciavarella for the great lip sync videos for our families. The videos are amazing!
3. Thank you to Dr. Hernandez, Ms. Weiss, and all of the staff who have planned Lido Virtual Spirit Week, Morning Announcements, Virtual Dance Party, and Gratitude Week. These activities help us stay connected and put a smile on the faces of our students and families.
4. Thank you to the Long Beach administration for the great lip sync video, *High Hopes!* The video and all of the support is greatly appreciated.
5. Thank you to Adrian Gioulis, Joyce Petrosino, and the Compassion Center team for setting up The Compassion Center via Google Classroom for our staff to have access to strategies for self-care.
6. Thank you to Dr. Gallagher for the daily updates. Your leadership and thoughtfulness during this time are appreciated!

**E. Pre-K**

1. Thank you to the administration team, technology department, and especially the teachers for helping to create and roll out the remote learning plans.
2. Thank you to the families that are implementing the remote learning plans.
3. Thank you to all of the students that are working so hard to adjust to the remote learning.
4. Thank you to the custodial staff for keeping our buildings safe and clean.
5. Be well and stay safe.

**F. Middle School**

1. Thank you to Keith Harvey and our LBCTA officers for all of their continued efforts during this time.
2. We would like to thank Dr. Gallagher and the entire Long Beach Administrative team for being supportive during this unprecedented time.

3. Kudos to our Permanent Subs (Regina DiBono, Marie DiGiovanni, Christina Gardrvits and Mike Vasikauskas) for the creation of our virtual Spirit Classroom. Thank you to our hosts of our daily LBMS Radio Show via Zoom: Michael Vasikauskas, Caroline Epsinet and Runnie Myles. This upbeat show includes announcements, guest interviews, and fun facts .
4. Thank you to Jaysha Teemer and everyone that participated in our LBMS “We Miss You” video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPEaoBEokWg>
5. Thank you to Billy Papetti and everyone that participated in our LBMS “The Nights” lip sync video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANg5njsliC8>
6. Condolences to Elizabeth O’Brien on the loss of her father, William (Bill) O’Brien.
7. Condolences to Jennifer Garrett on the loss of her mother-in-law, Suzanne Nolan.
8. Condolences to Melissa Hartman on the loss of her father, Matthew Martin.
9. Condolences to Glen Gartung on the loss of his father, William Gartung.

**G. High School**

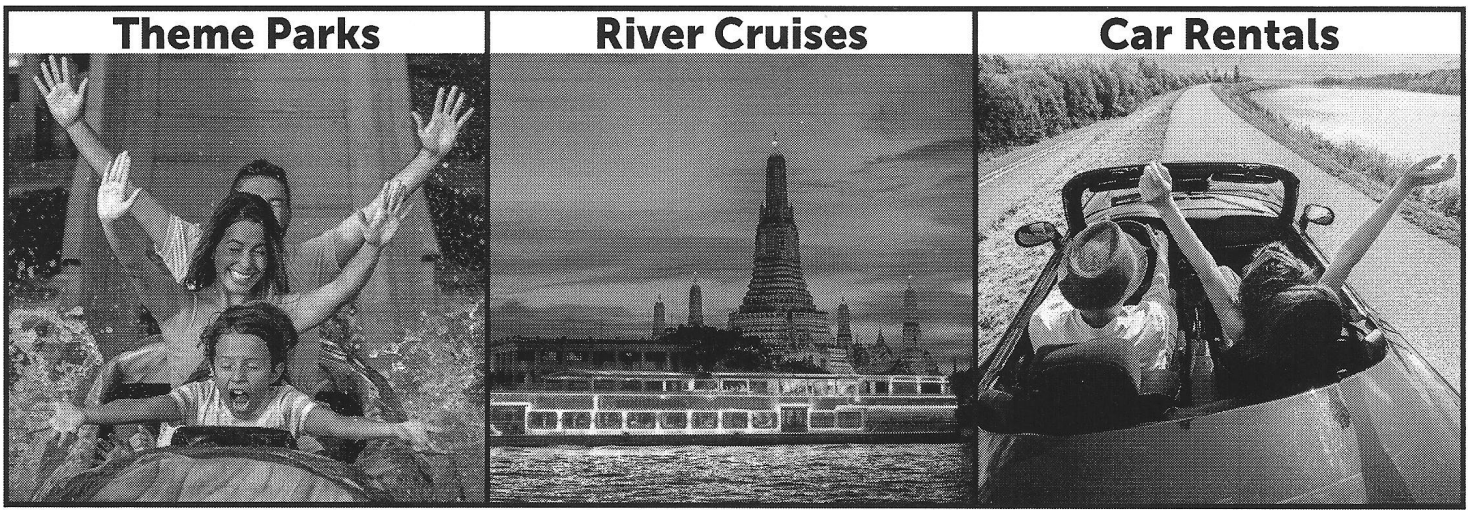
1. Thank you to Dr. Gallagher, The School Board, Central Administration, and Building Administration for their understanding and compassion during this very difficult time.
2. Thank you to all of the teachers for their hard work and professionalism. Many of you have learned new methodology and techniques in order to meet the needs of your students.
3. Condolences to Janet and Samantha Lotito on the loss of their mother and grandmother.
4. Condolences to Cherie Mannarino on the loss of her father.
5. Congratulations to Neal Campbell on the birth of his daughter.
6. Congratulations to Enza Russo on the birth of her daughter.
7. Congratulations to Jessica Tull on the birth of her daughter.
8. Congratulations to Deb Capodiferro on the birth of her grandson.
9. Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Lovrich on her recent retirement.
10. Thank you to Mr. Myers and Chris Genduso for assisting staff in securing items from the building.
11. Please read Dr. Romanelli’s email regarding grading procedures
12. Please follow the online learning schedule. This will make it easier for students and teachers.
13. Wishing everyone and their families are safe and healthy during this challenging period.

At 4:13pm, a motion was made by Beth Prostick to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Matthew Hartmann.

**In Attendance:**

West: Cheryleann Fontenot, June Schecter  
 Lindell: Heather Puckhaber, Lisa Rundo, Susan Simons  
 East: Jennifer Diamond, Jennifer Maggio  
 Lido: Dana Monti, Dorothy Lopez, Marilyn Pilo  
 Pre-K: Molly Drake  
 LBMS: Jennifer Garrett, Lauren Behan, Alison Katulka, Stacey Mason, Kaitlin Smith  
 LBHS: Jonathan Bloom, Lisa Casey, Matthew Hartmann, Greg Milone, Jay Spitz, Camila Gamboa  
 Retiree: Frank Volpe  
 Officers: Keith Harvey, Karen Bloom, Beth Prostick, Amy Leder, Patricia Van Loon, Elleen Parks, and Jim Fiola

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.



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