

Robbins Lane PTA: Minutes January 15, 2025

Meeting called to order at 10:01am.

Introduction (Lori):

Thank you everyone for joining us this morning. Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed your time with family. Before the break, the PTA sponsored some great things for the kids to kick off the holiday season. They had a great time shopping at the Annual Holiday Boutique, we gave them chocolate milk and cookies on Polar Express day, and we helped put together a New Years celebration complete with Streamers and a Balloon Drop. Please don't forget we have our monthly school store that is open during lunch - look out for those reminders! Thank you again for continuing to support the PTA so we can keep doing all of these wonderful things for our children.

We have some great events coming up in the next couple of weeks and we hope to see you all there. We have our AMAZING Bingo night coming up and a few rec nights scheduled. Coming up next month we have PARP kicking off and our Special Person dance - We will be giving you all the information about these wonderful events in just a few minutes.

MINUTES: The minutes from the December meeting were posted online. There were no corrections, so the minutes stand approved as read.

RECONCILIATION REPORT:

As of January 5th 2025

Ending checking balance: \$44,564.72

Ending saving balance: \$1.00

Total Cash on hand: \$44,565.72

For the five months ending December 31st 2024:

Total revenue: \$68,907.41

Total expenses: \$60,272.32

Net Income: \$8,635.09

As of January 5th 2025

Outstanding Checks: \$2,114.92

All balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Melissa Hendricks, Thank you!

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received so many thank you messages from staff members thanking the PTA for the holiday gifts and breakfast. They are all up her at the table if anyone would like to read them.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Ms. Daress retired as the chorus teacher and now we welcome Ms. Buckley. Ms. Shanley returned from her leave and Ms. Irving returned as well. End of the 2nd quarter is coming. Look out for report card soon. The state test is coming up so look out for information on it.

COMMITTEES:

1ST VP - Nina Grieco

Speak :

- PARP - week of 3/3 - 3/7. Will be based off class reading now.
- Multicultural night - 3/28. Sign up going out this week. Please sign up!
- We need a 4th grade parent volunteers for moving up

2ND VP - Lynette Birnbaum

Thank you:

- 5th grade committee for the Ice Skating event, Raise Right Gift Card sale, Candy Bouquets and snack sale at the Winter Concert, Front row seat raffle, yearbook planning and all the hard work they are doing to fundraise for the 5th graders to have an amazing year!
- 1st Rec Night- Jesse Streitman and all the parent volunteers
- Holiday Boutique- Jeanne Choi and Su Hu

Speak:

5th Grade- Danielle

- Discount Cards still available 15% off on memberhub
- Raise Right shop online fundraising continues
- Sign up genius for pantry donations- we'll need snacks and drinks to sell
- Talent Show 3/7
- Chipotle Fundraiser 1/22/25

Yearbook- Staci

- Scrapbook Pages are on sale for \$25. You design, purchase, and pay directly to the yearbook site. There is a link that was sent out to all 5th grade parents. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

2nd Grade Rec Night 1/24/25- Lynette or Ally Zubli

3RD VP - Jen Hemdev

- Special Person dance - 2/7 Maybe Janine will speak about the below. This year's theme is let's glow crazy! Students bring your special adult. One adult per student. Wear your fluorescent or white attire even a white T-shirt will do! Sign up genius should be going out in next day or so.

There will be crafts

A DJ

Photo booth

A different type of dessert table

All included for \$10!

Purchase your tickets now

4TH VP - Jenny Kombogiannis

Speak:

- Septa Update

Our next meeting **will be VIRTUAL** and is scheduled for **Thursday, January 16th at 7:45pm**. The Syosset School District's PPS team will present on the topic on how to prepare for your upcoming CSE meeting. Zoom info will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Take the night off from cooking and save the date for our upcoming fundraiser on Tuesday, February 4th at Mario's Pizzeria of Syosset. You can order lunch and/or dinner from 11am to 10pm - just be sure to tell them you are ordering for SEPTA, as Mario's will be donating 15% of the proceeds back to SEPTA.

- Bingo Night - Melissa Hendricks, chair:

Bingo Night will be on Friday January 31st. We will have 2 sessions, 5:00-6:00 for k-2 and 6:15-7:15 for 3-5. Cost is \$5 for bingo or \$8 for bingo, pizza slice, and a drink. Tickets available on givebacks.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE (Carla):

Sorry I could not be here today.

Our elected nominating committee for the 2025/2026 Executive Board are: Nina Greico, Staci Rogove, Lynette Birnbaum, Len Pusposuharto & Jasmeet Baweja

In last Sunday’s email, we announced the opening of the nomination process for our Executive Board for the 2025-2026 school year. The email included a nomination form, and you are welcome to nominate yourself or someone you believe would be an excellent candidate.

The chair of the nominating committee will now describe the available positions Nominating Committee to introduce roles: (Staci reads the following):

*The Co-President plays a key role in making important decisions for the PTA. They help oversee events, create committee chair lists, develop a manageable budget, and address potential challenges. The Co-President also leads all PTA meetings and attends Council Meetings. This esteemed position comes with many benefits, including building meaningful relationships with teachers, administrators, and parents across the Syosset School District. Additionally, it offers the incredible opportunity to play a significant role in bringing valuable programs to the school—an experience that is truly priceless.

* The Treasurer is responsible for managing all financial aspects, including handling checks, banking, audits, and budgeting.

* Vice Presidents serve as a vital support system for their committees, providing ideas, assisting at events, finding solutions, and acting as a liaison between the committee, administration, and PTA policies and regulations.

* Our Corresponding and Recording Secretaries handle much more than reading and writing. They are responsible for managing meeting agendas, minutes, emails, calendars, and the website. These are two separate roles. The most unknown role is that of the Council Delegate.

* A Council Delegate is a committee member responsible for implementing programs across all schools in the district. While our PTA collaborates with the principal to approve ideas and programs, the Council works directly with the superintendent and district administration. As a Council Delegate, you are required to attend a monthly Council Delegate meeting as well as a meeting for your assigned committee. Examples of committees include the Annual District Election and Budget Vote, Communications

Conference, Cultural Unity, Curriculum Enrichment, Parent Resource Group, and many more. If elected, you can request placement on a specific committee, though assignments are not always guaranteed.

These roles are the driving force behind the PTA, ensuring everything runs smoothly. They also serve as the face of the PTA, representing it at various events and always being present when financial transactions occur, such as at boutiques, carnivals, and book fairs. The PTA could not operate as efficiently without their dedication and hard work.

So PLEASE, we encourage you to consider submitting your name for an Officer or Delegate position. Nomination forms and deadlines are available online. If you wish to continue in your current role, please submit your intent to renew for a second term to be considered for re-nomination. Thank you for your willingness to serve in these esteemed positions!

OLD BUSINESS:

Is there any old business?

NEW BUSINESS:

Art to remember - purchase your child's artwork by 1/17

Request to increase budget for Special Person's Dance to \$1700. Increase approved!

- District Budget session is 2/10 Session 2 is 3/10 session 3 is 4/23 Budget hearing 5/10 and election and budget vote is 5/20 6pm-9pm. Sending out a flyer soon.
- Valentines Day parties will happen 2/14, but don't have times yet.

IMPORTANT DATES:

January:

1/20	No School (Martin Luther King Day)
1/24	2nd Grade Rec Night
1/28	Lunar New Year Parade in school
1/29	No School (Lunar New Year)

February:

2/3	School Store Open During Lunch
2/3-2/7	PARP

2/7	Special Person's Dance
2/12	PTA Meeting (pm)
2/13	100th Day of School
2/14	PS I Love You Day
2/17-2/21	No School (President's Week)
2/28	3rd grade Rec Night

Meeting Adjourned at 10:31am.