Robbins Lane PTA: Agenda October 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10:02am.

INTRODUCTION:

We started the meeting with a DASA presentation from the committee. Mr. Beiner and Ms. Spiegel presented. Our school is a gold star for “No Place for Hate”. Now we have been asked to be an ambassador to help other schools. They discussed what DASA is…it protects all public school students in NYS from harassment and bullying. It’s based on identity based bullying (physical appearance, religion, culture). Discussed what the word bullying really is. They gave scenarios and we had to decide if it was “bullying under the DASA act”. They explained the DASA reporting procedure.

PRESIDENT - LORI

Good morning and thank you for attending our first morning meeting of the school year! It is hard to believe it is already October. September flew by with some great programs and events and a lot of planning for future ones.

We kicked off the first week of school with the Extreme Magic of Eric Wilzig. Thank you to our Curriculum Enrichment committee who helps bring these amazing programs into the building for our children. You will hear more about these programs and other upcoming ones in their future committee reports.

It was nice to see so many faces at the welcome back picnic last month. We had a great turnout and hope to continue to see you all at our future events.

If you have not already, we ask you to please sign up for PTA membership. We are working towards our membership goal for the year and each membership helps fund these amazing programs and events we put on for the children. Remember, only paid PTA members get access to the directory app. If you have questions about how to sign up please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events, like the Fall Festival on 25th!! You will be hearing about all these upcoming events from the rest of the board

MINUTES: The minutes from the September meeting were posted online. We hope you had a chance to review them. There are no corrections so the minutes stand approved as read.

RECONCILIATION REPORT: The books have been reconciled by Dayna.

As of October 6th 2024
Ending checking balance: $35,505.56
Ending saving balance: $1.00
Total Cash on hand: $35,506.56
For the three months ending September 30, 2024:
Total revenue: $10,655.73
Total expenses: $11,079.80
Net loss: $424.07
As of October 6 th 2024
Outstanding Checks: $1,543.03

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you from Mrs. OBrien for the start of school year and bagel breakfast and ice cream truck we provided for the teachers.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Meyers mentioned that the wifi service has been updated last night! No more pre-approved password. The server is called SYO guest 2. We are starting clubs the first week in November. Some new clubs (STEAM, kindness club, gardening)…open to various grade levels. They meet during lunch/recess. Finally, we are changing the paint colors on the walls. All hallways will be painted within the next few months. Thank you to Ms. Shanley and custodial staff for their hard work during this project.

COMMITTEES:

<u>1ST VP - Nina Grieco</u>
Thank You:

- Arts in Ed - Welcome back Eric Wilzig
- Welcome Back Picnic
- School Store - Made a lot of money and will restock what has been sold out.

Speak:

- Arts in Ed - Journeys in in 2 weeks for 4th grade
- Scholarship Fund

- Catalog Sale - extended to October 18th.

2ND VP - Lynette Birnbaum

Thank you:

- 5th grade committee for Discount cards, Ralph's fundraiser, hugely successful car wash! and all the planning and hard work they are doing to fundraise for the 5th graders to have an amazing year!

Speak:

5th Grade- Danielle

- Discount Cards
- Sobol's Nov 3 11AM-4PM
- Amazon Links for raffle donations and pantry donations
- Smillows (Sabrina)
- Gift Cards - (Staci)

Yearbook Packet and Photoshoot - Staci spoke about the yearbook packet and reminded all 5th grade parents to sign up for a slot to have a special picture taken for the yearbook (different from picture day photos).

Reflections- Lynette (for Maria) - Theme is Imperfections…will do incentive for grades to participate.

Book Fair- Claudia - November 7th

Publicity- Lynette - Continue to check Smug Mug for updated pics from around school or from our events.

3RD VP - Jen Hemdev

Thank you:

Spirit wear thank you to Jenn Bitterman and Janine Gravina. We made $1270 and had 63 orders. I'm waiting on a confirmation on when we will be distributing the orders. We are looking to offer possibly some holiday apparel so stay tuned!

Speak:

- Pie sale –
  This year pie sale starts October 21 and will end Nov 15. Distribution will be the day before Thanksgiving break.
  We will offer award winning pies, breads, soups, dips and cookies this year! There will also be gluten free items.
- School and Community - Event was great. New families were able to get to know other members of the community and other people in the community.

4TH VP - Jenny Kombogiannis

Speak:

- Melissa Hendricks will speak about our Fall Harvest that will be held on October 17th. Parents can shop after school. Kids will shop during the day.
- Janine Odell will speak about Fall Festival being held on October 25th. The event will be split into 2 sessions, k-2 and 3-5. Snacks for purchase. Advance purchase is $8 or $10 at the door. We really need a ton of volunteers. Sign up genius for food donations if you prefer.

- SEPTA Update:
  SEPTA is a district wide PTA whose primary role is to promote acceptance and inclusion of all by providing resources and support to parents, teachers and children who receive special education services through an IEP, 504 Plan, related support services such as resource room, counseling, speech, occupational or physical therapy and students who are twice exceptional or gifted. Our main source of fundraising is our membership drive, so please join! Also back by popular demand is our membership discount card, which is free with every membership. This card gives discounts at local stores such as Ask Alice, Fratonis, Sandwich Express and much more!
  https://syossetsepta.memberhub.com/store

- Legislation:
  This month we need to vote on resolutions, which were sent in the email blast. To save time we will be taking a block vote, which means we will read each resolution/bylaw amendment and discuss or answer questions that people may have. Once all resolutions are read/discussed, then we will take a vote on all the retentions first, then all the rescissions, then all the updates, and finally the new resolutions. Please take a few minutes to

review and we will vote on the resolutions later this morning. Remember you can only vote if you are a paid member.

I would like to ask for a motion to use block voting for the proposed resolutions and amendments:

1 - maker of the motion

2 - seconds the motion

Any objections? There were no objections

There being no objections, the motion to vote on proposed resolutions and amendments by block vote passes by acclamation."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Carla

Thank you again for joining us today! We love seeing both familiar and new faces at our meetings and hope you'll continue attending throughout the year. As you've noticed, our meetings are full of valuable information and offer a great way to stay connected with your children, the school, and the community.

All new students should have received an RL PRIDE shirt from the PTA and are encouraged to wear them on PRIDE days or during PRIDE assemblies. Today was the first PRIDE celebration, and I've heard it was a huge success!

I wanted to take a moment to highlight some of the great events that have taken place or are coming up. The school store has been a huge success, and I'd like to thank all the families for sending a few extra dollars each month—the kids really seem to love it! The birthday bins have also been a big hit! I've heard such positive feedback from both parents and students about how excited they are to celebrate birthdays at school again. Don't forget, the Fall Harvest sale is happening next week, so mark your calendars for your child to shop! Lastly, be sure to grab your fall festival tickets. I know how hard the team is working to make it an unforgettable event—it's honestly one of my favorites!

Be sure to keep an eye on our emails to stay updated on all our events and fundraising efforts. You should receive our weekly email every Sunday, along with a midweek reminder on Wednesday. If you're not getting them, please see us after the meeting, and we'll make sure your email address is added. These emails always include important information from the PTA, the school, and the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

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- Legislation:

  The Leg Chair states: “I hope everyone had time to look over the resolutions. As a reminder, only paid members can vote. The vote this evening will be taken to the NYS PTA convention which will be on November 15th-17th. There are no Resolutions this year.

  The Leg Chair states: Amendments to the bylaws

The president states:
“At this time we would like to take a block vote on the proposed bylaw amendments for NYS PTA. There are 3 proposed amendments. Are there any objections to the proposed amendments? As there are no objections, the vote has passed by acclamation. Thank you all for voting. The resolutions have been accepted and now we will ask for a vote of confidence for our voting delegates to bring our vote to council and to NYS PTA.” All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? Vote of confidence is approved.

Once you have voted on your resolutions, **you then must ask for a vote of confidence from your membership to bring their vote up to convention**. Remember you also have to bring your vote up at the next Council meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES: October & November

10/8	PTA Meeting (AM)
10/14	No School (Columbus Day)
10/17	Harvest Sale (Day)
10/18	Catalog Sale
10/18	K Rec Night
10/25	Fall Festival (PM)
11/1	No School (Diwali)
11/4	School Store Opened During Lunch
11/5	No School (Election Day)
11/7	Fall Book Fair
11/11	No School (Veteran’s Day)
11/13	PTA Meeting (pm)
11/27-11/29	No School (Thanksgiving)

Meeting Adjourned at 11:02am.