

## Robbins Lane PTA: Minutes June 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm..

### Introduction (Lori):

As my term as Robbins Lane PTA Co-President comes to a close, I just want to take a moment to say *thank you*—to all of you.

Thank you for volunteering your time, for showing up to meetings, for jumping in at events, and for supporting every fundraiser, every flyer, every last-minute idea we threw your way. Your support has meant the world to me, and truly, we couldn't do any of this without you.

To the incredible ladies up here with me—my co-president Carla, who has been such a steady, thoughtful, and supportive partner through it all—I could not have done this without you. To our VPs, Lynette, Jenn, Nina, and Jenny, our Treasurer Dayna, and our Secretaries, Staci and Melissa—thank you for being there for every event, every meeting, every crazy idea, every “can you just” moment. You've answered every text, laughed through the chaos, and said yes over and over again. You made all of this not just possible, but fun.

Mr. Meyers—thank you for always being such a champion of the PTA and for trusting us to dream big and run with it. Your support makes such a difference.

And to our amazing committee chairs and delegates—thank you for your creativity, energy, and follow-through. We could not pull off a single event without your dedication and hard work behind the scenes.

The past two years have been busy and a little wild at times, but I've loved every minute—even the last-minute ones! Being in this role has reminded me over and over again how lucky we are to be part of a community like Robbins Lane. Together, we've made things happen—big and small—that brought joy and connection to our children and families. It really *does* take a village, and Robbins Lane has one of the best.

Next year will be my last year here at Robbins Lane, and it's a little bittersweet. I've been a part of this PTA since 2018, and what stands out most to me—beyond the events and the fundraisers—are the friendships. Not just the ones my girls have made, but the ones I've made, too. I've truly cherished being part of this community.

Thank you for letting me be a part of it, for always being open to my ideas (especially the slightly crazy ones), and for answering my *many*—okay, *millions*—of texts.

Dayna, it's your turn now! I'm so excited to pass the torch to you. Carla has been an amazing co-president, and I know you will be, too. I can't wait to keep working with you both next year.

Wishing you all a fun, relaxing, and well-deserved summer. Thank you for everything—from the bottom of my heart.

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

**RECONCILIATION REPORT:**

*As of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025*

*Ending checking balance: \$47,188.70*

*Ending saving balance: \$1.00*

*Total Cash on hand: \$47,189.70*

*For the ten months ending May 31<sup>st</sup> 2025:*

*Total revenue: \$114,340.38*

*Total expenses: \$103,081.31*

*Net Income: \$11,259.07*

*As of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025*

*Outstanding Checks: \$3121.09*

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

*The books close on June 30th!! All your receipts must be in by then. It is important for our budget to be as accurate as possible. Our audit committee will meet again over the summer to officially close the books. Thank you for all your help!*

*A vote was taken to increase the awards budget.*

*Awards budget was increased by \$250*

**PRESIDENTS READ:**

A copy of the proposed working budget for the 2025-2026 school year was sent out via email and copies are on the tables for review. We hope you had time to review it. Are there any questions?

I would like to make a motion for the budget to be adopted as a working budget for the summer. The motion was approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were a ton of thank you notes from teachers for the amazing teacher appreciation lunch. There were a lot of thank you notes from teachers for an amazing circus, the

storyteller we brought in, and the yoga. They are up here at the table if anyone wants to read them.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Mr. Meyers thanked the PTA outgoing president and welcomed the incoming co-president. Ms. Ronzetti and Ms. Bobbi are retiring and we will miss them. Thank you to the PTA for field day involvement and awards to honor staff members. Wished all the 5th grade parents who are leaving the building.

### **COMMITTEES:**

#### **1ST VP - Nina Grieco**

##### **Thank you:**

Thank you to all my committees

##### **Speak-**

Arts in ed:

- Yoga
- LI Science Museum came yesterday for 1st grade
- Jester Jim will be coming back for our end of year assembly, next Weds, 6/18 for all grades.

School supplies

#### **2ND VP - Lynette Birnbaum**

##### **Thank you:**

All of my committees this year, 5th grade committee, yearbook and fun day for all of the hard work they have done all year to fundraise and organize events for the 5th graders to have an amazing year!

Thank you to Melissa Hendricks for a wonderful and successful plant sale.

Thank you to Samantha Witt and Claudia Constantinescu for the BOGO scholastic book fair/family game night- so many families showed up to enjoy the night together and support the PTA!

##### **Speak:**

5th Grade-

- Discount Cards still available \$10!

- Cash donations are still being accepted- please contact one of the chairs
- Raise Right shop online fundraising continues
- Yearbook signing breakfast is 6/18, please fill out the Google form for celebratory awareness and bring your child to school at 8AM that morning - drop off event!!

Publicity- Sign up for Smugmug- Me or Len

Family Picnic- Tuesday 6/17 from 5:00-6:30PM on the field. 5th grade will be selling snacks, drinks and hot pretzels. Bring your own lawn games to this good old fashioned picnic! If you would like to order dinner from Mario's in Syosset, call to place your order, pay, and they will make one big delivery to RL during the picnic or bring your own picnic dinner. The PTA will have an ice cream truck for dessert!

### **3RD VP - Jen Hemdev**

Staff Recognition & Volunteer Thank Yous

I wasn't here last month so wanted to personally take a moment to express a heartfelt thank you to the incredible chairs — Melissa, Janine, Allye, and Lisa — for their dedication and tireless work in making our Staff Recognition week such a success on a way smaller budget. Your teamwork, energy, and attention to detail truly made a difference.

A big shoutout to Len for always being there to support my balloon ideas and that tree was a complete showstopper. You've outdone yourself. I won't forget when I texted her late at night about it and she didn't say Jenn your nuts she hopped on you tube and said we can do this!!!!

To all our amazing volunteers and those who donated — thank you for stepping up and showing up. We couldn't do any of this without you!

Kindergarten Orientation Appreciation

This year's Kindergarten Orientation was a huge success thanks to the help and effort of so many. Special thanks to Lisa and Lynette for sitting at my dining table for hours making badges for all the kiddos!

A personal thank you to my husband for creating an incredibly helpful check-in app that made things easier for everyone.

And finally... once more, thank you Len, for giving me the confidence to blow up my first batch of balloons solo — that was a milestone that only took a few years! 😊

Year-End Gratitude

A huge thank you to all the chairs and volunteers this year. None of these events would have been possible without your time, heart, and commitment.

To the amazing ladies up here with me — thank you not just for all you do for the school and the kids, but for the support, laughs, and late-night texts that got us through it all. I will truly miss working alongside you. The friendships we've built mean so much to me — forged through planning, problem-solving, and yes, a little bit of stress — but mostly through shared purpose and heart. I'll always cherish this time together, and I hope our paths cross again in middle school and beyond. You are more than teammates that I admire— you are friends I'll hold onto.

#### **4TH VP - Jenny Kombogiannis**

##### **Speak:**

Thank you to all my committee chairs for a wonderful school year.

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Carla):**

Wow—what a year it's been! Let me tell you, being president has definitely been an experience. The past presidents made it look effortless, but let me assure you, there are a lot of moving parts behind the scenes. From the 7AM text messages to the late-night events and everything in between—it's been a wild ride (and my phone battery will ever recover!).

But truly, we wouldn't be where we are without every single person in this room. There is no such thing as “too small” when it comes to helping, and your time, energy, and support have made a huge impact.

I want to take a moment to give a special shoutout to the VPs Jenny, Nina, Lynette and Jen and I can't forget their amazing chairs. Let's give them a round of applause. They are truly exceptional, and no one fully understands the amount of planning, creativity, and coordination that goes into each event until they've lived it!

Melissa—thank you for always making sure our families are in the loop with every single detail. If it's happening, Melissa has a flyer (or three) ready to go!

Dayna- thank you for always caring for the budget and keeping us from accidentally spending it all on snacks and themed tablecloths. Your attention to detail is unmatched, and I'm so grateful for it! I'm really looking forward to next year as co-presidents! We have so many fun things in store for you all!

Staci—you were the first VP I ever worked with, and that means so much to me. Thank you for setting such a strong example and being so patient with all of my late agendas submissions!

Lori—This year definitely came with its share of challenges...both at school and in life! There were days I felt like I was juggling flaming torches while riding a unicycle...

blindfolded. But no matter what was going on, you somehow always had it under control.

Your calm, steady leadership made such a difference. While I was sometimes just trying to keep my head above water (and occasionally missed a detail or two that was clearly written in one of your seven perfectly organized texts), you kept everything moving forward with grace and patience.

You were always there to keep things on track through all the ups, downs, and “Wait, what’s happening?” moments. Your ability to stay grounded kept the rest of us from completely spiraling. As a small thank-you, we did a little collection so you can treat yourself to something fun or at least enjoy a PTA-free summer sitting by the pool, not thinking about a single spreadsheet. Thank you for all of your hard work!

A huge thank you to everyone who signed up to chair a committee or volunteer for next year—we couldn’t do this without you. And if you’re still on the fence, now is the time to jump in! There are still spots open, and trust me...no help is too small. It’s incredibly rewarding to see our kids enjoying the events and programs we help bring to life, and knowing you played a part in that is the best feeling.

Wishing you all a safe, sunny, and joyful summer! Can’t wait to hit the ground running with all of you in September!

### **AWARDS PRESENTATION (Lori):**

The following awards will be given out tonight:

#### **ADVOCATE IN ACTION AWARD:**

Presented to an individual to acknowledge the involvement of PTA members in their child’s education as well as in their PTA.

#### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:**

Presented to individuals to recognize outstanding contributions to the welfare of children and youth, and/or to the PTA association.

#### **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

Presented to an individual as recognition of distinguished service to children and youth.

#### **PRESENT AWARDS: (X5)**

**PRESIDENT (Carla):**

Congratulations to all our award recipients. At this time, we would like to induct our new officers and say thank you to our outgoing officers:

**OUTGOING OFFICERS/COUNCIL DELEGATES:**

**President:** Lori Vergos

**Vice Presidents:** Lynette Birnbaum, Jenn Hemdev, Nina Grieco & Jennifer Kombogiannis

**Treasurer:** Dayna Palumbo

**Recording Secretary:** Staci Rogove

**Corresponding Secretary:** Melissa Hendricks

**Council Delegates:** Maria Moshonas, Rui Gao, Claire Simon, Janine Odell, Allison Sheppard Subli, and Lindsey Streitman

- Staci Rogove, Lynette Birnbaum, and Jenn Hemdev are leaving the executive committee. Thank you so much for your service to the PTA!

**INCOMING OFFICERS and OFFICERS REMAINING IN SAME OR DIFFERENT POSITION:**

**Co-Presidents:** Carla Mondelli & Dayna Palumbo

**Vice Presidents:** Melissa Hendricks, Janine Odell, Len Pusposuharto, Lori Bothos

**Treasurer:** Jasmeet Baweja

**Recording Secretary:** Nelli Rahman

**Corresponding Secretary:** Nina Grieco

**Council Delegates:** Jenny Kombogiannis, Joanna Avram, Sabrina Chen, Allyson Zubli, Danielle Krongel, Mariam Khwaja

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**June**

6/17	RL Family Picnic
6/18	5th Grade Yearbook Breakfast - 8am - Drop off
6/19	No School (Juneteenth)
6/24	5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
6/27	Last Day of School

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.