

Robbins Lane PTA: Minutes May 4, 2026

INCOMING OFFICERS and OFFICERS REMAINING IN SAME OR DIFFERENT POSITION:

Co-Presidents: Carla Mondelli and Dayna Palumbo

Vice Presidents: Melissa Henricks, Janine Odell, Len Pusposuharto, Lori Bothos

Treasurer: Jasmeet Baweja

Recording Secretary: Nelli Rahman

Corresponding Secretary: Nina Grieco

Council Delegates: Joanna Avram, Danielle Krongel, Allyson Shepard Zubli, Jennifer Kombogiannis, Mariam Khwaja, Sabrina Chen, Christina Nawabi Nadi, Svetlana Iosilevich

Meeting called to order at 7:50 pm

Introduction:

Good evening, and thank you for joining us for our May PTA Meeting! Unfortunately Dayna could not join us tonight.

It is hard to believe, but we are officially in the home stretch of the school year. While summer is on the horizon, the PTA is still running full speed ahead. In fact, this is one of our busiest and most important times of year.

Not only are we wrapping up some of our favorite end-of-year traditions, but we are also working hard to fill our committees for next year so we can continue bringing the incredible programs, events, and experiences our students have come to love. Our PTA is only successful because of parent involvement, so tonight we ask you to grab a friend, team up, and sign up to help with one or more of our amazing events. Many hands truly make light work.

Even though the school year is winding down, the fun is far from over. Tonight our chairs will share some of the amazing things we still have ahead.

These events create memories for our children and families, and they happen because of the dedication and generosity of this community so we just to thank each and everyone of you sitting here

A very special thank you to Melissa, Jenny, Lisa, and Allyson for planning such an incredible Staff Recognition Luncheon. Your NYC Food Tour theme was such a fun and creative idea, and from the looks of it, the teachers were beyond impressed—and very full, may we add! You truly outdid yourselves, and we are so grateful for all of the time, effort, and thought you put into making our staff feel celebrated and appreciated.

As always, thank you for continuing to show up, step up, and support our students, staff, and school community. Let's make this last stretch of the year a great one.

MINUTES: The minutes from the April meeting were posted online. Are there any corrections? If not, the minutes stand approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of May 2nd, 2026

Ending checking balance: \$ 84,419.77

Total Cash on hand: \$ 84,419.77

For the month ending April 30th, 2026:

Total revenue: \$ 13,017.53

Total expenses: \$5,457.76

Profit of: \$7559.77

As of April 30th, 2026

Outstanding Checks: \$2,871.22

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

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Happy May. We had such a wonderful last week at Staff Appreciation lunch. All the staff and teachers were beyond happy.

Circus Week is taking place in RL. Every grade will take part this week.

1st grade had their curriculum day last week. They learned about the life cycle of a ladybug and habitat.

Two months left to the year; a reminder children need to ride their own bus, they cannot ride with their friends from different buses.

COMMITTEES:

1st VP - Melissa Henricks

Good evening. As many of you have seen from the photos and videos, the PTA threw an incredible Staff Appreciation week this past month. Thanks to the unprecedented generosity of our parents and families, we kicked off the week with bagels and coffee, hosted a phenomenal NYC food tour style luncheon and ended the celebration with a fun spirit day and pretzels and snapples for the entire staff. We shared countless messages of gratitude and praise from students and parents with our teachers and staff that was proudly displayed in the lobby and throughout the week. All of this could not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and creativity that each of the Staff Appreciation committee chairs invested for months to make this happen. A huge thank you to Jenny Kombogiannis, Lisa Li, and Allyson Zubli. We had a lot of fun with this one and you ladies really knocked it out of the park. A special thank you to everyone who took time out to come help us setup, serve and cleanup the luncheon. Judging by the positive feedback we received from teachers and staff it was all worth it! That's about it for me, I hope to see everyone come out to our school end of the year Bingo Bogo event!

2nd VP - Janine Odell

Good evening, first I would like to thank Stefanie Rosenblum whose hard work led to such a successful Talent Show. The talents of these kids ranged from classical music ensembles, to magic, rock performances, dance moves that kept everyone moving in their seats and even a

culinary demonstration. Thank you to all these wonderful student performers who all showcased amazing talents. Also a thank you to Allyson Zubli who was so instrumental in the show running so smoothly.

School Store

This morning the children had a chance to not only shop for themselves but were able to pick up something special for their mothers or another important lady in their lives. Next month will be the last school store and we will have a special item for fathers day as well as some fun items for summer!

Birthday Grams

June is opened so get your orders in.

Arts and Ed

Circus - Nina will speak on Circus

Later this month we will be hosting Author DeAndra Perry who has written a wonderful book called Cam's World. It opens the kids eyes to kindness and has an amazing lesson behind it.

Also in May we are bringing in a workshop for first grade to help build on their butterfly and other pollinators unit. It is such a fun and hands-on workshop.

School Supplies Boxes

While we are all focusing on surviving the next two months of this school year, look out for an email soon about purchasing boxes of school supplies for next year. It is so easy, you just order and it comes right to your house. You do not have to think about running around the last week of August over the summer to get those last few items.

3RD VP - Len Pusposuharto

1.) We're getting excited—Field Day is almost here! Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 18, 2026 with a rain date of June 24. It's going to be a morning packed with fun, laughter, and lots of friendly competition! Field Day shirts will be provided this year for all student. The PTA will be purchasing Ralph's ices and Lia's Pizza for all of the children. The Celebratory Food Awareness Slip was sent home with your child. Please make sure to complete it and send it back to school with your child in order for your child to receive the food by Friday 05/15/26. Please pick which Ralph's ice flavor your child would like. Please complete this online Google form by Friday, 5/15/26 If you do not respond by 5/15/26 we will order a rainbow ice for your child. We will have a sign up genius at a later date to have volunteers sign up to serve pizza and distribute the ice on Field Day. Please be on the look out for PTA email for Field Day coming soon. Thank you to my chairs: Lisa and Joanna hard at work as we plan this event. Thank you.

2.) The Syosset Council of PTAs School & Community invites all Syosset Schools to join their final drive of the school year in Support of The Center for Developmental Disabilities. The Center, located across the street from Syosset High School, provides comprehensive services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It offers a wide range of programs and supports that include day and residential services for both child and adults, employment services and community rehabilitation. This event runs from April 20th to May 15th. There are two ways to donate: 1.) Place a new or gently used item in the Yellow Donation Box in Robbins Lane Lobby. 2.) Donate directly through their Amazon Wish List using the QR code below. Items Requested: Balls, Water Guns, Bubbles, Sidewalk Chalk, Sensory Toys, Interactive Books, and More! See flyer below. Thank you for your support!

3.) The Annual District Election and Budget Vote. You can join the district's Budget upcoming Information Sessions. All district budget sessions will be livestreamed.

* The next meeting for the District Budget Hearing on Monday May 11: 8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

* Finally, the Annual District and Election Budget Vote on Tuesday May 19: 6:00am-9:00pm.

4.) Kindergarten orientation will be on June 2nd. There are about 48 students entering kindergarten in the fall. I will be working with my chairs Lisa and Mengti to plan the Kindergarten orientation.

5.) Publicity: Newspaper Article from the 5th grade car wash was recently published in two local newspaper: Syosset Advance and Syosset - Jericho Tribune. There will be another in the following weeks for Staff Appreciation luncheon. Look out for it if you get those publications. A reminder SmugMug is the photo sharing website the RL PTA uses to share photos with Robbins Lane parents taken at PTA sponsored events. If you do not have access to SmugMug please see me on how to gain access.

Thank you

4TH VP - Lori Bothos

I'd like to start with some thank-yous.

Thank you to Len, Minzi, and Mandy for chairing our 5th Grade Spring Car Wash. The kids had an absolute blast, and having both fire departments there was nothing short of amazing—it definitely turned into more than just a car wash... it was a full event!

Thank you as well to Nina, Jasmeet, and Karrie for keeping everyone well-fed with all the treats.

And a big thank-you to Preeta and Jasmeet for chairing our Mom's Sip & Paint Night. It was such a fun—and very well-deserved—night out. I think we can all agree... we don't get enough of those!

All students recently participated in our Art to Remember Fundraiser in collaboration with Mrs. Shanley. Order forms will be coming home soon, and your child's artwork can be turned into keepsakes like mugs, towels, garden flags, and more—just in time for Father's Day. And of course, a very big thank-you to Mrs. Shanley for making this possible.

If your child is participating in the Spring Orchestra and Chorus Concert on May 18th at HBT, please don't forget to purchase a candy bouquet and enter the raffle for front-row seats. Mr. Meyers will be pulling the winner and making the announcement the morning of the concert—so a little extra excitement for everyone!

We are also currently selling beach and pool towels to support the 5th Grade. Orders are open through May 13th only, so be sure to get yours in—just in time for summer.

And as always, you can continue to support the 5th Grade by shopping through the Raise Right App—it's truly the easiest way to give back while doing your everyday shopping.

If there are any 5th Grade parents here tonight, please be sure to follow us on SportsYou. We are posting a lot of important end-of-year information there, including graduation festivities, so you won't want to miss anything. And if you're not signed up yet, feel free to come see us after the meeting.

Spring Plant Sale

Our Spring Plant Sale is this Friday, just in time for Mother's Day!

Students will have the opportunity to shop with their class during their scheduled times, and we'll have:

- Hanging baskets for \$14
- Vegetables for \$4
- Potted plants for \$6
- And adorable garden decorations ranging from \$2-\$5

Basically, everything you need to make your yard look like you've had it together all spring—even if you haven't!

Please consider sending your child in with money so they can pick out a special gift for Mom—or maybe something the whole family can enjoy.

If you placed a preorder, you will be contacted for pickup on May 7th once everything has been unloaded.

Book Fair

And finally, please save the date for our Annual Evening Family BOGO BINGO Book Fair on Tuesday, June 2nd.

All books are Buy One, Get One 50% off, which makes it the perfect time to stock up for summer reading... or at least *try* to keep the kids reading over the summer!

OLD BUSINESS: Is there any other old business?

NEW BUSINESS:

In order for a council to take a position on the district budget in the name of the council, an instructed vote is required. Each unit's general membership takes a vote and each unit then has one vote on the council. If there is a dissenting unit their vote can be listed as such.

We need to take a vote now on whether our unit supports the proposed Syosset District 2026-2027 budget. Please note this does not ask for nor does it need to indicate how you will personally vote on May 19th.

All those in favor of Robbins Lane supporting the proposed Syosset District 2026-2027 budget?

All those opposed? Robbins Lane votes to (support/not support) the proposed Syosset District 2026-2027 budget.

(Council will report our unit's support/non-support at the May 11th BOE meeting.)

Important May Dates:

Plant Sale - 5/8

Spring Concert - 5/18

End of school event: Scholastic BOGO Sale and Bingo - June 2

Circus Assembly this week May 4 - May 8

No School - May 25, 26 and 27

Meeting Adjourned at _826 pm ____