

Robbins Lane PTA: Minutes March 4, 2025

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 _10:06 am_____

Introduction:

Carla:

Good evening everyone, and thank you so much for joining us tonight. I hope you all had a wonderful winter break! This year is flying by I can't believe we're already at our March meeting. We have some very exciting events coming up, and you'll hear more details about them throughout this mornings meeting. At the end of the month, we'll be hosting Multicultural Night, which is our biggest event of the year! If you're still interested in participating, please come see us after the meeting and we'll be happy to give you more information.

Dayna;

Our Double Good Popcorn fundraiser kicks off on March 9th. Be sure to create your child's profile this week so you're all set and ready to go once the sale begins!

Last month, the PTA decorated the halls to celebrate the 100th day of school, welcoming students with balloons at the entrance. We also provided each class with purple hearts for PS I Love You Day and created a beautiful display in the hallway. If you're not already following us on Instagram, be sure to check it out to see all the photos!

Carla

Our Dough Much Love pizza kits were a huge hit! We received so much positive feedback from parents — and lots of pictures of some very delicious-looking pizza pies. A big thank you to Lia's for partnering with us and helping make this fundraiser such a success.

Later in the meeting, we will be electing next year's Executive Board, so we kindly ask that you please stay until the end. We would also like to thank the Nominating Committee for their time and dedication in preparing the 2025–2026 slate.

Dayna:

Minutes: The minutes from the February meeting were posted online. Are there any corrections?

If not, the minutes will stand approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of March 2nd, 2026

Ending checking balance: \$ 65,513.15

Total Cash on hand: \$ 65,513.15

For the month ending February 28th 2026:

Total revenue: \$ 3,585.25

Total expenses: \$7,574.05

Loss of: \$3,988.80

As of February 28th, 2026

Outstanding Checks: \$2,960.99

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

It's lovely to see such great attendance at our monthly PTA meetings.

PARP Week- was a lot of fun with activities throughout the week, including mystery readers, special guests from the community, and events celebrating reading. Thank you to everyone who participated.

With St. Patrick's Day coming up, we have three teachers who play in pipe bands. They will be performing at all the schools on site with pipes and drums.

After spring break, students in grades 3–5 will begin state testing. Testing begins in 3rd grade. Ms. Speyer will host a parent workshop to answer any questions about the testing process. There is no testing for grades K–2.

We were able to hold recess outside once, which was great for getting the students outdoors.

COMMITTEES:

4TH VP - Lori Bothos

5th Grade Committee

Our 5th Grade has a Movie Night coming up on Thursday, March 12th at 5:45 PM to see the new release *Hoppers*. Families and siblings are welcome, so please be sure to sign up today—we'd love to see a great turnout!

And now, we are calling ALL Robbins Lane Moms!

We are hosting a Mom's Sip & Paint Night on Thursday, April 23rd from 6:30–8:00 PM at Pinot's Palette. This will be such a fun evening—a chance for the moms who juggle it all to relax, unwind, and enjoy some time together. We hope you'll join us!

Lastly, You can continue to support the 5th Grade by shopping through the Raise Right App or by purchasing e-gift cards.

The yearbook is well underway, but we are still missing 21 yearbook packets, so please get those in as soon as possible.

Boosters are also still available for \$5 each if you'd like to include a special message for your 5th grader.

And a heartfelt thank-you to Len and Jeanne for their continued hard work and dedication to

putting together such a special keepsake for our students.

Book Fair

Please be sure to save the date for our Spring Book Fair on March 19th. More details and flyers will be coming home soon.

Recreation Nights

Our 4th Grade Recreation Night was held on February 27th and was yet another successful event. A huge thank-you to Danielle and Mike Krongel for chairing.

Our final Recreation Night of the year will be for our 3rd Graders on Friday, March 13th. Please look for the signup link in the weekly emails.

Recreation Nights are truly a cherished tradition at Robbins Lane. During these evenings, we've also been selling special treats to support the 5th Grade, priced between \$2–\$3, and we truly appreciate everyone who has supported those efforts.

Reflections Program

I am very proud to share that we had 14 Reflections submissions this year, with 5 entries advancing to Nassau County.

We would like to recognize all of our participants today. Each student will receive a special certificate along with a Scholastic Book Fair certificate from the PTA in recognition of their creativity and hard work.

Our participants are:

- Amelia Rahman – Advanced in Visual Arts
- Jackson Witt
- Sebastian Peng
- Stanley Peng – Advanced in Visual Arts
- Harper Zhang
- Nora Wu – Advanced in Visual Arts
- Stevie Perlmutter
- Abigail Domathoti – Advanced in Visual Arts and Photography
- Hannah Lin
- Jaslyn Choi
- Samantha Kaufman
- Romy Kim
- Jeff Zheng

We are so proud of all of you!

Communications Conference

The Syosset Council of PTAs Communications Conference Committee meets with district administrators throughout the year to discuss important topics. Each school's delegates submit questions on behalf of their community.

The committee met last night to compile our community's questions and concerns to be presented to the administration next month. If you have any questions or topics you'd like us to bring forward, please feel free to share them with me.

1st VP - Melissa Henricks

Good morning. The staff recognition chairs (Jenny Kombogiannis, Lisa Li, and Allyson Zubli), are hard at work as we prepare for our staff recognition week April 20-24th with our luncheon on Wednesday, April 22nd. Allyson can you give us some insight on the theme and some of the exciting things we have planned this year. (Alyson speaks).

We are continuing to sell raffle tickets today and at all major PTA events to help make the entire week special. Please purchase a ticket and enter for a chance to win some fun prizes and help kick the week off right!

Parents night out is set for the evening of May 1st. Stay tuned for more details but save the date for what promises to be a great night out and a perfect opportunity to meet and mingle with parents from Robbins Lane. Hope to see you all there! That's all from me for now. See you next month.

2nd VP - Janine Odell

Thank you to my amazing chairs Veronica Morris and Harveen Kaur who put together a hoedown to remember. The gym was transformed into a country barn complete with hay, cornhole, a wanted booth and a chuck wagon with both sweet and savory treats. The students had a great time on and off the dance floor with their special person. Thank you to Len and Dayna for the wonderful balloon arches and to Ameer for helping with the door raffles.

We had two door raffles for a date with your special person, everyone who attended had their name put into the raffle. Salute in Plainview and Chris and Tony's were both very generous to donate gift certificates to make this raffle possible.

School Store

This Monday was the most successful school store this year, thank you Lisa for your hard work every month! Thank you guys for helping the school store be a successful fundraising effort. Next month we will move from some of our winter themed items to spring. Every month we take notes on what the children ask for or would like to see more of so next month we will also be stocking up on some favorite fidget items.

Birthday Grams

April is opened so get your orders in
-Arts and Crafts/Games/Fidget/Plush Party

Arts and Ed

-Storyteller for PARP
-March 18th 2nd grade Mad Science

Talent Show

Friday April 17th

We have extended the sign up until this Friday March 6th so don't miss out!

All acts are welcome, singing, dancing, magic tricks, playing an instrument or having a whole band.

No Gymnastics or weapons of any kind due to potential injury risk

Scholarship Fund

-Playa Bowl First Wednesday of every month.

3RD VP - Len Pusposuharto

1.) We just kicked off PARP on Friday Feb 27 and it ends this Friday March 2. This year's theme is "Paws-itively Wild About Reading." This is such a fun event for the kids. So far we have a lot of involvement and traffic on the website. The kids are so excited to see the bulletin board when they arrived at school. PARP special event and spirit days included: Feb 27 Dr. Rogers visited and did a read aloud in the library with students. Yesterday March 3, we had an assembly with the story teller. Today students are encouraged to wear a favorite book character or animal themed attire. Friday, March 6, students are invited to bring a small stuff animal to school and Mr. Meyers will be announcing a winner for each grade for PARP. A small end of PARP gift will also be distributed to each student. Thank you to my chairs: Nelli, Lulu, and Mengti for all their hard work where they have dedicated a lot of time in making sure things run smoothly. Please continue to encourage your child to read and log on the entry every night. There are also bonus questions and the ability to upload a photo which we send to Ms. Sullivan daily for her to show on the lobby screen.

2.) Multicultural Night is coming on Friday March 27, 2026 6pm to 8pm ! This is a night where we will be celebrating the richness of diversity! Get ready for a night of vibrant colors, delicious foods from around the world, and incredible performances! So far we have 14 countries signed up that includes Afghanistan, China, Germany, England, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and USA. Pre sale tickets will be \$7 per person and \$25 for a family, which includes 2 adults and 4 kids of the same family. Everyone will need a ticket for entry. Tickets will be higher priced at the door. You can purchase tickets on Givebacks or in person after this meeting. This is a great event for our school and one of our biggest event. We had over 500 people in attendance last year and 13 countries represented. Deadline to Sign up for country interest is tonight at 11:59pm. I have a flier here if anyone wants to take a look. Thank you so much to my chairs Sabrina and Harveen for their help as we plan this event.

3.) The Annual District Election and Budget Vote. Be an educated voter! Join the district's Budget Information Sessions!!

All district budget sessions will be livestreamed.

* The next meeting for District Budget Information Session #2 is set for Monday March 9: 8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

* Following the District Budget Information Session #3 on Monday April 20: 8:00pm at South Woods Middle School

* Following 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.

I have a copy of the flier here if anyone wants to take a look at it.

4.) Cultural Unity: The Cultural Unity Committee is excited to invite students to take part in our Celebration of Culture Showcase, happening on April 27, 2026 at HBT Middle School. Students are encouraged to submit a piece of literature, artwork, digital art, photography, or a dance or music composition that reflects one or more of the following questions: What does culture mean to you? How is culture celebrated in your home? What has culture taught you?

Submissions will be organized by grade level: K-2, Grades 3-5, Middle School and High School. All student entries will be proudly displayed at the showcase, and every participating student will receive a small token of appreciation for their contribution.

The submission deadline is Friday, March 13, 2026. Parents can Scan the QR code or submit online. I have a flier here if you want to take a look after the meeting. Please note that all digital submissions must be uploaded at the time of registration. All other submissions will be collected

at a later date by your school representative and displayed at the Celebration of Culture Showcase. For additional information or questions, please contact Mariam Khwaja.

OLD BUSINESS: Is there any other old business? no

NEW BUSINESS: Is there any new business?

Carla:

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered this year! It's been a fantastic year so far, and there's still so much more to come. We're especially excited for Multicultural Night coming up next month!

Dayna:

A special thank you to our nominating committee once again. I'm looking forward to the 2025-2026 year! **We also wanted to mention** that if anyone is interested in signing up for the Awards Committee, we are still looking for chairs! If you'd like to get involved, please come see us after the meeting.

We will now hear the report of the Nominating Committee. Melissa Hendricks, as chair, will be reporting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR: We met on Feb 15 and our proposed slate is as follows:

Proposed Board for 2026-2027 Robbins Lane PTA

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1st VP - Melissa Hendricks

2nd VP - Len Pusposuharto

3rd VP - Lisa Li

4th VP - Veronica Morris

Treasurer - Jasmeet Baweja

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According to our bylaws anyone not nominated by the nominating committee, but wishing to be nominated from the floor, must submit their intent and qualifications in writing to the chairperson of the nominating committee no less than two (2) business days prior to our election meeting. No names have been submitted and nominations are closed.

Our By-Laws state that if there is one nominee for an officer the election may be held by a voice vote.

Name officers and positions and ask them to stand.

PRESIDENT:

All those in favor? yes

(Do not call for opposed votes if you do not have anyone running from the floor.)

Congratulations to the 2026-2027 PTA Officers and Council Delegates. Thank you to the nominating committee: Nelli, Lulu, Ameer and Jenny

Important March Dates:

PARP Week: Feb 27- March 6

Double Good Popcorn fundraiser March 9 - March 13

Book Fair: March 19

Multicultural Night: March 27

Parent teacher conferences will be held on March 10, 12, 17 and 19

Meeting Adjourned at ___ 10:42 am ___

