

Robbins Lane PTA: Agenda February 3, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:48pm.

INTRODUCTION: Welcome everyone and thank you for joining us tonight. We are about half way through the school year and we truly appreciate all of the support we have gotten from everyone. In the next few weeks we will have bingo and PARP (or Pick a Reading Partner for those that are new to the school), including a kickoff assembly that the kids will be sure to enjoy. We look forward to the second half of the year and your continued support. We are always looking for new ideas for virtual events and fundraising. If anyone has any ideas or would like to get more involved we would love to hear from you. Later in this meeting the nominating committee will present the slate for next year's officers, thank you to EJ Axel, Sara Azizollahoff, Shana Baher, Lisa Fong, and Claire Simon for your time.

MINUTES: The minutes from the January meeting have been posted on the website for review. There were no corrections, so the minutes stand approved as read.

RECONCILIATION REPORT: The books have been reconciled and the balance as of February 1, 2021 \$164,741.23. The books have been reviewed by Staci Rogove.

CORRESPONDENCE: There is no correspondence this month

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Ms. Corona couldn't attend the meeting. So Ms. Spiegel spoke about the NWA tests and the scores being posted in the parent portal. Discussed Valentines Day and the procedure for sending in cards. No candy this year. They will also have PS I Love You Day this year. Goal is to build solidarity and anti bullying. Classes will participate in kindness activities. Students wear purple on Thursday, Feb 11th. Parent workshops will continue. The next one is Write it Right after winter break.

COMMITTEES:

1ST VP- Lynette Birnbaum

Speak:

- Reflections - Jen Chao - Gave update on which children were selected. It's delayed due to snow. There won't be in person ceremony to celebrate the students. Instead, they will create a slide show and the PTA will acknowledge them at the next meeting.

2ND VP- Melissa Capie

Thank you:

- Randi Flax - Miko Fundraiser
- Abby, Farryl, and Rachel - Magic and Mentalism

Speak:

- EJ - 5th Grade - Spoke about the Guac Shop fundraiser for the whole month of February. Mention Robbins Lane.
- Small Cakes Fundraiser - Friday 2/5 is the deadline.
- Playing Cards are still for sale with the Syosset logo.

3RD VP - Susan Falkove

Thank you:

- Brenda Wilensky - Ways and Means

Speak:

- PARP - Pooja and Jen: Starts 3/1 and will conclude 3/12. Winners will be announced on 3/15. Theme is Happy Space. Kickoff will be a virtual light show. All students will get glow bracelets. All students will get gifts. The reading competition will still be in place. The website is up and running with activities and videos. Email will be sent with more details.
- Ways and Means - Hot Chocolate Bombs ends on Feb 5th.
- Car Magnets are still on sale!

4TH VP-Aliza Ellenwood

Speak:

- **Community service: Michelle Monegro - soles for souls. Collecting new or gently used shoes. Boxes will be in front of school for collection.**
- **Cultural unity: Liane Rubel - Cultural Buddy program - You can sign up through district website. Will go up on our website too.**
- **SEPTA - Jen Wells - Discussed the budget- SEPTA doing well. Although the budget is going well, as always please join SEPTA- the membership dues help to fund the wonderful programs SEPTA provides. The Membership committee discussed that the membership is at 60% of its usual numbers. You can join on the district website. Raffles were a success. Please visit the SEPTA FB page. Spoke about the senior scholarship-if you have a graduating senior you can apply for the scholarship, there is also an awards committee at SEPTA that you could join. Again, membership dues also play a role in the senior scholarship.**

J LaMelza spoke about the transitions from 5th -6th grade

Elizabeth Burke spoke about the transition to middle school

-growing from being children to young adults

-kids making connections with kids from other schools

-we want our kids to be self advocates. Also spoke about transition from middle school-high school

-now young adults preparing for college

-learning how to balance home and school life

-clubs are offered for example there have been executive functioning groups, divorce groups, as the need arises, different groups can be put into place

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hope everyone is shoveled out from this weeks snowstorm.

We are at the halfway point in the year. 5 months down and 5 to go! We have been quite busy despite the pandemic and the limits it has imposed on us. Virtual offerings have expanded and we have been able to bring and book many online experiences for the students. Our tried and true events like bingo and PARP are getting ready to go without much adaptation. Our efforts to help the less fortunate still continue with the current shoe drive. And our many fundraising efforts not only support our school, but also the local restaurants that we hope will still be here for us when this pandemic is over.

If you haven't had the need to use the new testing site at Woodbury school I'm grateful, but if you ever need to get tested even just for peace of mind, it was fast and easy from the warmth and safety of your car and was super easy to make appointments.

We thank you all for following guidance from the state and district which in turn allows us to keep our schools open!

Stay safe!

OLD BUSINESS: Is there any other old business?

NEW BUSINESS: The nominating committee met yesterday and will present the slate for next years officers:

Co-President: Sharmin Panjvani

Co-President: Melissa Capie

1st VP: Lynette Birnbaum

2nd VP: Nina Grieco

3rd VP: Susan Falkove

4th VP: Lori Vergos

Recording Secretary: Cristie Sarath

Corresponding Secretary: Staci Rogove

Treasurer: Theresa Resnick

Council Delegates: Allyson Small, Brenda Wilensky, Liane Rubel, Jen Chao, Aliza
Ellenwood, Brian Grieco

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

IMPORTANT DATES: January 2021 & February 2021

1/11	Board of Ed Meeting
1/18	NO SCHOOL
1/19	PTA Council Meeting
1/22	Magic and Mentalism Show
1/28	SEPTA Meeting
2/3	RL PTA Meeting
2/12-2/19	NO SCHOOL

NEXT PTA MEETING:

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