

Robbins Lane PTA: Agenda January 5, 2021

Meeting was called at 10:03am.

INTRODUCTION: Welcome everybody and Happy New Year! I think we can all agree that we are happy to say goodbye to 2020 and hello to 2021. We hope everyone is starting off the year healthy. The Robbins Lane Community has done a great job so far and we appreciate everything everyone is doing to keep our community safe. We look forward to some virtual programs in the near future, like PARP and Bingo.

Also this month, we'll be starting our process for electing next year's Executive Committee. Later in the meeting, we will discuss the various positions available and let you know how to nominate yourself or someone else for these important positions.

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

RECONCILIATION REPORT: Theresa reconciled the books as of December , 2020, with a balance of \$ _____
The books were reviewed by Staci Rogove.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Lots of thank you's for the PTA gifts to the staff...JoAnn Duffy, Ms. Corona, Ms. Pallos

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Ms. Corona spoke about the following:

- Thank you for her gift and pudding cups/hershey kisses.
- Right now, her end date is Feb 11, unless something changes
- There is a seasons greetings video on the website with students and faculty
- Ms. Spiegel is going to do another parent workshop on Jan 12 "the key to building conversation and reading skills" info will be sent out.
- Cogats will be given Jan 19-21st with make up day Jan 22 in person, but computer based. Virtual students will be invited to come take it in person. If they don't take it, they forfeit their ability to get in to Project Beyond for the year.
- NWEA winter administration will be Jan 25 - Feb 12.

Committees:

1ST VP- Lynette Birnbaum

Speak:

- Book Fair - profits

2ND VP- Melissa Capie

Speak:

- 5th Grade Fundraisers
- Yearbook

3RD VP - Susan Falkove

Speak:

- PARP

4TH VP-Aliza Ellenwood

Thank you:

- Michelle Monegro - Community Service: Thank you for running a successful toy drive for the Hance Family Foundation
- Room Reps/Grade Volunteers - Karen Weiskopf: Thank you for overseeing the gifts for the Robbins Lane staff and thanks to all the volunteers for organizing the collections

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: (None - Nina to read New Business)

OLD BUSINESS: Is there any other old business?

NEW BUSINESS:

Our elected nominating committee for the 2020-21 Executive Board are: EJ Axel, Sara Azizollahoff, Shana Baher, Lisa Fong, and Claire Simon. (EJ will read information below).

Beginning this week, we will open up the nominating process for our Executive Board for the 2020-21 school year. An email will be sent with the form and you can feel free to nominate yourself or someone else who you believe will be a good candidate.

Nominating Committee to introduce roles:

The role of Co-President is to make important decisions pertaining to PTA. We help manage every event, create committee chair lists, compile a manageable budget, and we try to solve all possible problems. The co-president runs all PTA meetings and attends all Council Meetings. **The plusses that comes along with this honorable**

position are the relationships that we get to have with the teachers, the administration, & all the parents from all the Syosset School District buildings. We also have the amazing opportunity to be able to be such a large part of the programs we bring to the school. That alone is really priceless.

*The Treasurer position is taking care of all accounting needs. This includes all checks, banking, audits, and budget.

*Vice Presidents are a major support system for their committees, adding ideas, helping at the events, finding answers and really the liaison between the committee and the administration and often the PTA rules and regulations.

*Our Corresponding and Recording Secretaries do more than just read and write, respectively. They are also in charge of meeting agendas, minutes, emails, calendars, & website.

The most unknown role is that of the Council Delegate.

*A Council Delegate is a member of a committee that implements programs across ALL the schools in the district. Whereas we pass our ideas and programs through our principal, Council passes it through the superintendent and the district administration. At minimum you are required to come to a monthly Council Delegate meeting and also a meeting of your committee. Just a couple of examples of committees– Annual District Election and Budget Vote, Communications Conference, Cultural Unity, Curriculum Enrichment, Parent Resource Group, and so much more. If you are elected a Council Delegate, you can request to be placed on a specific committee (though it is not always guaranteed).

All of these positions are the oil in the machine of the PTA. They are also the face of the PTA. They represent the PTA at as many events as possible, they always attend when money is handled (boutiques, carnivals, book fairs, etc.). We couldn't run efficiently as we do without them all.

So please consider putting your name in for an Officer or Delegate position. The deadline is online and forms are on the table. Also, please put in your intent to renew your position for a second term if you would like to be re-nominated. Thank you for volunteering for a chance at holding these esteemed positions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18am

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:

February 3, 2021