

## **Robbins Lane PTA: Agenda March 4, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 10:03am.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Thank you all for joining us this morning. We look forward to spring and some exciting events we have in the works, like paint nights for each grade and the plant sale. Details will follow as soon as we have them. We want to thank you for all of your patience this year, it has been a very different year and all of your help and support has made a big difference. Without it we would not be able to continue having successful virtual events and fundraisers. In a few minutes we will be congratulating all of the Robbins Lane students who participated in Reflections. We did want to also mention that the following students made it to the next level of the competition - Karah Lee for photography and Pai Lui and Lucas Ho for Visual Arts. Later in this meeting, we will be electing next year's executive board. We are very thankful for our nominating committee's hard work in choosing this slate and we hope you can all stay to help with the elections. Asked for volunteers to help with yearly awards at the last PTA meeting.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the February 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 March 3, 2021 \$ 170,357.09. They were reviewed by Staci Rogove.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Ms. Brooks thanked the PTA for the holiday gift.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Ms. Corona welcomed everyone and announced she will remain till the end of the school year. Also mentioned waiting for guidance on the NYS assessments. Will pass along the info as soon as they get it. Also waiting for guidance about end of year events, like graduation. Talk is in the works. Hoping for some normalcy in the events for the end of the year. Recognition awards were presented to the students who participated in the Reflections contest.

Ms. Spiegel spoke about the NWEA. She addressed some recently received questions via a google slide presentation. This assessment is a helpful tool for the teachers because it measures the students progress and overall growth. It adjusts the questions based on the child's answers. No 2 screenings are the same within the classroom at one time. It really tailors the assessment to the individual students needs.

**COMMITTEES**

**1ST VP- Lynette Birnbaum**

**Thank you:** Jen Chao - Reflections

**Speak:**

- Reflections - Jen Chao - Recognition of children whose artwork has been chosen to move on to Nassau County. We have 3 kids who made it to the next level this year:

<b>Student</b>	<b>Primary or Intermediate</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Category</b>
Karah Lee	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	4th	Afkham	Photography
Pai Liu	Intermediate (Grades 3-5)	5th	Hagan	Visual Arts
Lucas Ho	Primary (Pre-K-Grade 2)	2nd	Petrucco	Visual Arts

- Communications Council- Brenda Spring 2021 Communication Conference. The Spring Communication Conference is set to meet with the administration on Tuesday, May 4th via zoom. The committee will have an in depth conversation with the admin on the following topics:
  - Technology
  - What are our school year/PTA events & assemblies going to look like for the calendar year of 2021 - 2022?

If you have any questions regarding these topics, please e-mail them to [brendawilensky@gmail.com](mailto:brendawilensky@gmail.com). Questions are due back by Friday March 12.

- Book Fair April 12 - April 25th. Will be virtual again.

## **2ND VP- Melissa Capie**

### **Thank you:**

5th Grade

- Nina for small cake fundraiser
- Randi for Guac Shop fundraiser

### **Speak:**

- Health, Nutrition, & Safety committee - Bonnie will speak about what is going on for National Nutrition Month - In celebration of the month, the Health, Nutrition, and Safety committee helped coordinate bringing in Food Play Productions into each of the elementary schools. Students will enjoy a virtual juggling show, while learning the benefits of healthy food choices and exercise. Also ask your children about the healthy nutrition tips that will be shared throughout the month.
- School Supply Orders will be coming out next month and will be ship to home.

## **3RD VP - Susan Falkove**

### **Speak:**

- PARP - Jen and Pooja - kicked off with the light show. Discussed the theme and website with all activities on it for the kids to participate in.
- Plant Sale will be virtual this year. April 4th with pick up date May 7th

## **4TH VP-Aliza Ellenwood**

### **Thank you:**

- Community Service - Thank you to Michelle Monegro and to everyone who contributed to our shoe drive.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Can you believe that this time last year was our last in person PTA meeting? Two weeks from today school was shut down for what we all thought was a temporary quarantine. Little did we know it was the beginning of a new normal. This time last year I never imagined partitions in classrooms, masks becoming a wardrobe staple, and much of our lives being online. But here we are, living this new normal and taking it all in stride. It's a bit surreal tho, to think that we've been doing this virtual living for a whole year.

But enough nostalgia, I'm so excited to kick off March with PARP which is one of my favorite PTA led events at Robbins Lane! Enjoy some quality reading time with your kiddos or even a game of scrabble! It counts! And don't forget to log your child's minutes for their chance to win a prize! The ladies have done an amazing job with the website too so please take a look and experience all that PARP has to offer!

As we all look forward to spring starting later this month and the warmer weather that hopefully comes with it, we can begin to enjoy our time outdoors again and hopefully continue our safe practices while being social!

**OLD BUSINESS:** Is there any other old business?

**NEW BUSINESS:** Elect next years exec board. Nina read the slate and the floor voted in the chat. Votes were tallied and the slate was confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at \_\_10:48am\_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT DATES: March 2021 & April 2021**

3/1 - 3/12	PARP
3/8	RL Kindergarten Registration
3/15	PARP Awards
3/15	Board of Ed Meeting 8pm
3/29 - 4/4	NO SCHOOL
4/8	RL PTA Meeting
4/12 - 4/25	Online Book Fair

**NEXT PTA MEETING: April 8, 2021**

