**Robbins Lane PTA: Agenda November 4, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:48pm.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Thank you for joining us tonight. The PTA has had some great fundraisers and events to start off the school year. We want to thank everyone who volunteered to make them possible, as well as those who participated. Halloween Bingo was a lot of fun and we hope to do another similar event in the future. We hope everyone that participated had a great night.

November has more great activities - a virtual Book Fair with all proceeds going back to Robbins Lane for them to buy books for the school, some virtual Arts & Ed programs that you will hear more about later in the meeting, and our Thanksgiving Pie and Cupcake Sales. As we have switched to virtual events and fundraising we have had some great new ideas and even some new volunteers. If anyone else would like to get involved or has an idea we would love to hear from you. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

**MINUTES**: The minutes from the October 2020 PTA Meeting have been posted online for review. There were no corrections, therefore, the minutes stand approved as read.

**RECONCILIATION REPORT**: Theresa reconciled the books and the balance as of November 2, 2020 is $168, 585.68and was reviewed by Staci Rogove.

**CORRESPONDENCE**:   Staci

* PTA sent an edible arrangement to Ms. Pallos because she had emergency surgery. Her family sent a thank you card on her behalf as she isn’t able to look down to text, email, or write yet.

“You gave her a tremendous smile when she woke up and she quietly said whispered how much she misses her RL family. She wants to share her appreciation to the entire PTA and to the families who emailed her well wishes proceeding the surgery. Thank you so much to all of you!”

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**: Ms. Corona spoke about halloween and said the videos will be posted online. Discussed the change in arrival procedures seem to be working well. Survey went home for those who want to switch from virtual to in person. This switch is available at the end of each trimester. The start date would be Dec 14th. Next option available in middle of March. She thanked everyone for welcoming her to the school. Said Melanie Spiegel would be interested in hosting parent workshops if anyone was interested.

**COMMITTEES**:

**1ST VP- Lynette Birnbaum**

**Thank you:**

* Catalog Sales - Thank you Nina and Sharmin. Pick up date on 11/9 from 11:15am - 12:30pm

**Speak:**

* Online Book fair coming up. 11/10-11/23
* Jen Chao - Reflections - Thanks for participating. Deadline extended to 11/6. Results should be around Thanksgiving.
* Hailee Friedman - Gingerbread sales are in. Working on pick up date. Will let us know. Want everyone to take pictures of the completed gingerbread house and post pics online.

**2ND VP- Melissa Capie**

**Thank you:**

* Fall Harvest Sale - Brenda and Randi. Was great turnout!
* Clothing Sale - Michelle and Lori - Orders will come directly from woodbury sports.
* School store - Staci and Brian - Was successful

**Speak**:

* 5th Grade Committee - Thanks for paint night participants. Coming up is the RL discount card. Chrome book sleeve sale still going. Cupcake orders due 11/13 and pick up from store directly. Panera is doing a food night on 11/30 4-8pm. Show flyer or on phone. Yearbook - please fill out packet all at once. Due 11/15. Get it in ASAP!
* Legislation Vote at end of meeting
* Bonnie - Health, Nutrition and Safety - 11/17 Seminar with Josh Lafazan “Lets talk about drugs”. Event will be live streamed.

**3RD VP - Susan Falkove**

**Thank you:**

* Fall Festival/Bingo - Lori Vergos and Ally Small - Event was great and everyone had a great time!

**Speak:**

* MJ Beanz Fundraiser - Jen Hemdev: It’s this Thursday! This year is not in the store due to capacity restriction. They are taking orders for store credit at 10% off. Must fill out the form with name, address, and cc info. They will enter it into system and will be able to use the credit within a week.
* Ways and Means - Brenda Wilensky - District is hosting Syosset Learns to Cook with Chris and Tony’s on 11/11 at night. If you register, will get ingredients and recipes. Sign up by sunday, 11/8.
* Arts in Ed - Brenda, Randi, Staci will speak about Journeys for 4th grade and 2 other virtual assemblies in the works for November. Waiting for Boces Approval. One is Mathmagic for grades 3-5. The other is a virtual puppet show, Tortoise and the Hare for grades k-3. Then the children will have the opportunity to make their own puppets.
* Randi - Can offer personalized cases for the think pads that the students are getting. Will be on the form with the personalized chrome book cases.
* Syosset Scholarship Fund - If want to donate to PTA fund for graduating seniors, contact Randi.

**4TH VP-Aliza Ellenwood**

**Thank you:**

* ROOM REPS/ GRADE VOLUNTEERS - Karen Weiskopf -thank you to all the volunteers

**Speak:**

* COMMUNITY SERVICE - Michelle Monegro: -Letters to veterans, Canned food drive
* PIE SALES - Jodi Hafkin: -Sales ongoing until 11/12, Pick up will be 11/24, The prices lower than what they sell for in the stores. Can pay via paypal or check.
* SEPTA - Jen Welles, Treasurer report

-Encouraging membership especially this year as many activities cannot take place due to COVID-19

-There will be raffle baskets, raffle tickets will be available on the member website before the holidays

- Presentation by Kathleen Jay- guest speaker.

- She presented a slideshow explaining assistive technology and the universal design for learning. Demonstrated how the chrome book has different accessibility features for all different types of learners. Emphasized how this technology is for ALL children, the tools are being used in the general education setting and the special education setting. Explained how it is adaptive to different ways to learn based on the students abilities because it is a universal program spoke about how "book creator" was originally designed as a special education tool, however now all students are using this feature. The slideshow will also be posted on the district website and the SEPTA Facebook page

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:**

November is upon us and I for one thought schools would be closed before Halloween. I’m grateful that they are not. And I know that it has been a collective effort to make this possible.

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, I want to take this opportunity to give thanks.

Thanks to the district for their due diligence and making sure our schools have the necessary infrastructure to keep our kids safe and learning.

Thanks to our teachers and staff for making our children a priority and keeping the classroom a normal place for them even though it looks a little different

Thanks to the parents who are taking precautions outside of school to keep our kids and families healthy, and for supporting the PTA.

Thanks to our PTA who continue to push for programs and create opportunities for fun and learning for our children.

Thanks to the children for being patient, cooperative and resilient through the most unusual year of your lives.

There is so much more to be thankful for even under these unprecedented circumstances.

We will continue to move forward and I am confident we will make it to the holidays!!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Is there any old Business?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Vote on resolutions for legislations - Resolutions have been emailed out. PTA members are able to vote through the zoom chat in 3 voting blocks.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26pm

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  November 2020 & December 2020

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| 11/5 | MJ BEANZ Fundraiser |
| 11/6 | PRIDE/Superhero Day |
| 11/9 | Catalog sales pick up 11:15am - 12:30pm |
| 11/10-11/23 | Online Book Fair |
| 11/11 | Chris & Tony’s Learn to Cook Virtual Event |
| 11/12 | Pie Sale Orders Due |
| 11/16 | Board of Ed Meeting 8pm |
| 11/24 | Pie Sale Pick up |
| 11/25-11/27 | NO SCHOOL |
| 11/30 | SEPTA Meeting |
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| 12/2 | RL PTA Meeting 10am |
| 12/14 | Board of Ed Meeting 8pm |
| 12/24-1/3 | NO SCHOOL |
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