

Robbins Lane PTA: Agenda October 1, 2020

Meeting called to order at 10:03am.

INTRODUCTION:

Nina welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Thanked Brenda, Randi, and Melissa for working on it. Yesterday, we had our first off-site School Store. Thanked Brian and Staci for a fun shopping experience. Since we cannot have our usual in-person fundraising events, we are trying to find something for everyone so that we can continue to bring great programming to our kids.

Reminded everyone to read the PTA emails each week so you can keep updated on everything going on (that includes the weekly email on Sunday night and the mid-week reminder, usually sent on Wednesday). Soon, we will be sending out information about a Halloween "event."

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

RECONCILIATION REPORT: The books been reconciled and the balance as of Sept 30, 2020 is \$169,561.02
The books have been reviewed by Nina Greico.

CORRESPONDENCE: Staci

- Read a thank you from the Third Grade Teachers for the back to school snacks and treats the PTA dropped off for them.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Ms. Pallos welcomed everyone and addressed rumors and shared her personal. Introduced Ms. Corona, the interim principal. Ms. Corona introduced herself and gave some background information. Ms. Pallos updated everyone on new times for drop off and pick up (8:40-8:50). It's been running smoothly. Carpooling is allowed now in situations where it is necessary. She discussed modifications of some classes due to shift of in person and virtual students. Some overflow classes have been dissolved. Lessons and collaboration remain the same. Technology is being upgraded and it's a work in progress. Professional development is still happening for teachers virtually. Explained that kids are still doing small group work and conferencing through technology. Discussed ways to keep PRIDE going. Assessments are coming up in next few weeks. It's used to drive instructional time with children and it's very helpful for the teachers.

Parents can continue to reach out to her but also Ms. Corona. They will be working together for next few weeks.

Ms. Spiegel showed us what the classrooms look like. She also explained the NWEA test and its importance as a tool to help give teachers a clear picture of where they are academically and what tools they need to progress. This test changes the questions the

kids get based on their previous answers. This is what makes it different from any other test.

COMMITTEES:

1ST VP- Lynette Birnbaum

Speak:

- Reflections - The theme is "I matter because". Jen will reach out to everyone to give dates.
- Catalog Sales - From Miss Chocolate....Will be October 7th through Oct 23rd
- Communications Council Conf - Brenda Wilensky spoke about how the format changed and now there are specific topics. Meeting is 11/19 - Social emotional health of the children and grading and assessments. This is at district level. If anyone has questions, email Brenda Wilensky.

2ND VP- Melissa Capie

Thank you:

- Thank you to Brian and Staci for having the first school store this week.
- Thank you to Brenda and Randi for Fall Harvest

Speak:

- Fall Harvest Sale - Brenda and Randi will announce anyone who ordered will pick up on Tuesday 10/6.
- Fifth Grade - EJ and Danielle will speak about any upcoming 5th grade events - Chipotle in Syosset is 10/25. Mention RL.
- Yearbook - Alina will be sending out an email to all 5th grade parents with yearbook packets to fill out online
- Health, Nutrition, and Safety (Council) - Bonnie will talk about the following October 7th - Parent Seminar (virtual) co-sponsored by the district and council. Oct 13th 7:30pm Erase Racism Seminar (virtual)
- Clothing Sale - Michelle Song and Lori Vergos. New Spirit wear items through Woodbury Sports. Can order online. Be on the lookout for flyer for more details Sale closes 10/18.

3RD VP - Susan Falkove

Speak:

- MJ Beanz Fundraiser - Jen and Shana. No buying in store. Call ahead and get 10 percent off gift cards. Only that day and by phone.
- Ways and Means - Brenda Wilensky - Pumpkins for Pride through the district.
- PARP - Still need a chair to run it. Please reach out to Susan or the PTA if you are interested.

4TH VP-Aliza Ellenwood

Speak:

- SEPTA - Workshop on 10/7. Please join SEPTA. Anyone can join. Link is in our weekly emails. Next meeting is 10/26.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I don't know about you but this month seems to have flown by. A month ago we were questioning our decision to send or not to send. Bus or not to bus. Hose them down in the driveway or let them walk to the shower. We weren't sure if our kids would be able to wear a mask all day, we weren't sure they would like the plexiglass partitions, we weren't sure if we were ready for school in the age of a pandemic.

But one month in and we're still standing. Our teachers have kept our babies safe and happy in school or online. Our children have shown such resilience during this time and have masked like it was second nature. Our district has shown responsible leadership and kept us informed every step of the way when there were cases and incidents.

The month has flown by, and it has had its hiccups but we have adapted and adjusted and shown patience.

In 20 years our kids will say they went to school during a pandemic and it was awesome or it was awful ... the narrative gets written by us. The parents. We get to make it awesome or awful. We get to bear the burden and stress of daily decisions while they attend their classes like its the most normal thing in the world. Thank you to all the parents and teachers for bearing that burden so our kids can feel safe and focus on the hard work of learning.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Pooja asked about doing the buddy system again. Alison Berch said they are working on updating the program.

IMPORTANT DATES: October & November 2020

10/2	PRIDE day
10/5	Picture Day (in person students)
10/6	Picture Day (virtual students)
10/7-10/23	Catalog Sale
10/8	Harvest Sale Pick Up
10/12	No School
10/19	Board of Education Meeting 8pm

10/25	RL Chipotle Fundraiser 5pm- 9pm
10/26	SEPTA Meeting 7:45 pm
11/3	No School
11/4	PTA Meeting 7:45pm
11/10-11/23	Online Book Fair
11/11	No School
11/25-11/27	No School

NEXT PTA MEETING: 11/4 at 7:45 pm

Meeting is adjourned at 10:47am