

**Robbins Lane PTA: Agenda September 6, 2022**

**INCOMING OFFICERS and OFFICERS REMAINING IN SAME OR DIFFERENT POSITION:**

**Co-Presidents:** Melissa Capie & Nina Grieco

**Vice Presidents:** Lynette Birnbaum, Lori Vergos, Staci Rogove, Jen Hemdev

**Treasurer:** Su Hu

**Recording Secretary:** Sharmin Panjvani

**Corresponding Secretary:** Cristie Sarath

**Council Delegates:** Theresa Resnick, Happy Li, Nadia Zhong, Kate Kim, Kelly Zhang, Maria Moshonas,

Meeting called to order at 7:47pm.

**Introduction: Melissa Capie**

Good evening and welcome to the first PTA meeting of the 2022-23 school year. Thank you for coming tonight and for your commitment to our school community! My name is Melissa Capie and my co-president this year is Nina Grieco. We're so happy to welcome everyone back and would like to extend an extra special welcome to those of you who are new to Robbins Lane or who are here attending your first in person meeting. For those of you who don't know me, I have two children, a son Jack, in 7th grade at HBT and a daughter, Kenley in 4th grade in Ms. Segreto's class.

I'd first like to take a minute to introduce this year's Executive Board, who have been hard at work all summer preparing for this school year. Our Vice Presidents, who each oversee a subset of our committees are Lynette Birnbaum, Staci Rogove, Lori Vergos, and Jen Hemdev. Our Treasurer, Su Hu, Corresponding Secretary, Sharmin Panjvani and Recording Secretary, Cristie Sarath, and our principal Mr Meyers. Our Council Delegates, who represent our school at the district level, are Theresa Resnick, Happy Li, Nadia Zhong, Kate Kim, Kelly Zhang, and Maria Moshanas. Our dedicated committee Chairs who you will meet shortly, also serve on the PTA executive board. Thank you to all of you who are serving this year. Our goal as the PTA Executive Board is to not only provide activities and events, but also to support our students, families, teachers, and staff in every way we can.

(Pause for principal's report and teacher presentation)

Robbins Lane is more than just a place where our children learn and grow -- it's also a

community, where parents, teachers, and administrators come together to do great things for our children. And the PTA is an organization of volunteers that helps bring together many wonderful programs, events, and activities for both the students and their families. The events and activities that we put on are only a success because of the amazing parents and teachers who volunteer their time and efforts. If you are interested in becoming more involved and volunteering in some way we would love to have you! The more help the better. If you have questions or are interested, please come up to us after the meeting and we can help find the perfect fit for you.

We know some parents may feel they can't participate in the PTA because of time constraints or maybe not being available during the day because of work – but please don't let that discourage you. Whether you have 30 minutes or a few hours, your time, your ideas, your talents, and your voice are truly needed and appreciated. It's an amazing way to get involved in your child's school, but also a great way to meet new people.

We hope you have all signed up to be a PTA member and if you haven't this is our reminder to you. Being a PTA member does not mean you are expected to volunteer, but paid members of the PTA are able to take an active role in the PTA and have access to our Directory App. We strive for 100% membership so that we can continue to provide our kids with the excellent programming they have grown to love and expect. The funds raised from our events and membership dues go directly back to the children. As you will hear from our VPs and committee chairs, we have many events already planned for the Fall.

As a reminder, please visit our website frequently to see upcoming PTA sponsored activities and links to many district resources. Also, remember to read your emails on Sunday and Wednesday nights. If you have questions you can always email us at [robbinlaneppta@gmail.com](mailto:robbinlaneppta@gmail.com). Lastly, if you need help with translation we have Su, our treasurer who speaks Mandarin and Cantonese and has so graciously volunteered to be a liaison and help with any translation that you might need.

On behalf of the PTA and all of the volunteers, we wish everyone a very productive year ahead and look forward to your continued support. Together may we all give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mr. Meyers

- Thanked the PTA for work over the summer and mission statement sign
- Welcoming new teachers

- Amanda Casey 4th grade
- Jen Yu 5th grade
- Ashley Hartland 4th grade
- Grey art
- Shelly Kind
- Abelatamara lang
- PT
- Lunch back in the cafeteria
- Field trips are back
- Clubs are back
- PRIDE Days, mascot position is vacant,
- RL Instagram
- Arts & Ed (Curriculum Enrichment) Jester Jim this Friday
- Open House Thursday September 8 6-7:30pm
- Movie Night this Friday 7pm
- Bus changes must be sent in on a note
- Ms Spiegel - parent workshop NWEA/MAP testing

### **TEACHER PRESENTATION**

- what to expect by grade

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the June meeting were posted online. We hope you had a chance to review them. Are there any corrections? If not, the minutes stand approved as read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** In June, the PTA approved a vote of confidence so we could continue working on the budget over the summer. The proposed 2022-2023 budget was emailed to you for review. There are also a few copies on the tables. If you haven't reviewed it, please take a look at it now. We can now answer any questions you may have before we vote to approve the budget. Any questions?

Please be aware that only current paid members can vote on PTA business.

Do we have a motion to accept the budget? All in favor? Any opposed? Motion approved (approved/denied)

The audit committee met on June 27, 2022 and examined the books of the Robbins Lane PTA for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and found them to be

Correct. Thank you to the audit committee members, Lisa Fong and Sara Azizollahoff for their time.

The Treasurer's report will be filed for future audit.

**RECONCILIATION REPORT:** Su, have the books been reconciled?

Balance as of August 31 , 2022 \$ 145,358.65

Have the books been reviewed? By Whom? Staci Rogove Thank you.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Sharmin, is there any correspondence from over the summer?

- Thank you cards for end of year gifts
- Thank you from teachers for Welcome back breakfast for staff Tuesday

**COMMITTEES:**

Although it is only the beginning of school for our children, many members of the PTA have been hard at work for weeks. We have had numerous meetings over the summer to prepare for this school year.

The VPs will ask their Committee Chairs to speak when they have upcoming events or announcements. If you are interested in volunteering to help on a committee, please let the chair know.

We are currently looking for a few more people to chair or volunteer for some of our events and fundraisers, like community service, Holiday Boutique and PARP (also known as Pick a Reading Partner). If you are interested or have any questions, please email the PTA, or Melissa and I.

We are also looking for a new representative for two of our council committees, Cultural Unity and Election and Budget Vote. If you think you'd be interested in representing Robbins Lane on either of these council committees, or would like more information please come see one of us. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**1ST VP - Lynette Birnbaum**

**Speak:**

- **Reflections** - Theresa

- **Movie Night** - Lynette
- **Room Reps** - Me
  - Sign up will open soon for room reps so please volunteer if you're interested. If more than 3 parents volunteer per class, their names will be chosen by a random lottery. Sign up closes on 9/19

**2ND VP - Lori Vergos**

**Speak:**

- **Catalog Sale** - Maria Moshonas
- **SEPTA** - Sara

**3RD VP - Staci Rogove**

**Speak:**

- **Directory/membership** - I will speak for Brian
- **School Store** - Theresa or I will speak. We are still finalizing details of when the store will run.
- **Fall Harvest** - I will speak...we don't have chairs at the moment.
- **5th grade** - Sharmin
- **Arts in ed** -Theresa

**4TH VP - Jen Hemdev**

**Thank You:**

- **Clothing**
- **Stationary**

(Pause for BOE and Administration)

**Speak:**

- **Box Tops/Amazon Smile/Givebacks** - Sharmin
- **Clothing** - Ali
- **Stationary** -
- **Fall Festival** - Kelly

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Nina Grieco**

I should start by welcoming you all to Robbins Lane. Thank you for coming tonight. We appreciate your commitment to our school community! We are excited for a normal year, bringing back all of our PTA events and activities. And we cannot do all of the amazing things the PTA does without your help. As I am sure you know, we are an organization of volunteers, and our events are only a success because of the amazing parents and

teachers who volunteer. We welcome all to volunteer, we have something for everyone, whether you have an hour or more to help. We look forward to your ideas, your time, and your voice. As someone who has been volunteering at Robbins Lane since my oldest was in Kindergarten (he started high school last week), I can tell you that it has been very rewarding. Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces makes everything we do worth it.

We hope that you will all become active in the PTA. On that note, the first step is for you to become a member. In order to volunteer you do need to be a paid member of the PTA. Your membership will also give you access to our Directory, on the DirectorySpot app. Anyone who uses it will tell you it is a terrific resource. For those of you that are new to the school, the DirectorySpot app includes information for all students, including parent contact information, which is great for planning play dates, and also has class lists, which will be available once we get the go-ahead from school. If there are any changes or updates to your information in the directory please let us know.

If you want to contact us you can email the general Robbins Lane email address [robbinslaneppta@gmail.com](mailto:robbinslaneppta@gmail.com). You can also find a lot of helpful information on our website, [robbinslaneppta.com](http://robbinslaneppta.com). If you are not receiving the midweek and weekly PTA emails, see us at the end of the meeting and we will add you to our mailing list.

On behalf of the PTA and all of the volunteers, we wish everyone a very productive year ahead and look forward to your continued support.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Is there any old Business?

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Per our bylaws, a nominating committee consisting of 5 members, 3 of whom shall be elected by the executive board from its body with a quorum present.

We need to elect 3 people from the executive board, and 2 people from our general membership to the nominating committee.

The role of the nominating committee is vital to the future of the PTA. The members will meet in February to present their slate of carefully chosen delegates for next year's

board. All unit members will be able to vote on this slate. If you are not a Chair of a Standing Committee, please consider nominating yourself. If you have any questions, please let us know. We will take a vote in our next meeting for all nominations.

Jen Hemdev  
Cristie Sarath  
Kelly Zhang

Does anyone have any final questions tonight?

**IMPORTANT DATES:** September & October

9/8	Open House
9/9	Jester Jim (curriculum Enrichment Assembly)
9/9	Welcome Back Movie Night
9/12	Board of Education Meeting
9/18	Clothing Sale Order Deadline
9/21	Picture Day
9/21	Catalog Sale begins
9/23	Picture Day rain date
9/26-9/27	Rosh Hashanah - NO SCHOOL
10/3	Board of Education Meeting
10/5	Yom Kippur - NO SCHOOL
10/6	PTA Meeting (10:00am)
10/10	Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
10/14	Catalog Sale Ends
10/21	5th Grade Rec Night
10/24	Diwali - NO SCHOOL
10/28	Fall Festival

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:49pm.**

## Meeting Attended By

Len Pusposuharto  
Linda Cropper  
Lisa Li  
Emily Lin  
Melanie Tufaro  
Annette Vani  
Monica LaPlaca  
Carla Mondelli  
Li Hu  
Evelyn Song  
Anna Huang  
Preheat Nieves  
Rinku Thomas  
Tina Sheth  
Jackie Pliskin  
Jasmeet Baweja  
Allyson Zubli  
Yakov Mikhaylov  
Maitry Shah  
Angela Mouradian  
Danielle Goldblatt  
Tascha Fuchs  
Maria Kontos  
Suimae Wong  
Kevin Odell  
Janine Odell  
Melissa Hendricks  
Kelly Zhang  
Barbara Krugman  
Rachel Fenster  
Shari Aron  
Dayna Palumbo  
Yan Chen  
Shenjuti Chowdhury  
Jodi Hafkin  
Beilei Zhan  
Ching Yang Chen  
Happy Li  
Sharon Lui  
Wendy Chiu  
Priti Trivedi  
Jenny Kombogiannis