

Robbins Lane PTA: Minutes September 4, 2025

INCOMING OFFICERS and OFFICERS REMAINING IN SAME OR DIFFERENT POSITION:

Co-Presidents: Carla Mondelli and Dayna Palumbo

Vice Presidents: Melissa Henricks, Janine Odell, Len Pusposuharto, Lori Bothos

Treasurer: Jasmeet Baweja

Recording Secretary: Nelli Rahman

Corresponding Secretary: Nina Grieco

Council Delegates: Joanna Avram, Danielle Krongel, Allyson Shepard Zubli, Jennifer Kombogiannis, Mariam Khwaja, Sabrina Chen, Christina Nawabi Nadi, Svetlana Iosilevich

Meeting called to order at 7:53 pm

Board of Ed Trustees speech

Introduction:

Carla:

Good evening and welcome to the very first Robbins Lane PTA meeting of the **2025-2026 school year!** We know this is a busy time of year, so thank you all so much for taking the time to be here tonight. We are so excited to welcome you back and **extra special welcome** goes out to all of our **new families** joining the Robbins Lane community. We're so glad you're here! For those of you who don't know us yet, my name is **Carla Mondelli** I am one of your PTA **Co-Presidents** this year, and thrilled to kick off what's already shaping up to be an exciting year.

Dayna:

My name is Dayna Palumbo and I am also one of your co-presidents here at Robbins Lane. Before we go any further, we'd like to take a moment to introduce someone very important our Principal, **Mr. Meyers**, who we are so lucky to work alongside in support of our school.

Carla:

we want to take a quick moment to acknowledge our executive board who has been working hard all summer to make our September events come to life. Our amazing team that makes up this year's **Executive Board** is:

Our **Vice Presidents**, who each oversee different committees and events, are: **Melissa Hendricks, Janine Odell, Len Pusposuharto and Lori Bothos**. You'll be hearing from our VPs and committee chairs shortly about all the exciting **fall events** already planned. Each student will be bringing home **agenda books or folders**, proudly provided by the PTA! We also gifted each teacher a set of books to continue building their classroom library and school supplies.

Dayna

Our **Treasurer** is **Jasmeet Baweja**

Recording Secretary is **Nelli Rahman**

Corresponding Secretary is Nina Greico

and of course, our **Council Delegates** who represent Robbins Lane at the district level are: **Allyson Shepard Zubli, Jennifer Kombogiannis, joanna Avram, Danielle Krongel, Marian Khwaja Sabrina Chen**, Christina Nawabi Nadi and Svetlana Iosilwvich

Carla:

And let's not forget our amazing **committee chairs** your creativity and dedication help make everything happen. Thank you all for stepping up and serving this year! The PTA is entirely made up of **volunteers**, and together we help bring so many incredible programs, events, and activities to life for both students and their families. We do also want to take a second to acknowledge Joanna Avram who worked tirelessly this summer contacting local businesses for our discount card which is for sale at the table to your right. The discount card has over 20 vendors along with some big businesses like Carvel, Pretzel Factory, Sugar Crazy, Lia's Pizzeria, Sobol and so much more.

Dayna:

These events are only successful because of **you** our parents and teachers who give their time, energy, and creativity. If you've ever considered getting involved, now's a great time. We're always looking for new volunteers, and trust us, it can be incredibly rewarding.

Even if you only have **30 minutes**, there are still plenty of ways to help. Whether it's behind the scenes or at an event, your time and talents are always appreciated. It's also a great way to meet new people and feel more connected to the school. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please come up to us after the meeting.

Our goal this year is to reach **100% PTA membership** this helps us to continue to offer all the awesome programming that Robbins Lane families have come to love. Your dues and donations go directly back into the school, and your support truly makes a

difference. You can sign up through memberhub or you can visit the tables to your left and fill out a membership form tonight.

Carla:

And don't forget there's a little extra fun this year! We'll be doing **fun giveaways at every PTA meeting**, so be sure to come, bring a friend, and join the fun. You never know what you might win! To stay in the loop, make sure to **visit our PTA website** regularly and **check your emails on Sunday and Wednesday nights**. If you ever have a question or want to get involved, feel free to reach out to anyone on the board we're here for you. On behalf of the PTA and all our incredible volunteers, we wish you and your families a happy, healthy, and productive school year.

At the end, Dayna can list the important dates coming up and then carla and do the giveaway.

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:

As of September 2,2025

Ending checking balance: \$35,883.84

Ending saving balance: \$1

Total Cash on hand: \$35,884.84

For the two months ending August 31st 2025:

Total revenue: \$1985.08

Total expenses: \$8,300.21

Net loss: \$6315.13

As of September 2,2025

Outstanding Checks: \$2,222.93

All balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Melissa Hendricks, Thank you!

Carla: In June, the PTA approved a vote of confidence so we could continue working on the budget over the summer. There are copies of the proposed budget in front of you. Please take a look at them. Jasmeet Baweja or Dayna Palumbo can now answer any questions you may have before we vote to approve the budget. Any questions?

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

The audit committee consisting of Michelle Skinner-Song, Ibrahim Khwaja, Mandy Mei

Who met on July 17, 2025 to review the books from the 2024-2025 school year and found everything to be in order. Thank you for all your time and expertise.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Nelli to read out a few)

For correspondence, which for families who are new to the school, are cards and emails sent by teachers and staff to the PTA. We have a ton of thank you letters from teachers in the building for the end of year gifts that the PTA gave them. I will read a couple.

Yesterday, we also received an email from Mrs. white, 1st grade teacher, she sent it on behalf of all the first grade teachers.

We hope you had a great summer! Thank you for our first day of school gifts. The books are perfect and it was so sweet of you to think of us!

And we received a thank you from Ms. Lasker and Ms. Golini who wrote:

Thank you so much for the wonderful gift bag filled with books to start the school year! Your thoughtful gesture is truly appreciated and sets a positive tone for the months ahead. The books are not only a generous gift, but also a great way to inspire a love of reading and learning from day one.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Meyers (Nelli to type out)

Good evening everyone! Thank you both to Dayna and Carla. I want to thank thePTA for doing an incredible gesture, last Tuesday they

We had delicious donuts Thursday during superindeants confnerce day, the decorations outside, when you see parents coming back, especially with the kindergarteners, thank you fro all theincredible work that you do. Our younget daughter, sophomore in college, dr.rogers 27th yearin the district. Hope you all had a great summer, some new and familiar faces, welcome to main street USA, Disney world, that is robbins lane. The

district is using a new website, parent square, which is the way we are communicating, myself and office staff, teachers are being trained, office can communicate with you. Ms. Philby from the PR district, how to use it how it is utilized, lots of advantage using parent square. As you get comfortable with it, Ms. AE&L teacher gave birth to a boy. (Ms. Zagaroni). June said goodbye to Ms. Bobbi, incredible hire, Kelly Soto comes to us, does an outstanding job. Make sure your children get what they need everyday. Ms. Debbie, I have to brag about her. We are happy to have Kelly Soto in our office. Ms. Debbie, second son got engaged, 60th birthday, it's all about Ms. Debbie. A couple of years ago, district utilize pick up patrol, if your child is taking a bus home, or scope, please log in it's not 100% of the families are fully signed up. Please log in and use it. That is how we make sure all kiddos are safe. Ms. Kelly, Ms. Fran, myself, the guards, that's how we monitor they are okay. Back to school night next Tuesday, we will send a letter out next week about that. 30 min with different teachers, your teacher and other teachers. 6-730 next Tuesday night. The district invested in new format for its website, new updated RL school website, go on and look at what's going on there. We use IG a lot, to show off our kids. Teachers do a nice job posting, they are smiling and having a great day. Ms. Spiegel runs our learning center who also runs IG and website, she does state assessments, our social worker will join with her, sign up for those parent workshops, I admire her so much with areas of curriculum, try if you can to log on

Thank you all, an amazing turnout. I get it we have busy lives, come to a handful throughout the year, come to some of those and see the. Thank you all appreciate it.

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. They will send out requests for volunteers throughout the year and you can also sign up after the meeting.

1st VP - Melissa Henricks

Hello everyone, my name is Melissa Hendricks, I'll be serving as VP #1 this year. My son Lucas is coming into the 3rd grade and has really had a wonderful experience here at Robbins Lane in part because of the many enriching PTA sponsored programs and events that have helped shaped his elementary school life.

I also have an almost 3 year old - Daniela, who has not yet made it to Robbins Lane but has been an honorary PTA member since she covered her first fall harvest sale shortly after being born! You'll catch her at a number of our PTA events.

I am looking forward to working with everyone this year to make it the best year yet!

I have a couple of events coming up right away as we start this new school year. I am excited to get to work on my 4th Annual Fall Harvest Sale with Chair Jenny Kombogiannis as well as one of our bigger school-wide events - Fall Festival! The kids really enjoy Halloween and the fall "back to school" season, so we really want to make it special. This years theme is Spooky Carnival. We could use some help so if anyone wants to lend a hand this year please reach out! I will be spending the next two months with the committee chairs, building my Pinterest dreams so if you're crafty, we need you!

I will also be organizing the Room Reps again this year, as well as BINGO night, and Staff Recognition with the help of some phenomenal committee chairs, so stand by for updates as we move through the calendar. I hope we can get even more students and their families to come out for some of these fun events! We are bringing back some fun parent night events so don't be shy! We hope you all come out for some adult fun and support your PTA at the same time!

Sara will be returning to cover SEPTA news and updates for us. Many parents don't know about the many services and programs operated through SEPTA. Luckily we will have Sara to keep us all informed this year. Sara would you like to speak a bit about SEPTA?

2nd VP - Janine Odell

Speak:

Hey guys! While there are a lot of familiar faces, for those I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Janine Odell. I have a third grader named Adeline and a daughter in preschool, Seraphina.

For the past three years I have chaired many events and served as a delegate so I look forward to this new role as VP #2. As VP I will have the opportunity to work with some amazing volunteers on committees that include Arts and Ed, Book and Author, our Welcome Back event, Special Persons Dance, the Talent Show, Membership and Directory, the School Store and Birthday Bins.

While summer was still in full swing I have been meeting and planning with a few of my hard working dedicated chairs to help start this school year off right for our kids!

To help start this year off, the Arts and Ed committee booked “Mad Science” for the schools Kick off Assembly tomorrow. This assembly is for all the grades to see the magic of “Fire and Ice” all done through scientific reactions. Nina and Nelli have been hard at work and have more great assemblies in the works for the year!

Next week on Friday September 12th we will have our Welcome back event- Movie night! Grab your picnic blanket and basket and come join us to watch Despicable Me and meet a minion. The event will start at 6:30, you can grab some free popcorn from our PTA table or purchase snacks from the 5th grade to help them start fundraising for their year. We will also have an ice cream truck on site if you would like to purchase ice cream. The movie will begin at dusk, around 7:15. This is a great way to start the year and catch up with friends after the summer.

We are happy to bring back the School store for its second year! Lisa would you care to share. Also back for year two, Birthday Bins! We were so happy to bring back classroom celebrations for our children in any way we could. Every month from the 1st to the 20th you can purchase a “birthday in a bag”/birthday bin for your child’s upcoming birthday the next month. So if your child’s birthday is coming up in October please go onto membershub now and purchase one!

With the craziness of the start of the school year please see me if you missed the deadline for September and you would like to still try and purchase one. Each birthday bin will be delivered in a bag with the snack and sweet of the birthday child's choice to distribute to the class. It will also include the chosen small birthday surprise presented to the birthday child and will look like this (show sample). We also have flyers with the instructions available if you would prefer to pay by check.

Last, I just want to thank everyone for the support of our PTA, even just signing up for a membership makes a big difference. If you have not done so please sign up on membershub or come find me after the meeting and I will get your membership rolling. This year we are running a contest to see which class can get the most PTA memberships, the top class will receive a grade appropriate book for each student to take home. When signing yourself up don't forget to add an additional member and sign your spouse up as well, each of you will count as a separate person for the contest. The membership not only gets you access to the directory spot but also will act as a key into the school when we are looking for volunteers for events such as field day, staff lunch and even the class parties.

Directory Spot will be updated for the new year soon. For those new to our school, this is the school directory that paid PTA members have access to. For information on how to sign up for directory spot please check our weekly email, or the PTA website.

I am really looking forward to this year and working together with everyone to help provide our children with lasting memories!

3RD VP - Len Pusposuharto

Speak:

Hello everyone, my name is Len Pusposuharto. I will be serving as VP #3 this year. I have two girls, Violet is a 5th grader and Alexa is a 4th grader. I have had such a wonderful experience since we arrived at Robbins Lane 4 years ago moving from Queens. For those who are new here, you will see me running around taking photos at the school events. One of my very first chair was publicity and that is one role I take

pride in to be able to capture these wonderful memories of our children. Other chairs I have done in the past are: Welcome Back Event, PARP, Multicultural, and Staff Recognition. In addition, I have volunteered at numerous PTA events. We have met so many great families here in the RL community. The PTA brings people together by organizing events that create a strong sense of community and school spirit. Whether it's a Welcome Back Event, Fall Festival, Bingo Night, or the Multicultural Night, these events offer opportunities for families to connect, build relationships, and most importantly it brings parents, teachers, and the community together to support our school and our children. The PTA is a big part of what makes our school community strong. Thanks to everyone's hard work in volunteering their time, our school is not just a place to learn—it's a place where we all feel supported and connected.

Currently, I have been working with Allyson on the School Spirit Wear. Allyson has been working diligently over the summer with Press House on our School Spirit wear and the website is now live to place orders. This is one of our fundraiser that supports the PTA. I will hand it over to Allyson to talk more about it.

The next fundraiser I will be working on with Veronica with the Pie Sale for the fall. We are looking into the possibility of working with Jerico Cider Mill. More information will follow.

Other exciting events I will be working on this year will be PARP March 2-6, Multicultural Night March 27. Last year we had 13 countries participate and hoping this year we can get more with many new families entering RL. Kindergarten Orientation June 2 and Field Day June 18.

I have two years left at Robbins Lane and I'm excited and honored to serve on the PTA executive board. I believe the PTA is an important part of our school community, and I want to help make a positive difference. I look forward to working with everyone this year and to provide the best memories for our children.

Thank you,

Len

4TH VP - Lori Bothos

Speak:

Hello everyone, and welcome! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Lori Bothos. I'm Gabby's mom—she's in fifth grade this year—and I also have Michaela, who just started as a freshman at the high school.

This year, I have the privilege of serving as VP #4. I'll be helping to coordinate some wonderful programs and events for our school community, including the 5th Grade Committee, Book Fairs, Catalog Sale, Holiday Boutique, Recreation Nights for each grade, and, later in the year, Reflections, the Spring Plant Sale, and our End-of-Year Picnic.

Our first big fundraiser, the Catalog Sale, kicks off on September 15th. Catalogs will be sent home with ordering instructions. Please take a few minutes to look through them, and don't forget to share with family and friends. Every order helps us continue to provide the amazing PTA programs and events that benefit all of our Robbins Lane families.

I also want to highlight the incredible work of our Fifth Grade Committee, who have been busy planning all summer long. I'm thrilled to introduce our committee chairs—Nina Grieco, Karrie Wang, and Jasmeet Baweja—who will share a brief overview of what's been happening behind the scenes.

As a quick reminder, after tonight's meeting, all fifth-grade parents are asked to stay for a short meeting to go over some important details. For parents of younger students—your turn will come before you know it! Please consider supporting the fifth grade whenever possible, as all the funds raised go directly toward making their final year at Robbins Lane truly memorable.

Thank you all for being here tonight and for your continued support of our PTA. Together, we make these events—and the special moments they create—possible for our children.

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OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

none

IMPORTANT Upcoming DATES:

September

9/5	Curriculum Enrichment Kick Off event with Mad Science
9/8	School Store Opened During Lunch
9/12	Welcome Back PTA Event
9/12	Movie Night
9/15	Catalog Sale Begins
9/16	Open House
9/16	RL Open House
9/23-9/24	No School (Rosh Hashanah)
9/25	5th Grade Trip to Fire Island
9/27	5th Grade Car Wash
9/30	Buddy Day
9/30	PTA Council Mtg (Executive) 7:45pm - South Grove

Meeting Adjourned at __835pm____.