

Robbins Lane PTA: Minutes October 8, 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 __10:04 am____

Introduction:

Dayna:

Good morning and thank you for attending our first morning meeting of the school year! Unfortunately, Carla could not make it to the meeting today. We are so glad to have you here. Your time, ideas and involvement makes a difference in our school community. September flew by with some great programs and events and a lot of planning for future ones. We had an opportunity to celebrate Mr. Meyers birthday as well as show our appreciation to our custodial staff for all their hard work.

Early September the entire school had a welcome back assembly with Mad Science which was an interactive science-themed presentation. Thank you to our Curriculum Enrichment committee who helped bring that program in and for working hard to bring more events to the kids in the coming weeks and months! You'll hear more about it shortly in their committee report.

I also want to take a moment to thank everyone who came out to our welcome back movie night last month. It was such a great turnout and it was nice to see Robbins Lane families enjoying time together. It truly felt like a community. We also loved seeing everyone shop with their child at the Fall Harvest sale, last week. We hope to continue to see as many of you at our future events.

If you have not already, we ask you to please sign up for PTA membership. We are working towards our membership goal of 100% for the year and each membership helps fund these amazing programs and events we put on for the children. We are at about 66% of our membership goal. Remember, only paid PTA members get access to the directory app.

Be sure to keep an eye on our emails to stay updated on all our events and fundraising efforts. You should receive our weekly email every Sunday, along with a midweek reminder on Wednesday. If you're not getting them, please see us after the meeting, and we'll make sure your email address is added. You can also follow us on Facebook as well as Instagram @RobbinsLanePTA

We look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events, like the Fall Festival on October 24th!! The committee has been working so hard to make it an unforgettable event. Tickets will be available after the meeting today as well as on memberhub. You will be hearing about all these upcoming events from the rest of the board.

MINUTES: The minutes from the September 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 October 4, 2025

Ending checking balance: \$ 40,561.89

Ending saving balance: \$1

Total Cash on hand: \$ 40,561.89

For the month ending September 30th 2025:

Total revenue: \$ 9,588.75

Total expenses: \$4,910.70

Net profit: \$4,678.05

As of October 4th, 2025

Outstanding Checks: \$ 5,122.36

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

CORRESPONDENCE: (Nelli to read out a few)

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

Good morning, everyone! First, I want to thank you all for the incredible turnout at our first PTA meeting—it was wonderful to see so many families getting involved and showing their support for our school community.

I also want to give a big shoutout for the success of our recent Movie Night! It was such a fun evening for the kids and families, and we truly appreciate all the volunteers who helped make it happen.

We're excited to welcome our new Physical Education teacher to the team! They're already bringing great energy and fresh ideas to the program, and the students are loving it.

Looking ahead, we're really looking forward to the upcoming Fall Festival—it's always a highlight of the season, and we can't wait to celebrate with everyone. And of course, the Halloween Parade and class parties are right around the corner—another great opportunity for fun and community spirit.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and involvement. It's going to be a great year!

COMMITTEES:

1st VP - Melissa Henricks

It's been a very busy first month of school. The Room Reps are in full swing after a successful meeting. Thank you to all the room reps for dedicating your time to helping to make this the best year for our kids. We added some slight changes to room rep responsibilities this year aimed at expanding communication with our parents and providing equity for all our children. Many of you have already heard from your room reps and if you are a room rep, have begun collecting dues. If you haven't sent your class dues to you room rep already, please be sure to do so right away. The class dues support the classroom parties among other PTA initiatives and halloween - our first party of the year, is right around the corner. I'd like to also thank the kindergarten parents for putting together today's hospitality. We appreciate it!

Last Friday was one of the most successful Fall Harvest Sales we've had in recent years. We had a tremendous turnout of parents happy to come shop with their children and support the PTA. I want to thank our committee chair, Jenny Kombogiannis, who helped put the entire sale together and helped pickup an additional 75 mums to keep up with the enormous day of sale turnout! I also want to thank everyone who made a purchase and came out to support the PTA. It wasn't easy patiently waiting to decorate your front yard but we all made it together! I want to also thank our tireless volunteers who spent the day outside, restocking the tables and making sure all the kids were taken care of. We have some great ideas for next year to make it even bigger and better!

The Fall Festival committee is in full swing as we approach the big day - Friday 10/24.

We have some really fun games planned for this year's "Spooky Carnival," as well as prizes and raffles for the adults. We are bringing back the bake sale and are currently looking for some creative minds and motivated bakers. Joanna Avram, one of our chairs can give you some more details.

Thank you Joanna. If you do want to get involved with the fall festival, it is not too late. Please feel free to reach out to me, Joanna or Jenny - the other chair if you're interested. If you're strapped for time but still want to help, we will need plenty of volunteers for setup, running the booths, and clean-up. Stay tuned for the sign-up and if you haven't purchased your tickets please go head over to givebacks and make that purchase! We are looking forward to a great event for the kids!

Finally, a quick note from SEPTA. SEPTA is 77% away from reaching their membership goal. Starting next week, SEPTA correspondence will only be sent to members. Please be sure to support SEPTA by joining today. October 21st will be a SEPTA fundraiser at Chipotle. October 23rd is the next meeting at South Grove and will be on tech supports for students. Thank you!

2nd VP - Janine Odell

First I would like to thank all of you for helping make the Membership contest a success, each class's presence is definitely represented in the PTA. Congratulations to Mrs. Laskers class who won with the highest percentage of memberships. Their books will be in soon!

Birthday Bins

We are accepting Birthday Bins orders for the month of November so if your child has a November birthday go on membershub or fill out a form so your child can celebrate their birthday in school.

Movie Night

Next, I would like to Thank Joanna Avrams for the hard work she put into movie night. It truly was a special night watching everyone come together as a community. The amount of families we had talking while their kids played soccer, basketball, on the playground and of course right in the sweet spot to hear the movie over all the laughter and chatter going on all through the field. Also thank you to minion Melissa who was the pre show entertainment.

Arts and Ed

Our Curriculum enrichment team has been hard at work. In September we brought in Mad Science for our school's kickoff for all grades to enjoy. The children were amused by the magic of science through fire and ice chemical reactions. They loved the dry ice reactions where they got to touch a bubbling byproduct of the reaction (all very safe to handle) and to walk through the fog to get back into school.

This month we have a few grade specific programs. To build on the 4th grade curriculum they will get to experience a full day of interactive activities to help enhance their understanding of Native Americans of NY with the Journeys into Native American Territories program.

Nina, would you like to talk about 5th grade's program?

Scholarship Fund

The Syosset Scholarship Fund is responsible for fundraising to collect donations to be awarded to qualifying graduating seniors. Sabrina will talk about some of the upcoming fundraisers.

School Store

Lastly, Just a reminder the school store is open the first Monday of every month. Our next one will be on November 3rd. This week had some halloween fun items i hope your children are enjoying. Look out for the fliers for next month to see what we have in store. Thank you!

3RD VP - Len Pusposuharto

Hi, I am Len - VP #3

1.) We had a successful Fall Spirit Wear Sale with Presshouse. Thank you Allyson for all your hard work chairing this event. We had 49 orders and fundraised almost \$700. Thank you to everyone who ordered and supported the Fall Spirit Wear Sale. The clothing is in production and once they are ready for pick up, it will be distributed to your child's classrooms.

2.) Our next fundraising effort is the Fall Pie Sale which officially starts today. Veronica had been hard at work finding a bakery with yummy pies and where we can have a larger margin profit. We will be selling pies from Cestra's Bakery and Veronica has provided samples today. Please make sure try a sample of the pie. Here is a flyer you can come up to take one after the meeting and we will be sending a flyer home with your child. You can scan the QR code to order. We are looking into the possibility of setting up an in person booth to take pre-orders after school where you can pay cash. More info to follow and date TBD. I will hand it over to Veronica to speak more on the pie sale. We are selling 9 inch fresh pies from Cestra's Bakery. There are 6 flavors to choose from: Apple Crumb, Blueberry, Cannoli, Cherry, Pecan and Pumpkin. The pies are \$25 each or 3 for \$70. We are offering a \$5 local delivery fee for a 5 mile radius within Robbins Lane Elementary School. Orders are due Nov 14 and Pick up and Delivery will be on Wednesday Nov 26th before the Thanksgiving break. We offer donation of pies where you can donate a pie to The People's Pantry of Oyster Bay which opened its doors in August of 2020. It is located at 123 Audrey Avenue Oyster Bay, NY. The Peoples Pantry is a pantry full of fresh produce, meats, canned items, fresh breads and delicious desserts provided to those in need.

*** Please support this pie sale and promote this to your family and friends. You can

enjoy delicious pies while supporting and fundraise for RL PTA. It's a win-win! =)

3.) SmugMug is the photo sharing website the RL PTA uses to share photos with Robbins Lane parents taken at PTA sponsored events. These photos will only be available to those with password access granted by the RL PTA. If you do not have access to SmugMug please see me and I can assist. Some photos are also posted on RL FB page as well as RL PTA Instagram page as well. Make sure you follow these social media sites if you have not done so already.

4.) School and Community Meeting: Thank you to Joanna who attended the meeting on September 10, 2025. They went over the Newcomer's Welcome which already occurred on September 29, at SHS auditorium. They are planning two charitable drives to run in the winter and spring. If anyone has any ideas regarding organizations they can support, they are welcome to suggestions. That is all I have. Thank you.

4TH VP - Lori Bothos

Hello everyone, and welcome!

I'd like to take a few minutes to give you a quick update on some of the committees and events I'm overseeing this year.

5th Grade Committee

Since our last meeting, our 5th graders held their first Car Wash—and it was a huge success! We even had surprise visits from the Syosset Fire Department and the Jericho Fire Department. A huge thank-you goes out to Len for coordinating this amazing surprise and for helping chair the event alongside Minzi and Mandy.

Our next big 5th Grade event is the NY Islanders vs. Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey Game on December 2nd, made possible by Jen Falk and Michelle Braustein. I have flyers here if you'd like to join us—families will even have the chance to get on the ice for a group photo!

Our 5th graders also received their class t-shirts, which were funded by the PTA 5th Grade Committee. Parents were given the opportunity to purchase shirts as well so they can show their Robbins Lane pride at upcoming events like paint nights, 5th grade dinners, and game nights.

A big thank-you to our wonderful 5th Grade Committee chairs—Nina Grieco, Jasmeet Baweja, and Karrie Wang—for their hard work behind the scenes to make all of this happen.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair is coming up on November 6th. Look out for the Scholastic flyer coming home soon, which will include details on how to activate your child's E-Wallet account

for easy shopping. Students will have the chance to browse and purchase books with their classmates and teachers.

That afternoon, we'll also be open during Parent-Teacher Conferences which end at 4:15 PM, and we'll be packing up till around 4:30 PM—so please stop by to grab a few books or gifts for the holidays!

Catalog Sale

Our Catalog Sale is currently open and runs through October 10th. If you haven't already, please consider making a purchase or sharing the catalog with friends and family. Every order directly supports our PTA and helps fund the amazing programs and events we provide for our students.

Recreation Nights

Our first Recreation Night is coming up for Kindergarten on October 17th—thank you to Amee, Christina, and Lemar for chairing this event! Please be sure to RSVP if you have a kindergartener.

Rec Nights are such a special part of the Robbins Lane experience—the friendships and community bonds formed at these out-of-school gatherings truly last a lifetime, and the memories are cherished by both students and parents.

Reflections Program - Danielle Krongel will speak

Finally, a quick reminder about Reflections, the National PTA arts recognition program for students in grades K–12. Students can submit entries in the categories of Visual Arts, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Dance Choreography, or Film Production.

This year's theme is "I Belong." Let's encourage our children to imagine, create, and celebrate through this wonderful program. For more information, please contact Danielle Krongel. The submission deadline is October 27th, and the interest form has already been emailed home. Let's get lots of entries this year and make Robbins Lane proud! The class with the most submissions gets a special surprise!!!

Communications Conference

The Syosset Council of PTAs' Communication Conference Committee presents and discusses issues with Syosset administrators during each school year. The committee is composed of Council Delegates from every school in the district. If you have questions for the administration that are general in nature (i.e., not something specific to your child or your specific school), please email Jessica Goldberg at jessgold@hotmail.com and cc myself Lori Vergos Bothos at loribothos@gmail.com by October 26th.

Thank you all for being here today and for your continued support of our PTA. Together,

we make these events—and the special moments they create—possible for our children.

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.

Does anyone have any final questions tonight?

Immediately after I review the upcoming important dates, we will announce the winner of the two raffles.

IMPORTANT Upcoming DATES:

October

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10/13: No school (Columbus Day)

10/17: Kindergarten Rec Night

10/20: No school (Diwali)

10/24: Picture Day

10/24: Fall Festival

10/30: Schoolwide Halloween Parade and Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch

11/3: School Store and Pie Sale Begins

11/4: No School (conference Day)

11/6: Book Fair

Meeting Adjourned at ____.