

Robbins Lane PTA: Agenda September 3, 2026

INCOMING OFFICERS and OFFICERS REMAINING IN SAME OR DIFFERENT POSITION:

Co-Presidents: Dayna Palumbo and Janine Odell

Vice Presidents: Melissa Hendricks, Veronica Morris, Lisa Li and Len Pusposuharto,

Treasurer: Jasmeet Baweja

Recording Secretary: Ala Milicenco

Corresponding Secretary: Danielle Krongel

Council Delegates: Joanna Avram, Jennifer Kombogiannis, Sabrina Chen, Christina Nawabi Nadi, Carla Mondelli, Amee Patel

Meeting called to order at 7:46pm

Introduction:

Dayna:

Good evening and welcome to the very first Robbins Lane PTA meeting of the 2026-2027 school year! Thank you for coming tonight and for your commitment to our school community! My name is Dayna Palumbo and my co-president is Janine Odell. We're so happy to welcome everyone back and would like to extend a special welcome to all our new families joining the Robbins Lane community.

Janine:

My name is Janine Odell and I am also one of your co-presidents here at Robbins Lane. Before we go any further, we'd like to introduce Mr. Meyers who we work closely with in support of our school.

Dayna:

I would like to take a moment to introduce this year's Executive Board, who has been working hard all summer preparing for this school year. Our Vice Presidents, who oversee a subset of our committees are Melissa Hendricks, Len Pusposuharto, Veronica Morris and Lisa Li. Our Treasurer, Jasmeet Baweja. Corresponding Secretary, Danielle Krongel and Recording Secretary, Ala Milicenco. Our Council Delegates, who represent our school at the district level, are Joanna Avram, Jennifer Kombogiannis, Sabrina Chen, Christina Nawabi Nadi, Carla Mondelli and Amee Patel. Lastly, our dedicated committee chairs, whose creativity and dedication truly make everything happen. Thank you to all of you who are serving this year.

Janine:

Robbins Lane is more than just a place where our children grow and learn, it's also a community where parents, families and staff come together to do amazing things for our children. The PTA is an organization entirely made up of volunteers that help bring together all the wonderful programs, events and activities that your student experiences during their time at Robbins Lane. Our events are only successful because of all the parents and staff who give their time and creativity. If you are interested in volunteering and becoming more involved, please reach

out to us after the PTA meeting. We are still looking for a chair to help coordinate birthday grams.

Dayna:

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 allows you to take an active role in the PTA, volunteer at events, have the opportunity to attend class parties and provide 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. You can sign up through memberhub or you can visit the tables after the meeting to sign up tonight. The PTA has provided folders for all students in kindergarten through 2nd grade and agenda books for students in 3rd through 5th grade. We have also gifted teachers ice cream and breakfast during administration days last week, as well as complimentary discount cards to all staff to show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Janine:

Please visit our website and read your emails on Sunday and Wednesday nights to see upcoming PTA sponsored activities and links to many district resources. If you have questions, you can always email us at robbinslaneppta@gmail.com.

We also want to take a moment to thank Joanna Avram and Ameer Patel who worked tirelessly this summer contacting local businesses for our discount cards. The discount card has 31 local businesses, just to name a few, Hilltop, Miko, Dirty Taco, Tostique and Sugar Crazy. The discount card also includes current Robbins Lane families with local businesses such as Lashes and Curls, Ask Alice and La Familia. It also includes The Juice Bar who is owned by a Robbins Lane alumni family. We would like to thank all the local businesses who helped support the Robbins Lane Community. If you have not yet purchased your discount card, they are currently on sale and can be purchased via memberhub or after the PTA meeting. With the amount saved every time you use your card you will make back the cost in just a few purchases.

Dayna:

If you ever have a question or want to get involved, feel free to reach out to anyone on the board. 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.

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 1st, 2026

Ending checking balance: \$ 58,299.28

Total Cash on hand: \$ 58,299.28

*For the month ending August, 2026:
Total revenue: \$ 1730
Total expenses: \$7883.62
Loss of: \$6153.62*

*As of August 31st, 2026
Outstanding Checks: \$1661.71*

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

In June, the PTA approved a vote of confidence so we could continue working on the budget over the summer. The proposed 2026-2027 budget was emailed to you for review. There are also a few copies around the room. 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/denied)

The audit committee met in July and completed their report. The audit committee has examined the books of the treasurer of Robbins lane PTA for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and found them to be in order. Thank you to the Audit committee members Kiran Reddy, Viral Vyas and Sara Wang.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Ala (Lulu)

We received several thank-you cards at the end of the school year, including appreciation for the PTA's gift cards and the back-to-school treats, such as ice cream, donuts, coffee, and discount cards. Just to read a few:

Katherine Kenney:

"Thank you to our wonderful RL PTA for the delicious ice cream, donuts, coffee, and discount cards. It was such a wonderful treat and very much appreciated!"

Fifth Grade Teachers:

"We wanted to thank you for the incredibly generous and thoughtful gestures. The ice cream truck, delicious donuts, coffee, and discount cards were wonderful surprises. We are so fortunate to have such an incredible PTA partnering with us!"

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Meyers

Good evening and welcome to the first meeting of the year of PTA. Raise your hand if you attended Robbins Lane obviously, you're not the only one. I am very excited to see you all here and welcome new families to Robbins Lane. We encourage you to meet the PTA and get to know them and our teachers.

I want to first thing, thank Ms. Palumbo and Ms. Odell for their hard work. I work very closely with teachers, staff and of course students, and it's important that we communicate and reach out if there is anything at all that we can do to help. If there is an issue with a teacher, I highly encouraged you to reach out right away whether it is technical or socially, our teachers are phenomenal. Trust me, I've been in this for over 20 plus years and every single day I see teachers helping, we have counselors and amazing staff that are incredible and ready to work with you. The eyes in the sky are always watching. Every time they do something, create something that they are not supposed to do I get warned and I reach out to you.

You can also send a note, an email or reach out if there is anything we can support. We rely on teachers to do what's best and encourage you if something happens to your child to reach out whether to me or teachers. We are passionate and look forward to helping and responding as soon as possible. I encourage you to talk to your kids on what's happening on the bus or any inappropriate behavior, and teachers will talk to you more about it or you'll hear from them or me.

We want to see your children smile, happy and safe, Robbins Lane is a happy place! I'm here for you and to work with you. Thank you all so much!

Dayna:

COMMITTEES:

Although it is only the beginning of school for our children, many members of the PTA have been working hard 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. First, the chair for Curriculum Enrichment will talk about what we have upcoming. (Julie)

1st VP Melissa:

Welcome everyone to our very first PTA meeting of the school year! As a parent with a 4th grader and an almost 4-year-old joining our school community next year, it is wonderful to see so many returning faces and welcome our new families. Joining the PTA has been an incredibly rewarding experience these last 4 years and I am looking forward to another wonderful year! The PTA is where I truly found my closest friends and built my community—and honestly, my kids absolutely love seeing me involved in their school day.

As a PTA Vice President, I oversee our Room Reps. Room Reps are like class parents acting as an essential communication bridge between the PTA and teachers by collecting class dues, organizing class parties, and helping spread the word about school events. On October 1st, we have a Fall Harvest Sale - parents will have a chance to come into school and shop for some fall favorites. Joanna Avram, one of our committee chairs can tell you a little more about it and when our presale begins.

My other big fall event that comes up much faster than you think is Fall Festival. It's a school wide event, all grades are encouraged to attend. This years theme is a going to be a fun Haunted Hollywood Ball. Jenny Kombogiannis, one of our hard working chairs will share a little bit more of what you can expect at Fall Festival this year.

A bit further down the road, I'll also be working on our family Bingo Night which is always great fun and our Staff Recognition Lunch in the spring.

As VP, I will also be bringing you updates from some of our Syosset Council of PTA subcommittees - Legislation, Health, Nutrition, & Safety, the Parent Resource Group and SEPTA which provides support, advocacy, and resources for students with diverse learning needs and abilities. SEPTA is a separate PTA membership, please let me know if I can connect you to the SEPTA team.

Finally, I just hope that some of you might consider joining the PTA, maybe chairing or volunteering to simply help us with an event. We work hard to make sure our kids have the best elementary school experience possible, but we also have some fun and make lasting connections. See me after the meeting if you want to hear more about Room Reps and Fall festival. Thank you!

2nd VP Veronica:

Hi everyone! My name is Veronica Morris and I am one of the PTA VP's for the 2026/2027 school year here at Robbins Lane. I have three children, Margot who just started 1st grade, Evie who started UPK at North Shore Synagogue and my baby Arthur who is 2! I was also a student at Robbins Lane many years ago and I am excited to be back as a parent and PTA member!

The events I will be in charge of coordinating are the book fairs, welcome back events, family night, pie sale, communication conference, membership/student directory, special persons dance, spring plant sale, field day and the scholarship fund.

Our first big event is our Welcome Event - Sundaes and Sidewalk Chalk. Carla, Christina, Amee and I have been working hard getting everything together to make this event awesome! This event will be next week, Thursday September 10th from 6-8pm where the students will decorate the front sidewalk with chalk and make their own ice cream sundaes. Families will also have the opportunity to buy pizza and a drink and help support the 5th grade too. I hope to see everyone there!

I have also been working with Samantha Witt for our PTA membership contest. Everyone

should apply to be a PTA member and get involved! Membership is \$15 and each additional family member is \$5. The class with the highest percentage of enrolled PTA members will win a book for each child in the class!

We have a great year in store for the students at Robbins Lane and I am so excited to be involved in the PTA!

3rd VP Lisa:

Hi everyone! I hope you all had an amazing summer and are ready for a great school year ahead. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Lisa Li. I'm a mom of three-Janice, who is in 9th grade, Jayden, who's in 8th grade, and Nathan, who's in 3rd grade.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of chairing many different events, and I'm really excited to take on this new role as your 3rd VP. I'm looking forward to working with all of you and hopefully making this a fun and successful school year!

We have a lot going on in September, but one thing we're especially excited about is bringing back our School Store! Julie, would you like to share a little bit about the School Store and what we have planned?

We're also continuing our Birthday Bin, which is a fun way for us to celebrate your child's birthday. Just like in the past, you will purchase the Birthday Bin from the 1st -20th of each month for the following month. So, for example, if your child has a birthday in October, you will make the purchase in September. However, there is one change this year: we will no longer have snacks or different choices. There will just be one Birthday Bin option. You can pay by credit card through MemberHub, or by checking and following the instructions on the flyer. And if anyone misses the September deadline, please come to see me at the end of the meeting or feel free to email me. I'll be happy to help!

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Birthday Bin. So, if you're interested in helping, please let me know! And of course, we're always looking for volunteers for our other events too. It truly takes all of us to work together to make these events happen and make them special for our kids.

Thank you very much for all your help and support from our school community. I'm looking forward to a wonderful school year with everyone!

4TH VP Len:

Hello everyone. My name is Len Pusposuharto. I will be serving as VP #4 this year. My oldest daughter Violet just graduated from Robbins Lane last year and is now in Middle School, and my youngest Alexa will be in 5th grade. This will be my second year as VP and my final year at Robbins Lane. For those new here, you will see me running round taking photos at school

events and I am the one uploading photos on SmugMug. SmugMug is the photo sharing website the PTA uses to share photos with Robbin Lanes parents taken at PTA sponsored events. Make sure you sign up to gain access. One of my very first chairs was publicity and that is one role I take pride in in being able to capture all these wonderful memories for our child. Especially after being on a yearbook chair last year and compiling years of photos and memories where we created an amazing yearbook, I will ensure I leave my last year taking even more photos at these events so these photos can be used for future years to come.

I want to encourage everyone to sign up and chair or volunteer at a PTA event to be more involved, you will meet and connect with other parents and families, share your ideas and creativity, help make school events fund and memorable and most importantly seeing the smile on those kids faces when you show up to these events. This year I am VP for Fifth Grade Committee, Fifth Grade Fun Day, 5th Grade Yearbook, Clothing Sale, Catalog Sale, Holiday Sale, Multicultural Night, Publicity, Rec Nights for all grades, Reflections, and School and Community. I have met so many great families here in the RL community through the years. The PTA brings people together by organizing these events that create a strong sense of community and school spirit. Whether it's 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 makes our community strong. Thanks to all my chairs who have signed up so far and who will be working hard in volunteering their time at these events.

Over the summer, my chairs Karrie Wang and Helen Chan have been working hard on our 2026-2027 spirit wear. They came up with very cute and fun designs. If you have not done so already, please make sure you place your order by September 23, 2026. This is a fundraiser that benefits the PTA and we would greatly appreciate all the support. Please make sure to check out our table to see sample sizing and materials.

Our next big fundraiser is the Catalog Sale which kicks off September 14, 2026, and ends October 9, 2026. Thanks to my chairs Amee Patel and Christina Nawabi who have already started working on this. Catalogs will be sent home with ordering instructions. Please take a few minutes to read 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 our Robbin Lane Families.

The Holiday Boutique is on December 3, 2026.

Multicultural Night is on April 9, 2026.

Rec Nights:

October 15th - Kindergarten

November 19th – 5th Grade

January 22nd – 2nd Grade

February 26th – 3rd Grade

March 11th – 4th Grade

April 15th – 1st Grade

Lastly, I also want to extend my gratitude to my incredible 5th grade committee who have been busy planning all summer long. I am excited to introduce our committee chairs: Carla Mondelli, Danielle Krongel, Jenny Kombogiannis, and Su Hu.

As a quick reminder, after tonight's meeting, all 5th 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 and your child will be a 5th grader. Please consider supporting the 5th graders whenever possible, as ALL the funds raised go directly toward making their final year at Robbins Lane truly memorable and amazing! Carla will share a brief overview of what's been happening behind the scenes as we plan 5th grade events.

I am looking forward to working alongside our PTA board, teachers, staff, and families to help make this a wonderful school year for our students as my last year at Robbins Lane. I'm passionate about building a strong school community, supporting our teachers, and creating fun and meaningful opportunities for our families to get involved. I'm excited for what we can accomplish together and truly appreciate everyone's support, ideas, and involvement. I look forward to a great year ahead!

OLD BUSINESS:

Is there any old business?

NEW BUSINESS:

There is no new business.

Important Dates:

September

9/7 No School (Labor Day)

9/8 Ralphs Italian Ice 5th Grade Fundraiser

9/10 Welcome Back Event

9/14 School Store Opened During Lunch

9/15 RL Open House

9/21 No School (Yom Kippur)

9/24 Picture Day

9/26 5th Grade Car Wash

9/28-10/25 Catalog Sale Begins

October

10/5: School Store During Lunch

10/6: PTA meeting at 10am

10/1 Harvest Sale

10/15 Rec Night
10/23 Fall Festival

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm.