

Robbins Lane PTA: Minutes October 6th 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 10:03 AM

Introduction:

Dayna:

Good morning and thank you for attending our first morning meeting of the school year! We are so glad to have you here. Your time, ideas and involvement make 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.

To kick off our school year at the beginning of September the entire school attended a welcome back assembly with Backtrack Vocals, an a cappella group who brought high energy and entertainment. Thank you to our Curriculum Enrichment committee who helped bring that program in and for working hard to bring more educational programs to the kids in the coming weeks and months! You'll hear more about it shortly in their committee report.

Janine:

We also want to take a moment to thank everyone who came out to the PTA's welcome back Sundaes and Sidewalk chalk event night last month. It was such a great turnout, and it was nice to see Robbins Lane families enjoying time together sharing an ice cream. It truly felt like a community. We hope to continue to see many of you at our future events.

As of today, we are at about 85% of our membership goal. If you have not already, we ask you to please sign up for PTA membership. Each membership helps fund these amazing programs and events we put on for the children. Remember, only paid PTA members get access to the directory app and attend holiday class parties.

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.

Dayna:

We look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events, like the Fall Festival on October 23rd!! 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. We also still have a few more discount cards left, if you're interested in purchasing, please see us after the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jasmeet to share

Treasurer Report

As of October 1st, 2026

Ending checking balance: \$ 63,049.34

Total Cash on hand: \$ 63,049.34

For the month ending September, 2026:

Total revenue: \$ 10,817.93

Total expenses: \$6067.87

Profit of: \$4,750.06

As of September 30th, 2026

Outstanding Checks: \$4,976.18

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Meyers:

Good morning, everyone!

I don't have too much to share this morning, but I have a few important updates.

First, I'd like to congratulate Miss Corcoran and her family on the birth of their second son!

We're very happy for them. While she is away, Miss Verola will be substituting for her class.

Miss Verola is a very experienced teacher who also substituted for Miss Mangione's class last year. She did a wonderful job, and we're very fortunate to have her with us.

This week, please keep an eye out for our September newsletter from Robbins Lane. We have some exciting things to share! Our K-1 students had a visit from the fire truck, and we also celebrated Dolly Parton's 9 to 5 Day, which was a lot of fun. The students learned about Dolly Parton's passion for reading, her commitment to helping children in poverty, and her incredible charitable work.

Now, just a couple of housekeeping reminders.

We recently sent an email regarding PickUp Patrol and parking in the lower parking lot. For everyone's safety, please make sure you're not blocking the driveway or interfering with traffic.

Also, remember to update PickUp Patrol whenever your child's dismissal plans change, whether they're being picked up early, at regular dismissal, or attending the after-school program. Finally, please make sure your child's emergency contact information is up to date in the Campus app. This is especially important so that the school nurse or I can reach someone quickly if an emergency arises.

Thank you all for your continued support and for taking the time to be here at our PTA meeting this morning. We truly appreciate your partnership in making Robbins Lane such a wonderful school community.

1st VP Melissa:

Welcome everyone to our October PTA meeting! It's great to see so many of you here as we dive into one of the busiest and most exciting times of the school year.

First, I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Harvest Sale! It was a massive success, and we actually raised even more money than we did last year! A very special thank you goes out to Jenny Kombogiannis, who has helped make this sale such a success for the last 4 or 5 years. This was Jenny's final Fall Harvest Sale since her child is graduating 5th grade this year—and fun fact, working together on this event years ago is actually how Jenny and I first met and became friends! We are going to miss you next year! I also want to give a special thank you to Joanna Avram for stepping in as co-chair and helping make this year's sale such a wonderful achievement. Thank you to all the volunteers who pitched in and to every family who came out to buy their fall goodies. A special thank you to Janine and Dayna for helping sling those mums and pumpkins quite literally all day.

Looking ahead, planning for our big Fall Festival on Friday, October 23rd, is officially underway! Our event chairs, Christina Nawabi and Jenny Kombogiannis, have been working so hard to make this an incredible event for our kids. Tickets are \$8 during presale and \$10 at the door. If you'd like to pay cash and save on online fees, we will be outside after school this Friday afternoon to take presale payments. I'm going to hand it over to Jenny so she can share a bit about what they're working on for this year's festival.

Syosset Council Parent Resource Group: I'd like to turn it over briefly to Sabrina Chen, who has a few announcements to share on behalf of the PRG.

Room Reps: Our Room Reps are already hard at work planning the kids' very first classroom party! A huge thank you to Jenny and Lulu for keeping all of our reps organized and being so responsive. If you haven't done so already, please make sure to pay your class dues directly to your class Room Rep as soon as possible.

Thank you all again for your continued support, and I hope to see everyone dressed up and having fun at the Fall Festival on Friday, October 23rd!

2nd VP Veronica:

I want to start by giving a HUGE thanks to the chairs on the Sundae's and Sidewalk Chalk -Carla, Christina and Amee. With their help along with all the families who attended, the event was a huge success! The students loved coloring with chalk on the front entrance of the school followed by creating and enjoying delicious ice cream sundaes until sunset.

I also wanted to extend a big thank you to Corey Witt for his tireless role of building out the student directory AND Samantha Witt for her role as chair for the PTA membership Contest. The PTA membership contest concluded on September 30th with Ms. Yu's class winning the competition! As per request, the PTA has ordered the book 'Sleepless' for the children.

The next upcoming event will be one of my favorites, the Thanksgiving Pie Sale! Sabrina is the chair for this event.

****Sabrina will speak****

The Scholastic Book fair is coming soon on November 4th! This will be an in-school event where the students will be able to purchase a variety of books from the newest releases to old favorites. The chairs, Samantha, Christina, Jane and Josephine and I have been starting the prep work for this event! Amee has been keeping up with the communications meetings. She will speak a little bit about what they have been discussing.

****Amee will speak****

Lastly, I have been in talks with chairs Carla and Joanna about a Parents Night Out. This is such a fun event where families in the community will be able to connect while enjoying delicious food and possibly a drink! We are looking to book out the event at the beginning of January so make sure to keep your calendars free. We will let everyone know a time and place as soon as possible.

3RD VP Lisa:

Hi everyone, thank you so much for joining us tonight!

First, I'd like to give a big thank-you to Mengti and TangYuan for taking the time to help us pack the Birthday Grams. And thank you, Joanna, for joining the Birthday Gram committee! Going forward, if you have any questions regarding the Birthday Gram, please feel free to reach out to Joanna or myself.

Speaking of Birthday Bin, orders are now open for November. If your child has a birthday in November and you would like them to celebrate in school, please go on to memberhub and place your order.

Just a quick reminder that our School Store is open on the first Monday of every month. I'd like to thank my chairs, Julie and Mengti, for all their hard work. And a big thank-you to Dayna, Janine, Amee, and Christina for volunteering their time to help out at the School Store. All the kids had an amazing time shopping!

Our next School Store will be open on November 2nd, so please remember to send your child to school with some money if they would like to shop. Thank you!

4th VP Len:

1) Thank you to my chairs Helen and Karrie for a successful spirit wear sale. They both worked very hard to come up with these cute designs this year. We had over 67 orders and fundraised \$799.62. Once production is complete in the coming weeks, it will be brought to school to be distributed to your child's classroom. Thank you to everyone who placed an order and supported this year's spirit wear.

2.) We had a very successful 5th grade car wash this past Saturday Oct 3. Thank you to everyone who came out to support. The 5th graders had a great time and it was non stop of cars lined up. We fundraised over \$1,000 to benefit the 5th Grade. Special thanks to the Jericho firefighters and Syosset firefighters who came out to support.

3.) Support our school through the Miss Chocolate Catalog Sale! Packets with registration instructions were sent home with students and included everything you need to get started. Simply follow the directions in your packet to register online using School Code: 105230, then share the sale with family and friends. Every purchase helps support our school, and we truly appreciate your participation and support! The sale starts on 9/28 and run until 10/23 and orders will be delivered to the school on Thursday 11/19.

4.) Kindergarten Rec Night is on Thursday Oct 15, 2026 from 6-7pm. If you are a Kindergarten parent and this is new to you what Rec Night is an hour where kids will be playing fun gym games supervised by PTA parents. You are welcome to drop off or stay. Parent volunteers are needed. Please make sure you sign up via the Google Form that was sent out in the Sunday PTA email.

Nov 19 - 5th Grade Rec Night
January 22 - 2nd Grade Rec Night
February 26- 3rd Grade Rec Night
March 11 – 4th Grade Rec Night
April 15 – 1st Grade Rec Night

5.) WELCOME TO REFLECTIONS 2026-2027! We are so excited to share information about this year's Reflections Program! The National PTA Reflections Program welcomes students of all abilities to explore and be involved in the arts. Students reflect on a theme and create original works of art in the areas of Dance Choreography, Film, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. Students earn positive recognition for their achievements. This year's theme is "What my Culture Means to Me." Deadline to submit is Oct 23, 2026.

6.) The 5th Grade Committee is selling Boo Bags! Purchase one for \$4 or 10 for \$35. BOO BAGS are mysterious little packages filled with treats that “magically” appear on friend’s doorsteps. It’s a fun way to spread Halloween cheer! All proceeds benefit the 5th grade. Deadline to order is 10/23/26. Pick up between 10/26/26-10/30/26 at 14 Fair Lane Jericho, NY 11753.

7.) Squishy Dumpling Making Class Event hosted by the 5th Grade Committee. Get ready for a fun and creative evening with Krafty Hands on Tuesday Nov 10 at the RL Gym. It is \$35 each. Kids will have the chance to make their very own adorable squishy dumpling while enjoying some pizza and a drink with their friends. Proceeds to benefit the 5th grade. There are two time slots:

Kindergarten-4th grade: 5:00pm to 6:30pm

5th Grade only: 7:00pm-8:30pm

8.) New York Islanders Tuesday Nov 17 Game starts at 7pm. Tickets at \$55 each. 10 Lucky 5th graders can win a chance to go down to the ice and see the players as they enter the ice before the game.

** Please note this Friday Oct 9 at 2:50pm-3:15pm on the blacktop of 3-5th grade pick up we will have a table on site and will be taking payments in cash for these events sponsored by the 5th grade committee.

9.) Important Reminder for the 5th grade parents: 5th Grade Parents: 2027 Digital Yearbook Packet were emailed out on 09/21/26, please ensure it is completed by November 1. Optional to purchased \$5 booster messages that are 100 characters are short messages to your child. Optional is also the yearbook ad is due 2/11/27 and that is paid directly to the yearbook company.

* Sign up for interest photos with dates with remaining dates on 10/9/26, 10/10/26, 10/11/26 and 10/17/26. Please make sure you sign up for your child a time slot if you have not done so yet. This only takes a few minutes, and we compile photos for the yearbook taking every 5th grader showing off what interest them.

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. Does anyone have any final questions this morning?

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.

Important Dates October and November:

10/12 No School (Columbus Day)
10/15 Rec Night (Kindergarten)
10/19 Pie Sale Begins
10/23 Fall Festival (PM)
10/25 Catalog Sale Ends
10/30 School Halloween Parade
11/2 School Store Opened During Lunch
11/3 No school for students (Superintendent Conference Day)
11/3 Parent Teacher Conferences (Full Day)
11/4 PTA Meeting at 7:45pm
11/5 Book Fair

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 AM