PTSA Minutes

October 14, 2026 at 10:00 am
HBT Library

The Co-Presidents offered everyone a good morning and welcome.
The meeting came to order at 10:12 a.m., with a quorum present.
Attendance was taken by sign-in sheet.

I. Approve Minutes – September 2026

The minutes from our last PTSA meeting in September were included on our HBT PTSA website. There were no comments, changes, or questions, and the minutes were approved.

II. Presidents' Report – Jamie Lund and Theresa Resnick

The Co-Presidents reported that we are still looking for more members to reach our membership goal. For middle school, this is our biggest fundraiser. Please remember that being a PTSA member brings benefits – your vote counts, you get access to our Directory Spot, you get our weekly email updates and reminders, and you get to be involved in making a difference for our children. Thank you to everyone who has already become a

member. The link to become a member is always in the weekly emails, and on our website and social media pages (Facebook and Instagram). If you do not have the link, please feel free to email or text us. Make sure to follow those pages, as we post flyers and any reminders as well.

Thank yous were given to our 8th Grade Committee for designing and purchasing sweatshirts for our 8th graders! They came out great and we know our children will enjoy wearing them on their trip to Washington DC and for years to come!

Thanks were also given to Mr. Bonanno and his team for their continuous hard work on making this year a great one so far. We would also like to thank our parent volunteers who have been working hard behind the scenes to bring us some great fundraising events and experiences for our children. If you would like to become a part of any of our committees or just want more information on how to get involved, individuals were

invited to speak to the Co-Presidents after the meeting. We look forward to many more successful events this year.

III. Treasurer's Report – Su Hu

As of September 30, 2026:

Ending Checking Balance: $40,516.80
Ending Saving Balance: $6,257.92

Total Cash on Hand: $46,774.72

For three months ending September 30, 2026:

Total Income: $5,406.70
Total Expense: ($2,680.69)

Net Profit/(Loss): $2,726.01

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

A motion was made and passed to amend the budget to reflect the following changes:

- 8th Grade Fundraising: $8,000 to $3,500
- Food fundraisers/popcorn sales: $1,250 to $1,000
- Catalog sale: $1,000 to $500

IV. Correspondence Report

Mrs. Perrone sent a thank you note.

V. Principal's Report

Mr. Bonanno provided an update, describing how the school year was going and expressing excitement for the upcoming Pep Rally in which a number of HBT students would be participating.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Audit Committee (Min An, Aebeer Mallick, and Randi Rothberg)

An audit of the H.B. Thompson books for the July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026 school year was conducted by Min An, Aebeer Mallick and Randi Rothberg. The Audit Committee reported that it examined the books of the treasurer of the Harry B. Thompson PTSA for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and found them to be in order.

Following the initial audit, a reporting error was identified that resulted in an incorrect variance being shown. The error has been corrected, and the corrected records have been reviewed by Sherri Smith and Su Hu.

B. Communications Conference - Nicole Hirschfield

The Syosset Council of PTAs' Communication Conference Committee presents and discusses topics with Syosset administrators during each school year. The committee is composed of Council Delegates from every school in the District. Individuals with questions for the administration that are general in nature (i.e., not something specific to your child or your specific school), were invited to email Nicole Hirschfield and/or Jessica Goldberg by October 16th**.**

C. School and Community (Aebeer Mallick)

The PTA Council Newcomers' Event went very well. We had a great turnout. Next, the School and Community Committee will be holding a drive to benefit the St. Edward Food Pantry, from October 19 - November 13. Families can scan the QR code on the flyer (included in newsletter) to ship items directly to the pantry, or students can drop off donations in the box located in the school's lobby.

D. Holiday Boutique (Amanda Keyes)

The Holiday Boutique dates were shared, and a Plan of Work was approved.

E. Curriculum Enrichment (Nina Grieco and Tara Ginsburg)

The Committee discussed upcoming programs, including the first one, a weather assembly for eighth graders in October.

F. Sixth Grade Committee (Nina Grieco and Tara Ginsburg)

The Committee invited other sixth grade parents to volunteer at the upcoming event and discussed the fun party planned.

G. Book Fair (Hera Bokhari and Carly Goodman)

It was announced that the HBT Fall book fair would be held Thursday and Friday of the week of PTA. Students would shop with their ELA classes. Parents could volunteer at the book fair by choosing a shift on our SignUp Genius. We accept cash and e-wallets. And new this year, we would randomly select 10 students with eWallets set up and loaded to win $10 to use at the book fair.

H. Fundraising (Jeremy Melnick and Tara Ginsberg)

Get your HBT Guac on and have a night off of cooking!! Tuesday, 10/27 there will be a Chipotle HBT Fundraiser from 4-8 PM. 25% of sales will get donated to the HBT PTSA!

I. Reflections (Sarah Lin)

As announced at our first PTSA meeting, the Reflections contest theme this year is "What My Culture Means to Me." Please encourage your children to participate! Submission deadline is 10/23 11:59pm, it's a hard deadline (NOTE: This deadline was extended to 10/26)! After the deadline, selected entries will be submitted to the next level for review. Reach out to Sarah Lin with any questions!

J. Parent Resource Group (Pam Bahiri)

Syosset Council of PTAs' Parent Resource Group would present an informative Workshop for Parents facilitated by Syosset's own central administration: Mr. David Steinberg, Dr. Jeanette Wojcik, and Ms. Christine Payne. This would be an IN-PERSON workshop on *AI in Education: Syosset's Approach to Responsible, Human-Centered Learning*. The presentation would be held on Thursday, October 22nd at South Woods Middle School at 7:30pm.

K. Scholarship Committee (Sunita Hansraj)

Vote for Pizza on Election Day! There will be a Mario's Pizza fundraiser on November 3rd. 15% of proceeds will go to Syosset Scholarship Fund!

K. SEPTA (Danielle Sandjaby)

SEPTA kicked off the school year with our September 23rd meeting at Village. We shared updates on membership, family resources, our summer Day in Clay program, and plans for this year's Resource Fair. We also heard from Pupil Personnel Services, and the PPS presentation and resources from the meeting will be available on Monday on the district's PPS Parent Resources page: https://www.syossetschools.org/pupil-personnel-services/parent-resources.

Please save the date for our Resource Fair on Monday, November 23, from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at HBT. Families can connect with organizations offering educational, therapeutic, recreational, transition, and family-support resources—all in one place.

Our newsletters offer another way to learn and connect. October's Learning Corner focuses on ADHD Awareness Month, with information about executive functioning and practical strategies to support children with everyday routines and schoolwork. We also share local resources, programs, and opportunities for children of all abilities that can sometimes be hard to find.
SEPTA newsletters and email updates are sent directly to SEPTA members. If you would like to receive these communications and stay up to date throughout the year, please make sure you sign up and become a SEPTA member. Membership also helps support our programs, resources, scholarships, events, advocacy, and the work we do for families across the district. If you are already a SEPTA member but are not seeing our emails, please check your junk, spam, and Promotions folders. Add syossetnysepta@gmail.com to your contacts and adjust your email settings so SEPTA messages arrive in your inbox.

We've heard that some families are having a hard time finding SEPTA information and resources. Families can visit our SEPTA website at https://syossetsepta.pplx.app for meeting dates, upcoming events, resources, and ways to get involved. You can also visit the district's PPS Parent Resources page above and follow our Facebook page for additional updates and reminders.

VII. New Business (none)

VIII. Dates to Remember (September & October)

October 26: Reflections submissions deadline (revised)

October 27: Chipotle fundraiser (4:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

October 29: Sixth Grade Social (3:30 pm – 5:30 pm)

November 2: Middle School Winter 1 Sports season begins

November 3: Superintendent's Conference Day (no school for students)

November 3: Parent-teacher conferences

November 6: End of first marking period

November 8: Diwali

November 9: Next HBT PTSA Meeting (7:45 pm)

November 11: Veteran's Day (no school)

November 13: HBT Musical (7:00 pm)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.