



Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm
HBT Cafeteria

A quorum was present, and the January 2026 minutes were approved without any comments, changes, or questions.

I. Treasurer’s Report – Sunita Hansraj

Sunita presented the Treasurer’s Report, as follows:

Opening Balance 12/23/2025	\$45,305.20
Income/Deposits	\$180.87
Expense/Cash Disbursements	\$503.65
Checking Balance (01/22/26)	\$44,982.42
Savings Balance as of 12/30/2025	\$6,255.81
Total Cash on Hand as of 12/30/2025	\$51,238.23
Opening Balance 01/23/2026	\$44,982.42
Income/Deposits	\$204.63
Expense/Cash Disbursements	\$2,155.67
Checking Balance (02/20/26)	\$43,031.38
Savings Balance as of 01/23/2026	\$6,256.08
Total Cash on Hand as of 2/30/2026	\$49,287.46

All balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Inna Choi; thank you to Inna.

II. Presidents’ Report – Nina Grieco and Sharmin Panjvani

The Presidents’ Report reviewed that we would be voting on the slate of officers for the 2026-2027 school year. Thanks were given to the Nominating Committee, which included Tara Ginsburg, Karen Ostrick, Sherri Smith, Amanda Turner, and Soo Cho, for their work to prepare and confirm the slate.

A reminder was given about the upcoming Staff Recognition lunch on May 15, 2026. Later in the meeting, Inna Choi and Min An reported that the Committee met and would be reaching out to vendors. In addition, the PTSA would be sending out information about opportunities to donate and/or volunteer for the lunch. Click the links here to support the Staff Recognition Lunch (see also the March 27, 2026 PTSA email):

- Donations: [Givebacks - Support the causes you care about](#)



- Volunteer: HBT PTSA: Staff Recognition Lunch (appetizers/desserts) 5/15/26

The Presidents also reported that the 8th Grade committee is in full gear, preparing for their end of year events. Lawn signs will be on sale soon. Parents of eighth graders are welcome to join the committee.

There also was a reminder that we will be having an award ceremony at our May PTSA meeting to recognize members who have gone above and beyond. If you know anyone deserving an award, a form for nominations went out this week.

III. Correspondence Report

There was no new correspondence.

IV. Principal's Report

Mr. Bonanno: Mr. Bonanno reported on happy news from the faculty, and recognized faculty in attendance. He spoke of the sixth graders' trip to see *The Descendants* – in which a Syosset graduate played a lead role! Speaking of plays, Mr. Bonanno also praised the Drama Club's performance of *The Rehearsal*. More good news: The Science Olympiads team made it to the NYS competition. Mr. Bonanno also reported that Wellness Week was coming up.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Bonanno fielded a question regarding the possibility of an early bus, which is not an available option at this time.

Mr. Naraine: Per Mr. Naraine's report, Dr. Baglivo-Rypl recently presented on math to the BOE. NYS tests are coming up, with ELA assessments running on the Wednesday and Thursday after Spring Break. Parents wishing to opt out their children should email in advance of the test. As the tests are computer based, students should bring styluses on testing days. Speaking of tests, the June calendar would be released in the week after the PTSA meeting.

Ms. Waters: Ms. Waters spoke of the orientation for parents of incoming sixth graders, which was held the same evening as the PTSA meeting. She also reported that annual reviews had commenced, first for students with IEPs, with 504 plans to be reviewed thereafter. Ms. Waters noted that the meetings were off to a strong and positive start.

Mr. Harrigan: Mr. Harrigan reported that the eighth graders' annual trip to Washington, D.C. would be held during the week before Thanksgiving. An information session for parents would be held in the spring.

V. Committee Reports



- A. Communications Conference (Theresa Resnick): The Communications Conference committee met on March 3, 2026 to review and discuss the topics that were submitted from the community, with a meeting with the District Administration set for March 25, 2026 to present the topics and address concerns. Information about the outcomes will be available on the District's website.

- B. Cultural Unity (Liwen Li and Wendy Chiu): The Cultural Unity Committee invited students to take part in the Celebration of Culture Showcase, happening on April 27, 2026 at HBT. Students were encouraged to submit a piece of literature, artwork, digital art, photography, or a dance or music composition reflecting one or more of the following questions: *What does culture mean to you? How is culture celebrated in your home? What has culture taught you?* The deadline was adjusted slightly for submissions.

All student works will be displayed. Submissions will be organized by grade level: K–2, Grades 3–5, Middle School, and High School. Every participating student will receive a small token of appreciation for their contribution.

- C. SEPTA (Wendy Chiu): A meeting would be held on March 25, 2026 to elect the slate of officers for the 2026-2027 school year. A nominating form had gone out already.

- D. Annual District, Budget & Election Vote (Sarah Lin): The Annual District Budget & Election Vote will be held on May 19, 2026 from 6:00 am – 9:00 pm. Prior to that, there will be three Budget Information session (February 9, March 9, and April 20, 2026) and a Budget Hearing on May 11, 2026. All meetings will be held at 8:00 pm at South Woods MS.

Voting locations depend on your zoned elementary school. (Check prior emails from the PTSA.) The next voter registration date is April 30, 2026, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at SHS. Please note this registration time is only for the Syosset School District elections, and NOT for the general election.

Information is available online at the Syosset School District website.

- E. Reflections (Sarah Lin): HBT had eleven submissions for Reflections, with two works advancing to New York State for judging. At the next PTSA meeting, we will recognize each of the HBT students who participated in Reflections for this school year.

- F. Book Fair (Soo Cho and Jamie Lund): The Book Fair was held on March 26 and 27, 2026, during which time students could shop during their



Lunch periods with cash, an e-wallet, or a credit card. Scholastic provided a “BOGO” incentive.

G. Staff Recognition (Min An and Inna Choi, on behalf of themselves and Trupti Bahl and Natalie Jeon): See above (in Presidents’ Report).

H. Scholarship Fund (Aebeer Malick): The Scholarship Fund’s work is done for the school year, with \$3630 raised (including \$1433 raised from the Syosset Gives campaign). A portion of the proceeds from SHS’s *Foot/lose* sales would go to the Fund. In addition, Playa Bowls fundraisers on the first Wednesday of every month will continue.

VI. Old/New Business

There was no old business.

For new business, the Nominating Committee met on February 4, 2026 to develop a slate for the 2026-2027 HBT PTSA Board. There were no additional candidates running from the floor. The slate was approved via a voice vote without the need for a tie-breaking vote from the Presidents. The 2026-2027 Board includes:

Co-Presidents – Theresa Resnick & Jamie Lund

1st VP - Inna Choi

2nd VP - Sherri Smith

3rd VP - Sunita Hansraj

Treasurer - Su Hu

Recording Secretary - Randi Rothberg

Corresponding Secretary - Kelly Ying

Council Delegates - Pam Bahiri, Aebeer Mallick, Avigail Vohs, Sarah Lin, Lisa Li, Lu Tang, and Nicole Hirschfield

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.