

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

6:30 PM

Attendees (29 in total): Robin Nusbaum, Christina Dvorak, Amanda Pugh, Nathaniel Barnes, Rebekah Skinner, Kristin Guckian, Jacky Damon, Leigh Worral, Danielle Hartman, Sarah Ferguson, Holly Majszak

Attendees on Zoom (5 in total): Christina Bleckinger, Tony Dvorak, Staci Shick

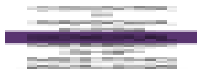
Called meeting to order: Robin Nusbaum, 6:30 PM

Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion to approve March meeting minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Danielle Hartman (1st)
 - b. Motion to approve seconded by Jacky Damon
- ii. Minutes approved

Board of Education Report- Christina Bleckinger

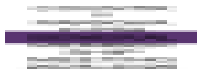
- i. Commented on the incredible Teacher Appreciation week that CP held
 - a. So happy to be part of the community, and loved the social media post with the 4th students giving flowers to the teachers with the special things they said about them
- ii. Capital Project
 - a. Did anyone see the helicopter last Sunday at Country Parkway?
 - i. Heard it was very cool, and they had great success
- iii. Board Candidate Ballot Draw
 - a. 1A- Lauren Schellinger, 2A- Michael Buscaglia, 3A-Phillip Danielson, 4A- Dr. Kerry Spicer
 - b. Michael and Kerry are both incumbents
 - c. May 19th are the board elections and budget vote, please come out
- iv. May 26th Board Meeting
 - a. Having a special education presentation
 - b. Reviewing the long-range plan,
 - i. This is the 3–5-year plan that began 2 years ago
 - ii. Will go over the recommendations that the audit team made, updates, additions to staff, and things to accommodate the best practices in the field



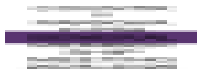
- v. Confirmed we received a copy of the board notes.
- vi. Portrait of a Graduate presentation is online
 - a. Dr. Brown-Hall just had an interview with Channel 4 News to go over all the updates and changes coming to our district

Principal's Report- Nathaniel Barnes

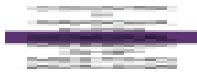
- i. Week of May 18th
 - a. Parking lot work is being done that will impact the pick-up lane and parking.
 - i. The area of work will be blocked off and there will be personnel directing traffic
 - ii. Will be a visual in the next Eagle Eye to give a visual as to what that will look like
 - iii. Keith Laylocks, Director of Facilities, it should conclude at the end of the week, but by the following week Monday everything should be back to normal
- ii. Tomorrow is the 3rd grade Spring Concert.
 - a. During the school day their peers will be able to go and watch
 - b. After school there is a family concert at Transit Middle
- iii. Already full steam ahead for the 2026/2027 school year
 - a. A week or two ago he sent out a correspondence asking parents if they had any input they wanted to submit about their children that will help make class lists. They have until Friday to submit that
 - i. That survey is not embracing direct teacher recommendations/requests
 - ii. All of the teachers and staff are wonderful; this is strictly for if you have any input about your child that could help teachers and staff place them.
 - iii. Lists change as enrollment changes
- iv. Action Teams
 - a. SDM
 - i. Working very closely with PTA on the School of Excellence surveys
 - 1. Analyzed the data and determined we need a Family Resource Guide- let families know how to maximize and access the building and district level resources that are available to them
 - 2. As a team they came up with many areas to highlight that were directly related to the data
 - a. Send another survey to show everyone the areas that were requested and asked people to prioritize them, so they know what to focus on for next year



- b. The data highlighted another area- Communication
 - i. The school knows how to communicate, but families don't necessarily know all the ways we do, so we determined that families need to know how to communicate and it's the purpose of the guide so this is the area that will be prioritized first
 - ii. When SDM gets together this month, they will work to get the communication piece done by June to start the guide. This will drive the goals for next year's School of Excellence
 - b. Robin interjected
 - i. Priority topics were what the SDM team expected
 - 1. Academic Support
 - 2. Social/Emotional Behavioral Support
 - ii. Communication piece seems approachable by the end of the year because we have that information of how we communicate and cut and dry. The other areas are the larger buckets that need more work and focus on
 - iii. Barnes added, Angelica Mott is their technology person and hm and Mrs. Skinner can sit down with her for 30 minutes or so and go over the communication piece. When we get to the academics and mental health, there are many different stakeholders that that may impact so they are more multi-layered.
 - c. Literacy Action Team
 - i. Made small nuances to our summer reading program
 - ii. Flyer is going to be coming out soon to families
 - iii. Thanked everyone because their support at the Bookfairs funds the reading celebration activities
 - d. Wellness Action Team
 - i. Have been working hard on Wellness Day that always aligns with the Fun Run
 - ii. Visiting Author- Christina Gwarek will be coming and reading a Webby book and every child will receive one of the books
 - iii. During lunch we dim the light, play calming music and students are encouraged to have a more relaxed lunch
 - e. GPS CogAT Testing
 - i. Administration was concerned because this was an opt-in testing and they weren't sure many people would participate, and concerned that parents would be worried they would miss participation for the Fall



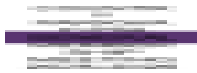
1. They tried to communicate it very early and easily
2. The CogAT assessments have taken place, and the results will be sent to the families over the summer
 - a. These are face value results and is not determining if your child is participating in programming, they will have those conversations in the Fall with the families
3. Next week they are doing make-up assessments for students that missed it when they first gave them
4. This is in addition to the GPS program we have right now. People that didn't qualify for this can still qualify for additional services
5. Question for Mr. Barnes by Danielle Hartman- what percentage of our school population do you think opted in?
 - a. Barnes was watching the opt-in analytics and after one day it increased by 100.
 - b. Tried to be specific and clarify in Seesaw which is when they saw the jump
 - c. Program doesn't affect kindergarten, but it is banded so at the end of K you would take the assessment and that will count for grades 1 & 2, then at the end of 2 you will take the assessment again and that will be for grades 3 & 4.
 - i. New student in the district, you will have the opportunity to take the assessments at the end of their first year.
 - ii. Things will ebb and flow because it is new but there is the current structure
6. Eagle Eye is coming out this Friday
7. Question for Danielle Hartman- noting the child input correspondence for teacher assignments, we didn't expect 80+ students to enroll over the summer and there are a lot of classes that are quite copious and big, how is that translating into the next year of multiple classes. Are we adding more teachers are we shifting?
 - a. Barnes answered- each year every principal meets with Dr. Balen- Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Dana Floriano- Executive Director of HR, and we sit and discuss the number of sections they want, and they say yes or no due to our current projection of numbers and numbers from the previous year. He received everything he wanted.



- i. Sometimes it works out that if you are right at the capacity, you won't get approved for more sections, but if you are one over you will.
- ii. He is gracious that for our grade levels that we were at the cusp of the capacity, we were given the approval to add additional sections.
 - 1. 3rd grade is going up to 6 sections
 - 2. 1st is going for 4 to 6 sections
 - 3. 2nd grade will be going down from 6 to 5 sections
 - 4. 4th grade is remaining at 5 sections
 - 5. Kindergarten already has 6 sections, last year there was 5 and due to the summer influx, they moved to 7, could happen again
- iii. Question by Jacky Damon- I would assume there is teacher input to where the students will go?
 - 1. Barnes answered- absolutely, teachers are a main part of the process. Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Skinner go over the input, and then they place students that receive services and those colleagues are involved first, then mental health professionals are involved for the social-emotional and social factors, then they look at the parent data and separate the data by grade level, then they give the teachers the data to go over, and then it comes back to them to make the final determinations. When the summer influx happened that's when they had to ebb and flow

Assistant Principal Report- Rebekah Skinner

- i. Wrapping up State Examination period
 - a. Yesterday and today finished up the NYS Math for 3rd and 4th grade.
 - i. They did great

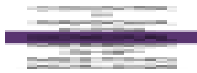


- b. Some students are making it up this week due to missing it. Then it will be wrapped up
- c. ENL students were scheduled to take their tests and only a few must finish taking theirs
- d. DEI
 - i. One thing we are trying to implement this year is being mindful of growing building and classroom wide initiatives to help students discover and bring out their own identity work and making sure everything is very inclusive in their classrooms
 - ii. One more lesson for students K-4 before the end of the year in June
 - 1. Will look a little different from K-4 based on developmental appropriateness
 - a. Having a read aloud of *The World Needs Who You Were Meant to Be* by Joanna Gaines. Going to be creating an identity wheel in the shape of a hot air balloon, asking students to ask students to think about themselves such as what is your favorite color, who are you family members, what are words that may describe you to help students reflect who they are as a person and help them identify as a human being and student on their classroom and in the world.
 - 2. Planning their lessons for students in the fall in September or October with another read aloud and another activity
 - 3. Robin suggested they tag Joanna Gaines on social media for the activity
- e. Barnes interjected
 - i. The building is going to be closed this summer because of the capital work. The office is still open, but the rest of the school will be closed.

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report – Robin Nusbaum

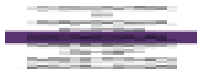
- i. Last formal meeting of the year
 - i. Next month we are celebrating with our Volunteer/Member night at Roccos on June 10th from 7-830



- ii. Thank you to Krystle Williams and the Art Fest Committee
 - a. Theme was cute and the event went well
 - i. Skinner thanked them for letting them reuse their decorations for teacher appreciation week
 - b. Robin also thanked Maria Papia and the crew that helped put on Teacher Appreciation week
 - i. Well received week, had a mobile bagel/donuts/coffee cart, hydration station, Fat Bob's catered lunch, chocolate fountain, flowers and honey favors. All based on teachers being sweet
 - ii. Thank you to Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Skinner for all their work and help too and setting up fun games
 - iii. Skinner and Barnes thanked everyone for their contributions and to Robin
- iii. School of Excellence Impact Survey coming
 - a. Follow-up to the fall feedback survey
 - b. Please fill this out for us

Treasurer – Robin Nusbaum on Behalf of Joe Ciminelli

- i. Operating account: \$40,155 at the end of April
- ii. Segregated playground accounts total around \$175,000
 - a. This will be diminishing soon when we purchase playground equipment and items
- iii. Cash In
 - a. Commission from school pictures
 - b. Fun run money came in
 - c. Spring Bookfair check came in
 - d. Most of Art Fest came through
- iv. Expenses out
 - a. Paid the author visit, high than our normal budget that was voted on but moving forward we told the library team the budget wont be as large
 - b. Enrichment payments from steam and kindergarten
- v. YTD class expenses shown
 - a. Second grade play hasn't come out yet
 - b. A bit over for kindergarten enrichments because of the big class
 - c. A couple other things haven't happened yet
- vi. Made a separate account that has no fees for the 4th grade student council so anything they do stays separate from the PTA
 - a. Showed they made \$1610.00 by the end of April, and this does not include the flower sale



VP of Tech & Membership- Amanda Pugh

- i. Last VP of Tech Report
 - a. Memberships ended at 301.
 - b. Technically can register until June 1st
- ii. Will let you know when membership opens for next year. Dues will be the same \$10 per adult and \$5 per child
- iii. We hit our stretch goal

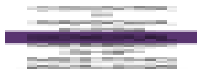
VP of Volunteers- Maria Papia

- i. Lunch sign-ups are available
- ii. Fun Run is this Friday
 - a. Thanked everyone who signed up to help
 - b. Have 15 high schoolers coming to help with after party
- iii. Bike Rodeo is June 2
 - a. 15 students signed up to help
 - b. Looking for 6 parents to help, 3 for each session. 5:30-6:30 and 6:30-7:30
- iv. Field Day, June 4th
 - a. Looking for 100 volunteers for this
 - b. K & 1st- 9:30-11:30
 - c. 2, 3 & 4- 11:30-1:00
 - d. Be available for the rain date June 8th
- v. Volunteer Appreciation Night sign-up is coming, so be on the lookout for that
- vi. Robin noted the QR code links to our leadership interest form to join any committees or chair any events/fundraisers

PTSA- Danielle Hartman

- i. Meeting that we had was the Leadership Meeting and so many members came and got to eat and socialize
- ii. Service to Youth Awards Ceremony beginning of June
 - a. Professional award to Mr. Asklar
 - b. Volunteer award to Ms. Kathleen Naples
 - i. Helped with the creation of the 2nd grade play
 - c. Western Region leadership dinner is at Erie 1 Boces, Thursday May 21st from 6-9pm and includes dinner. Givebacks sign-up

SEPTSA- Leigh Worrall



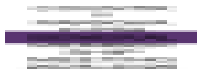
- i. Past 2 presentations were cancelled, so their general meetings were held but others pushed back.
- ii. Last meeting focused on parent communication.
 - a. Sending digital information for students that have IEPs and some parents were having difficulty navigating that, so they spent time troubleshooting that a bit
- iii. No more meetings this year, but shared info on a parent member training coming up.
 - a. Any parent that wants to become more familiar with NYS regulations, receiving special education services.
 - i. If you complete the training, you are eligible to sit in as a parent member on community special education
 - ii. It falls on Field Day but if they offer another event in the future she will share.
 - b. Robin noted- does everyone know what that means? If you have an IEP for your child, you can have a parent committee member sit in on your meetings

PTA Nominations

- i. Showed slate of officers
 - a. Vacancy in VP of Tech and Membership
 - b. Amanda Pugh is retiring and Sarah Ferguson is slated to take her place
- ii. All the rest of the positions are eligible for another year because you can serve two consecutive 1-year terms.
- iii. Robin- can we make a motion to vote formal on the slate for the 2026-2027 PTA board.
 - a. Everyone in favor- all yays
 - b. Anyone opposed- no nays
- iv. Sarah official inducted and welcomed
- v. It's been a great year; we have made some strides and looking forward to continuing that momentum

Fun Run- Jacky Damon

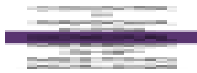
- i. This Friday
 - 1. Hit our first goal of \$40,000 dollars
 - 2. Put our stretch goal of \$50,000
 - a. We don't want to have to pay the 20% platform fee, and we do if we are under that goal
 - b. We are at \$48,954 and we have one week after Fun Run to raise funds
- ii. We have 86% of students registered and would like to increase that



- a. Robin added if you sign-up its free and you get a Dave and Busters game money
- iii. Question from Staci on zoom- if they use their rewards for Fun Run prizes, when do those come in?
 - a. Jacky answered- they should come in within 2 weeks once the order is placed and you will get more information on Friday on how to order and those details
- iv. Fun continues from 5-7pm after the Fun Run
 - a. Carnival games
 - b. Foam party
 - c. Andersons Food Truck
 - d. Tacos Community and Beer truck coming
 - e. Cheesy Chick
 - f. Author is coming to sign the books
 - g. JCC is coming to promote summer camps
- v. WITS Email just went out highlighting what Jacky discussed and the incentives
 - a. Robin added- Mr. Barnes has committed to sleep at the school Night At The Museum style for the school hitting the 40k goal
 - i. Will be updates from him throughout the night
 - ii. Winning classroom can send their stuffies to sleepover
 - iii. If we cross the stretch goal, Mrs. Skinner will become NASA Mission Contril and will send special challenges for Mr. Barnes to complete
 - 1. Students can send challenges to her for recommendations
 - 2. Mrs. Skinner will be wearing a costume to report the morning news the following morning.
- vi. Questions from Sarah Ferguson- is there a specific time for the foam party? Jacky answered- they are setting up at 5 and it will go to 7, so it will be available all night

Bike Rodeo- Jacky Damon

- vii. June 2
- viii. UPK, K and 1st 5:30-6:30
- ix. 2nd, 3rd and 4th 6:30-7:30
- x. Different tracks and courses
- xi. DJ
- xii. NorthStar Bike Shop
 - a. Bike tune ups
- xiii. Last year we were able to secure prizes and literature from NYS PTA but haven't gotten the OK we are getting them, but hopefully they are coming
- xiv. 4th grade student council will be selling concessions



ROTM- Kristin Guckian

- i. Salsaritas May 18th, 11am-9pm
 - a. We get 20% back from sales
 - b. Next year they will bump it up to 25%
 - c. Robin suggested we advertise to teachers that they can order for lunch
 - d. Order in person or online and mention Country Parkway
- ii. Not meeting next month but we have Pescis as our ROTM from June 10-17th
 - a. They are amazing, we start with them and end with them
 - b. They give us 20% from the entire week
- iii. Last month we did Jersey Mikes and received a \$125 check
- iv. Thank you to Maria Papia for getting the high schoolers to run the Kids Corner during the meeting
 - a. Playing games and random activities with the kids in the cafeteria

EduKits- Leigh Worrall

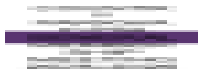
- i. They are live
- ii. Flyers went home in backpacks yesterday and we already sold \$500 in kits so far
 - a. Pricing is slightly different this year
 - i. Previously the shipping was included on the system, this time it is setup differently and very similar to Shopify
- iii. Any questions ask Leigh. Can order until July 17th, and will arrive in August

Community Initiatives- Staci Shick

- i. Reminder to turn in Dash's receipts
 - a. We are ½ way. Need 5,000 total to submit
- ii. Scan the box tops

Questions

- i. Kristin Guckian- just to plan the seed, some families were talking to see if yearbooks could ever be covered. For families that have 4 or 5 kids the amount adds up.
 - a. This is something we can discuss and talk about for our budget next year
- ii. Danielle Hartman- if a parent did not buy a book who can they reach out to to get one.
 - a. Robin answered to email the one on the sheet/page because they ordered a few extra and can purchase on Givebacks



Motion to adjourn

- i. Motion approved by Danielle Hartman
- ii. Motion to approved seconded Sarah Ferguson
- iii. Meeting adjourned 7:29pm