



Birch Lane
Massapequa Park, NY 11762



PTA General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026

Christine Rose, PTA President

- The meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm in the Birch Lane Elementary School GP Room.
- A quorum was present.
- Mrs. Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION AGENDA:

- The minutes of the November 6, 2025 General Membership were approved as presented.
- **Election of 2026 Nominating Committee:** President Christine Rose called for nominations to the Nominating Committee. Sarah Frascella, William Werner, Jennifer Bonett, Cindy DiMaris and Colleen Wildes were nominated and elected to the Nominating Committee.
- **President's Report: Christine Rose.** Thank you to the committees for continuing to make Birch Lane a fun and engaging school for the kids!
- **Correspondence: Vicki Abbinanti.** Thank you note from the Kindergarten teachers for the holiday luncheon. Notes of thanks were received from the Kindness Club thanking us for making World Kindness Day so much fun.
- **Treasurer's Report: Elizabeth Edelbach.** November 30, 2025 report: Opening balance of \$28,008.49, disbursements \$12,844.62, income \$36,786.16, closing balance \$51,950.03. The November statement was reconciled by Jenna Biancaniello. December 31, 2025 report: Opening balance of \$51,950.03, disbursements \$14,156.35, income \$273.24, closing balance \$38,066.92. The December statement was reconciled by Jenna Biancaniello.

OFFICER/CHAIR REPORTS

- **Boosterthon. Christine Rose.** There is a possible date move. More details to come either March or April.
- **PARP. Lauren Carollo.** PARP is in full swing. Kids are motivated to read together. Dog Man book was a huge success. The drive-by by the Principals has been a positive experience.
- **Reflections: Stephanie Iannuzzi:** We had a great turnout this year for Reflections. We look forward to celebrating and congratulating all participants at our awards ceremony on Thursday, February 12th from 9:40-10:20 at Birch Lane. The entries this year were creative, thoughtful and inspiring. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be receiving trophies, all participants will be getting a medal.
- **SEPTA: Stephanie Iannuzzi.** There will be a meeting on Jan 21st - 7pm @ McKenna on transitioning from CPSE to CSE. The Special Olympics is set for May 2nd. Volunteers needed! Anyone interested can complete the form sent by the district.
- **Book Fair: Vicki Abbinanti.** Our book fair is coming up the first week of February. It will be held in the school library from February 2-5. Volunteer signups will be going out next week with the time slot your child is attending.
- **Winter Fun Night: Elizabeth Edelbach.** Last month we hosted our 4th annual Winter Fun Night and it has truly become one of our school's favorite events. Thank you to Amanda Tasakovic for all of your hard work as chair, and to our committee for making this night come together and bring lasting memories for our kids!
- **Service to Community Committee: Elizabeth Edelbach.** At our last meeting, we formed our Service to Community Committee. This is a new committee focused on all of the community outreach that our PTA does on behalf of its membership. Last Friday, we were able to celebrate Last Friday, we were able to celebrate Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and honor our policemen and women volunteers with a breakfast in the front gym. We would like to propose a budget increase of \$650 to cover that expense, as well as any potential further projects through the balance of the school year. Our next exciting project will be our first ever "Battle of the Snacks" in which we will invite our students to donate a package of their favorite snack. The snacks will be collected, tallied and a winner announced during morning announcements, then we will donate all we've collected to a worthy cause.
- **Bircho: Elizabeth Edelbach:** Planning for one of our school's favorite events - Bircho Bingo - is underway! The PTA will host the event in the front gym on February 24th. Ticket sales will launch on February 2nd, be on the lookout for a flyer soon. A staff volunteer sign up will be shared shortly as well. We are excited for another fun-filled year! If anyone would like to volunteer for this committee, please reach out

to either myself, or our chair, Lauren Ehrlich.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- **Teacher Reports:** Ms. McCree and Ms. Downey. Kindergarten: They Love PARP and foundations, tap & blend letters. In math they are comparing numbers within 10 and learning about weather with Ms. Downey. First Grade: Starting the fiction unit in writing workshop. Using tally marks to interpret data in math. Hands on science experiments. Second Grade: Non-fiction reading/writing units. Working with 3-digit numbers and adding/comparing numbers. Lunar NY celebration and enjoying PARP. Third Grade: Strategies in math include finding area. Weather tools and types of clouds and doing research of non-fiction writing topics. Fourth Grade: Just started non-fiction unit and doing biographies. Animals and the environment in science and long division equations in math. Fifth Grade: Working on multiplying decimals, matter unit in science with matter experiments. In Social Studies, starting European exploration, nonfiction unit as well in English.
- **Principal/Assistant Principal Reports:** Mr. Aspetti & Mrs. Larkin. Thank you class parents and the bulletin boards committee. Holiday Fair and lunch were successful. LEAD day was outstanding and good experience for all. PARP has been great for the kids. HS Volunteers coming in to read books to kids. Building news: iReady winter benchmarks are in progress. HS Students to join for Phys Ed leaders. Corey from Submerged Storytelling is coming back. Lunar NY celebration in February. Winter recess week of 2/16. PS I love you Day with Valentine's Day on February 13th; Reinforce being kind and making others feel important.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

S/
Vicki Abbinanti

Approved: _____ Secretary