



General Meeting Agenda  
June 9, 2026 at 7:00pm | Walt Whitman Elementary

Good evening and welcome to our final PTA meeting,

Our meeting is called to order at 7:15pm with a quorum present. Attendance was taken by sign-in sheet.

**I. Approve minutes - May 2026**

Minutes were sent out from our last PTA meeting for review via email and there were some copies on the tables. There were no comments, changes, or questions. The minutes stand as approved.

**II. Treasurer's Report – Allison Soren**

Due to the timing of the April meeting, April's books were not reviewed prior to the meeting. They have since been reviewed and confirmed by Jessica Fox. They you Jessica. For May opening balance was

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Opening Balance, 5/1/26                 | \$ 58,395.06        |
| Income/Deposits                         | \$ 8,941.52         |
| Expense/Cash Disbursements              | \$ 12,368.46        |
| <u>Checking Balance 5/31/26</u>         | <u>\$ 54,968.12</u> |
| <br>                                    |                     |
| <u>CD Balance as of 5/31/26</u>         | <u>\$ 41,545.92</u> |
| <u>TOTAL Cash on Hand as of 5/31/26</u> | <u>\$ 96,514.04</u> |

All balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The May books were reviewed and found to be in order by **Anna Karotkin**. Thank you Anna.

**III. Correspondence Secretary – read by Heather Egert**

[Thank you Card from WW Staff](#)

[Thank you Email from PE Teachers](#)

**IV. Principal's Report – Mr. Snyder**

Staff Appreciation was wonderful and it will be tough to beat next year. The entire week was wonderful and made us all feel special. Our PE Staff led an incredible field day. We are running up to the end of the school year. Lots of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade activities including Graduation at South Woods Middle school. Thank you for supporting our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Finally, Mrs. Ho and Mrs. Sandjaby, I want to thank you for all you did for our PTA these past two years. It is a 24/7 role, and we had unconditional support the entire way. Mrs. Ho, I am sure your family is happy to get you back. Mrs. Schulman and Mrs. Sandjaby, looking forward to working with you next year. Happy Summer everyone!

**V. President's Report - read by Cindy Ho & Danielle Sandjaby**

As friendly reminder, we would like to review the [NYS PTA Code of Conduct](#) that we have previously shared

PTA Members:

Are expected to treat others with dignity and respect. As members of the PTA, our behavior is reflective on the PTA and our school community; Shall not take advantage of their relationship with staff or students for personal advantage; Are expected to be fair and will not show preferential treatment in their volunteer roles; Shall strive to establish respectful, collegial, and courteous relationships with all people they come in contact within their



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role as a PTA volunteer, whether in person or online; and Shall be courteous and respectful to others in all written correspondence including email, in all online activities, on all social media platforms, and by telephone.

PTA Mission statement

PTA is a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

Thank you Mr. Snyder for your leadership this year. We are so grateful to you and the staff for making this another incredible year for our students. We are so lucky to have our teachers as PTA members as well! Our PTA membership is at 336 members as of today! That's up 1% from last year - not a small feat given we had a great deal more students last year! Thank you all for your continued support. Please don't forget to join the PTA for next year - it's not an automatic renewal; you'll need to purchase each school year and it's available to purchase on givebacks. Join now!

Plant Sale was a smooth success chaired by Jordana Sirotkin, Allison Soren and Nina Wang. Planting Day took it a few notches higher than ever as you must have noticed, helmed by Melissa Wallentin and Joanne Fang. The 5th graders' WW planting looks fantastic.

This year's Staff Recognition Committee was superpowered with a celebration of our superheroes! From our amazing teachers and support staff to central administrators and the Board of Ed, everyone was amazing and overwhelmed. Special thanks to our own superhero team Amanda Fickler, Sunita Hansraj, Abby Levy and Jaclyn Sharoni and Jackie Avellino for planning and executing an unforgettable morning. Carly Orlansky for saving the day with her superhero talents - the WW Staff loved the giveaways!

Thank you to the Family Fun Night team - Sydnie Monchik and Jackie Avellino for organizing the LI Ducks game. Great fun was had by all!

We are proud to celebrate the following individuals who were honored this year with PTA awards: Congratulations to Carol Castaldi, Megan Falck and Lori Levien on receiving the Honorary Life Awards. This year we were thrilled to give a group award to our incredible WW Office team (Karen Graceffa & Bridget Nargentino) with an official NYS PTA Community Service Award. Angela Rigert was given Tenure Recognition, Bright Start Award went to Matthew Imbrogno, WW Triple Gold Award went to our music team (Dina Bloomfield, Lisa Gordon and Kailyn Small), Certificates of Appreciation went to Jeniffer Gustafson, Nina Trembley and Richard Powell - congrats on their retirement. Thank you Tracey Meyer and Katerina Fradelakis for chairing the Awards Committee.

Copies of our projected budget for the upcoming school year are available. Tonight, we will be holding a vote of confidence to authorize summer spending, which allows us to begin programming right away in the fall.

We will once again be organizing an end-of-year gift collection for our incredible custodial and office staff. Details including how to contribute and a complete staff list will be posted on Facebook shortly being collected by Katerina Fradelakis..

Friendly reminder to submit your receipts - books close June 30th.

**VI. Standing Committee Reports**

- A. **Arts in Education / Curriculum Enrichment** given by Erica Schulman or Jessica Lischin – We have some exciting assemblies planned for the end of the school year. While we weren't able to do "Bubblemania" last Friday, due to the state test needing to be rescheduled, we were able to reschedule it for June 11th. We also have "The Ultimate Human Game Board" planned for the end of the school year - a Whitman favorite that we've had the past few years!"
- B. **Board of Education Reporter** given by Heather Egert –  
In May they presented the final budget meeting. Mrs. Rigert our very own was tenured. Whitman construction will now start next summer because the state wants to know the growth across the district across the school. You can watch the presentation online.
- C. **Box Tops** given by Erika Auerbach -  
Current box tops amount is \$108.90 (goal was \$100). Thank you to all who have submitted their receipts.
- D. **Fifth Grade Committee** given by Anna Karotkin or Jacky Stadler -  
The 5th Gr Events and Fundraising committee have a bunch of events coming up between now and the end of the year so please keep an eye out for emails from us. Those events include:
- Jun 12: 5th Grade Picnic. One of the few events where parent-volunteers are invited to attend! Parent Volunteer sign up sheets will be sent out as we get closer to the event.
  - Jun 12: Yearbooks will be distributed at the end of the day on Jun 12th!! Thank you to our yearbook committee for working tirelessly to finish those yearbooks! We all cant wait to see it.
  - Jun 16: 5th Grade Dance and Pre Party! This year's dance will be at Muttontown Country Club.
  - Jun 18: 5th Grade Breakfast: This is where the students will get any last signatures they need/want in their yearbooks! Order forms for bagel orders will be sent shortly.
  - Jun 19: 5th Grade Pool Party at Lifetime. Forms will be sent out shortly to purchase tickets to this event. Admission will include pizza and beverages.
  - Jun 22: Moving Up Ceremony. More details to follow re: tickets and seating.
- For those of you who ordered Lawn Signs, reach out to Jacky Stadler for pickup!
- E. **Fun Color Run** given by Sunita Hansraj, Gulsheen Kapur or Melissa Wallentin  
Our Color Run is right around the corner on Thursday 6/11 from 4:30–6:00 PM and we have lots of fun planned!  
We'll have an à la carte food truck and Ice cream 🍦  
So no pressure to get dinner in before! The fun starts with a relay race where parents and volunteers will toss colored powder on the students for the ultimate Color Run experience! Open to siblings as well, and all registered participants will receive a t-shirt. At the end of the event, we'll do our best to use leaf blowers to minimize any leftover powder but no promises. The kids LOVE it so we hope to see you there!  
We would like to ask for an increase in budget by \$620.00. Motion has passed to increase. Cost has gone up with vendors.
- F. **Someone Special Craft / Gift** given by Katherine Lee, Jessica Lischin, Deandra Guzman-Schweiger or Abigail Levy  
The Someone Special Craft for Father's Day is coming up and we need your help! Volunteer to help the students create custom trucker hat gifts for Father's Day. It will be outdoors weather permitting between the two recess areas.
- G. **Syosset Council of PTAs Committee reports**
- a. **Scholarship Mailing** -  
[Lucky Paws Pet Grooming](#) is excited to team up with the Syosset Council of PTAs to support the Syosset Scholarship Fund From May 11th through June 30th, 2026, when you book a Grooming or Bathing appointment at our Syosset location (39 Berry Hill Rd.), we will donate 15% of your service cost to the scholarship fund! How to help when you call. Just use the code SyossetFund when booking online or via text, or mention it to us Online Booking: [www.luckypawsusa.com](http://www.luckypawsusa.com) Text to Book:



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585-531-6506 Phone (Calls): 516-802-5805 Sweeten the deal: New to Lucky Paws? Welcome! You'll get 15% off your service.

## VII. Special Committee Reports

### A. Budget Committee

As many of you know from time to time, we need to vote at our PTA meetings. In order to have a vote we will need a quorum of 16 members. Please remember that you may only vote if you have a PTA membership for this year. As Co-Presidents we can only vote together as one vote. Traditionally presidents do not vote unless there is a need to break a vote that is tied.

When we conduct a vote, a motion will be made. If the motion is coming out of a committee it will not need a second.

**Treasurer:** I would like to make a motion to approve the 26-27 proposed summer budget and a vote of confidence for summer spending for 2026.

The budget committee chair (Treasurer) moves to put it to vote on the "2026-27 Proposed summer Budget and a vote of confidence for summer spending." Since it is coming out of the committee it does not need a second. Is there any discussion?

With no questions, we will proceed with a vote. We will vote by a show of hands. All those in favor of the Proposed budget and a vote of confidence for summer spending please raise your hands. All those opposed? Does anyone abstain?

The motion passed, the Proposed Summer Budget and Summer Spending confidence is approved. Thank you everyone.

### B. Awards Committee

The awards ceremony tonight will be hosted by Tracey Meyer and Katerina Fradelakis and the committee. Awards will be presented as follows:

#### 2026 Awards

Good evening and welcome. On behalf of the PTA awards committee, thank you for joining us tonight. As committee of chair I have heard so many stories of helping and tonight is a night to pause and recognize the awards. I want to share the amazing members we honored at our Staff rec breakfast. We were proud to present the Rookie of the Year award to Jasdeep Mundi, Curriculum award to Bari Litvack, Volunteer of the Year award to Jaclyn Lewis and Sydnie Monchick, Leadership award to Sunita Hansraj, Outgoing 5th Grade Parent Awards to Lauren Grams, Michelle Kim, Rachel Levenson, Allison Mayer and Tracey Meyer. We presented the Walt Whitman Service award to Allison Soren and our NYS PTA Honorary Life Member Award to Cindy Ho. Congratulations to all!



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**VIII. New Business**

A. Installation by Inna Choi

Our meeting will end with our new executive committee installation.

**Co-Presidents** - Danielle Sandjaby, Erica Schulman

**1st VP** - Jaclyn Avellino

**2nd VP** - Cindy Ho

**3rd VP** - Sunita Hansraj

**4th VP** - Timothy Deygoo

**Treasurer** - Dorell Pinkus

**Recording Secretary** - Rachel Medvin

**Corresponding Secretary** - Jessica Lischin

**Council Delegates** - Trupti Bahl, Hera Bokhari, Jennifer Crecco, Perri Drexler, Niki Gionis, Bari Litvack

**IX. Old Business**

**X. Dates to Remember**

Finally, we are up to our dates to remember. Please keep an eye on our dates to remember in our weekly updates and our website. ***Also, every Friday is our "Show your School Spirit" Day!***

Friendly reminder: you can download our google calendar to your device from our emails or from our website.

**June**

11 - Assembly: Bubblemania

11 - Color Run @ 4:30-6pm WW Field

12 - 5th Grade Picnic

16 - 5th Grade Dance

17 - Arts in Ed Assembly: Human Game Board

17 - Someone Special Recess Craft

18 - 5th Gr Breakfast / Staff Yearbook Signing

19 - No School

22 - 5th Gr Moving Up Ceremony @ 10am SW

26 - Last Day of School!

Thank you everyone once again. If there is no further business, the meeting will stand adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Recording Secretary

Sunita Hansraj

Attached

[Sign in Sheet](#)