

Northside PTA Meeting January 15, 2026

7:04pm Called to order and stand for Pledge

Principal Report- Given by Assistant Principle Mrs Sacco

- iReady testing is underway. Reading this week & math will be at the end of January.
- Kindergarten classrooms now have charging stations.
- a link will be sent to opt out of New York State testing. 5th graders will still be required to take the science assessment even if opting out of NYS testing.
- Thank you to Mrs. Hennelly for putting together the Northside School newsletter. It is posted on parent square.
- School climate committee will be meeting soon.
- Looking for volunteers to help install the new fence decorations.

2nd VP- Kristen Ghisone- PTA currently has 210 members.

3rd VP- Corrine Molinet- The big ticket coupon book will be coming out at the end of February. Planning a United Skates fundraiser for the beginning of March. More info to follow.

4th VP- Ms Cambria & Mrs Atchison – Dr Z has been reading to students via Zoom every Friday. The new clubs for K-2nd will have a lottery system to participate. 4th Graders will be visiting the learning center in February.

Treasurer- Natalia Martin – Current bank balance \$59,172.73

Corresponding Secretary- Nadira Foo – Sympathy card was sent to staff member for death in the family.

Recording Secretary- Allison Colby – No corrections to last meeting. Minutes stand as written.

Delegate Report – Please see report attached

Family Fun – The PTA will be hosting the annual “Something Sweet with Someone Special” dance on Feb 6th. Flyers have been sent home. Open to all Northside students and 1 special guest (18 and over) Session 1 Grades K-2 6:30pm to 7:30pm & Session 2 Grades 3-5 8pm to 9pm

Cultural Arts- working on having an Author visit Northside for a presentation.

Transportation- Employees involved in the East Broadway incident were terminated. Two new bus attendants have started. Other potential new hires are pending civil service approval. Replacement buses are expected to arrive in the new year and older models will be decommissioned. Discussions regarding electric buses have been paused for the moment. Messages will be sent out if there are any route changes or delays. Behavioral issues occurring on bus will be handled by school administrators.

SEPTA – Color Run Fundraiser will be on 4/18. Dip fundraiser running until 1/30. Wisdom Lane has been recognized as a 2025 School of Distinction by the Association for Middle Level Education.

Curriculum- State of the district report can be found on BOE homepage. Dr Z highlighted several new elementary initiatives including the new K-2 Social Studies curriculum, 5th grade science assessments and read aloud for grade 4 & 5. There will be an expansion of the libraries throughout the district and Magic School AI is slowly being rolled out by district. A Postsecondary fair for families will be held on March 4th at Division.

Division and MacArthur improved ranks in US news and World Report and both middle schools received prestigious designations.

Book Fair- Feb 5th & Feb 6th in school shopping. Night shopping Feb 5th 6pm to 8pm. Set up will be Wednesday night Feb 4th.

Reflections- Great submissions were received. 5 students advanced to the Nassau division for the next round. We will be giving the selected students a certificate and gift card at the February PTA meeting.

Giving Tree- The program was a success. Thank you to all the Northside families for their generous donations and thank you to all the staff for their support.

Honorary Life- Mrs Nizinski is the Honorary Life Recipient for 2026. The celebration dinner will be held on 4/29.

Nominating Committee- Please sign up. Meeting will be in February

Student Council- Super bowl of caring food drive Feb 2nd to 10th. Students raised \$100 for trees for troops. Bingo day will be held later this year. A spirit day will be held end of January. Theme TBA. Next meeting will be Feb 24th.

Slingo- April 17th if you have any unused and unwanted presents or gift cards we would love to be able to put them to good use in a Slingo basket! Also if you or someone you know owns a business or has connections, we would greatly appreciate any donations for raffle.

5th Grade- A Group Me group has been set up for 5th grade parents to keep updated on 5th grade activities including the picnic, dance and yearbook. Please reach out to Faith with any questions.

High School Liaison- Midterms will be next week. March 6th is DAHS Sweeps Fundraiser night.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33pm

Levittown Council PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes Notes

Date: January 6th 2026 Time: 7:30pm

Executive Committee Report

- Renominations, bylaws & training (Jan 27)

All schools PTAs to review bylaws and procedures for nominations and nominating committee for each year and unit. Elected officers serve one-year terms and must be re-nominated for a second consecutive term in the same position.

All positions require yearly elections; the current president cannot sit on the nominating committee

- Winter conference & training: January 27th (Samanaka High School) — Abbey will share more details when available.

-No report for 1st VP, 2nd VP & Corresponding Secretary

- Treasurer report

->The mid year audit due Feb 3rd

->November and December checkbook reviewed and were approved

-> PTA Council scheduled budget roadshow; presentations will be condensed to focus on budget increases/new items. Budget process for 2026–27 will begin in upcoming months

Superintendent Report

- Adoption of the 2026-2027 calendar year will take place 1/7/26

-Town of Hempstead inauguration to be held at Division High School on Wednesday 1/7/26 John Ferretti, Denise Dunn Sr and Kate Murray are Levittown natives which makes Levittown the town with the most native elected officials

- Flu cases on a high and a focus on preventative measures are being reinforced like student hand washing and hygiene Septa Updates -Annual color Run fundraiser scheduled for April 18 — committee is forming and volunteers needed and encourage everyone to join Septa if they haven't done so already next meeting January 27th

- Curriculum update

-> Division HS and McArthur improved ranks in US news and World Report and both middle schools received prestigious designations

-> First ever postsecondary fair for families March 4th

->Study abroad program will have meeting in upcoming month

->discussions of Expanding the K-5 Career exploration program into the middle school

->Magic school AI - it is a AI powered teaching tool to support educators with lesson planning assessments communication tools and much more.

Honorary life should be going on within units, should be hearing from all units soon who the winner is, due by Jan 13th.

Food Service Update

- cafeteria quality controls up to par; ongoing food waste problem — exploring redistribution, composting, and volunteer pickup solutions.

-inquiry was made about offering vegan cheese as an option-Chartwells has said it is not possible at the moment. Next meeting: February 3rd at 7:00 PM