

Septa Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2026

## **SEPTA Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** January 27, 2026

**Minutes Recorded By:** Kristin Petty, Recording Secretary

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at **7:06 PM** by Co-President **Holly Kennedy**.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Quorum**

A quorum was established with **22 members present**.

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### **Reports**

#### **Treasurer – *Amy Hoffmann***

- Treasurer's reports were presented (see attached).
- **Vote:** Amy asked the membership if they agree on adding three new line items, Holiday Grams, Pasta Fundraiser, and Dip Fundraisers, to the budget.  
**Action:** Hearing no objections, the membership voted to amend the budget.

#### **Membership – *Justine Bruno***

- Membership stands at approximately **313 members**.
- Two **Argyle Theatre tickets** will be raffled to SEPTA members; winners will be selected at random.

#### **Programming – *Presented by Holly Kennedy on behalf of Susanne Gallina***

- Two additional meetings are scheduled.
- The next meeting will focus on the **district-wide budget**.
- A guest speaker is anticipated for the **May meeting**.

#### **Fundraising – *Alison Raffetto***

- **November:** Pasta Fundraiser. Very well received

- **December:** Holiday Grams fundraiser, including **130 hot chocolate gram orders**. Overwhelmingly good feedback
- Partnership established with **A Blend Above** for dip and soup fundraisers is currently running. Fresh ingredients and dips and soups are shipped direct to your home.
- **Duck Donuts** partnership fundraiser announced, *Sprinkled With Love* (nut-free donut kits, \$15); kits distributed at Levittown Memorial on 2/12.
- **Color Run:** April 2026. Volunteers needed; promoted via social media.
- **Sensory Paint Night:** Scheduled for late March with separate sessions for elementary and secondary students.
- Partnership with **The Tilles Center** – “**Branching Out**” interactive program:
  - **Date:** February 28, 2026
  - **Capacity:** 25 participants
  - **Eligibility:** Levittown SEPTA members only
- Raffle announced for **Peppa Pig Sensory-Friendly Show (2:00 PM)**.

#### **PTA Council Report – Holly Kennedy**

- The updated district calendar was adopted.
- Due to a late Labor Day, the **2026–2027 school year will begin September 1, 2026**.
- The district budget, including the **Special Education Budget**, will be presented in **March** by **Mrs. Wong**.

#### **Sensory Committee – Alison Raffetto**

- **Abbey Lane and East Broadway:** Sensory hallway ribbon cutting scheduled for **February 4**.
- Gardeners’ committee initial meeting forthcoming.
- Sensory hallways at **Northside** and **Summit** will begin shortly.
- Sensory hallways are open to **all students** year-round.

#### **Nominations Committee – Holly Kennedy**

- Formation of the Nominating Committee announced.

- Committee members:
  - Jenny Chan
  - Roseanna Esposito
  - Alison Raffetto
  - Marie Roberti
  - Amy Hoffmann
- Nomination forms will be distributed to members.

#### **SEPTA Scholarship – *Amy Hoffmann***

- **Ten \$500 scholarships** will be awarded to graduating special education seniors.
- Applications consist of redacted student letters evaluated on content only.
- **Mrs. Adonna** (MacArthur) and **Ms. Snow** (Division Chair) are overseeing the process.
- Applications have been distributed.

#### **Curriculum – *Alison Raffetto***

- See committee notes.

#### **Transportation – *Kristin Petty***

- See committee notes.

#### **Honorary Life Membership – *Alison Raffetto***

- Honorary Life Award presented to **Ms. Pignataro**.

#### **Special Education Report – *Ms. Wang***

- Annual reviews are in progress.
- Parents requesting **in-person meetings** should notify their committee chairperson.
- Annual indicators include a required **parent survey**, which is being distributed.
- Surveys will also be available at the **Compass Fair**.
- The district last met the survey benchmark during the **2019–2020 school year**, we hope to repeat this success.
- **Compass Fair:** Serves students ages **5–22** and includes community agencies, Nassau Community College, and a special education alumni speaker.

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### **Old Business**

- None reported.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **7:35 PM** by **Holly Kennedy**.

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### **Presentation**

Following adjournment, the meeting was turned over to **Jamie Spencer**, District Occupational Therapist, for a presentation.