



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

Winthrop Avenue School

C.A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center

Shore Road School

Date: 11/20/2024 | *Time:* 7:31pm | *Meeting called to order by:* Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, BOE members, Parents & Teachers

Welcome

Co-President, Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes were posted on the website - no questions or objections
- If you ever miss a meeting and would like to stay informed, the PTA meeting minutes will be posted on the PTA website.

Budget

Treasurer, Gina Kilian reported;

- Book Balance is \$78,143
- Bank Balance is \$92,616

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Allie Costanzo, read;

- Mr. Reilly - Thanked the PTA for the treats on P/T conference day
- Mrs. McCardell - Thanked the PTA for the Starbucks gift card
- PreK Teachers - Thanked the PTA for the goodie bags

Principal's Report

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. Castine (*Mrs. Sanpietro reporting*)

- Reinhard student advisory committee had a successful coat drive and are now collecting food for families in need
- Book Character Parade - 4 separate parades during the day - each had their own parade. It was the first time we had every grade take part in the event. And Mrs. Rocco and Ms. Martucci worked with the kids to pull off such a fun event.
- Bellmore FD visiting Reinhard tomorrow to teach about fire safety
- Rising star leaders working hard. Star Polishers have signed up to be greeter leaders in the morning. Our *rising star constellation* is growing. The schoolwide goal is to have 300 stars on the board. Each student is noticed is announced on the morning announcements.
- 1/17 - Leadership tour at Reinhard where the Star Polishers and staff will welcome schools from Iowa and other area places.
- Today, we had our partnership begin with outdoor BOCES education department. PreK students made apple cider with an old fashioned cider press, sang songs, and learned poems. However they drank Jericho Cider Mill Cider.

- Reminders -
 - Thanksgiving Recess
 - Tues 12/10-12/11 Holiday Boutique
 - 12/13 - First Grade Holiday Performance

Winthrop Ave Principal: Mrs. Curto

- H&S Week very exciting -
 - Fun and engaging laser light show where students were invited *laser out* bullying
 - Bellmore FD - encouraged student to create an escape plan, toured fire trucks, and learned about equipment, students mailed thank yous (wear warm colors day)
 - Mrs. Davison - school social worker presented Halloween Safety
 - Guest from Northwell Health presented navigating the internet safely - part of presentation about password security - don't give them to people - bullying online is unacceptable.
 - Freeze Out Tech Friday - read books instead of online - Mrs. Olsen reminded everyone to stay balanced with technology and to utilize breathing exercises
- Student Star Polisher Team - had a tour welcoming schools from other districts on Long Island as well as students from Iowa to learn about leadership initiatives
- Picture Retake day went smoothly - Thank You
- Board appreciation last night - boys and girls put together presentation to show off our star lab and how we integrate our leadership principles within our technologies and teaching
- Parent Teacher Conferences - it was so nice to see everyone, if you have any further questions, don't hesitate to email the teacher.
- First marking period ends on Friday and report cards go out before the holiday break.

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Thank you for delicious bags on conference day and the tshirts
- We had a great H&S week with spirit days and fun assemblies
 - Mindfulness program through Northwell - how to calm your body when you're feeling emotions
 - Nassau County PD come to talk about bicycle safety. Continue to remind your kids that drivers can be distracted. They should also wear helmets
 - Yoga
- Veteran's Day
 - Continued the tradition where we give students paper dog tags to take home and if they have a vet in their family they send it in with a picture and create a dog tag with name, years of service, etc. If your families didn't have a chance, send in a note and can still be made to honor veterans.
- Clubs
 - Musical Theater Club-Frozen Jr. Students are very excited and the cast is selected
 - Nature Club is underway. Thank you Mr. Parrino
 - School Store is underway. Students had to fill out application to take part in the activity.
 - Mathletes - students can come check it out and see if it is something they are interested in
 - Star polisher team - have helped with some displays around the building
 - Clean up crew - what needs to be done, tlc, very interested in doing a sign, taking ownership of the grounds, etc.
- 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament - great nail biter event - Jackson Lamarca, Nicolette Corcoran (Runners Up), Jamison Mele and Dylan Slutsky (Winners) (5th grade), Spencer Braverman and Stella Leo (Runners up), Tiago & Brayden Donath (6th Grade)
- World Kindness Day - School wide fun with kindness musical chairs
- 6th grade parents - If you have not done so, please select your course selection by December 6th. There are lots of links on the middle school websites if you have questions. You can also reach out to your child's teachers, Mrs. Matthews, or the middle school chairs

- Looking Ahead:
 - RAK Pack - Red Ribbon Week - making healthy choices for yourself
 - Cyber Safety Program
 - Toy Drive 12/6
 - 12/6 7pm - Chorale at Shore Road performing at Bellmore Tree Lighting in Town
 - 12/13 Shore Road Bingo - split for 5th and 6th grade

EVP Reports

Shore Rd- Emily Slutsky & Jill Mosca

- Emily Slutsky
 - Successful book fair
 - Fun H&S week. Students sent pic in of themselves eating healthy snack and it was displayed on the front bulletin board. They also enjoyed a bicycle safety program by the police department
 - Last week students enjoyed cheering on classmates in cornhole finals
 - Legacy Project was started where the 6th grade students made starts of different sizes and used different textured clay pieces that Cathy Russel made herself. They'll finish in December by painting them and put them together in the logo Bellmore schools logo..
 - Teachers really appreciated the bags made for conference day
 - Looking forward to holiday boutique, 12/10 and bingo night, 12/13

Winthrop Ave- Aliza Schauder & Kristin Neville-Oakes

- Kristin Neville-Oakes
 - H&S went really well - laser show was a favorite! Thank you to Amy Pilot and Jess O'Brien
 - Circle of Dance has begun
 - Bingo, Book Fair and PARP Committee — making a night celebrating literacy - BINGO and reading lounge
 - Holiday Boutique 12/10

Reinhard- Carla Wong & Jenifer Barrio

- Carla & Jen
 - 2 great days of book fair. Thanks to the committee
 - Pumpkin patch was huge success — kids and parents loves the games
 - Thanks to the committee and historians
 - Tomorrow first health and safety event
 - Explore fire safety and also go on a fire truck (weather permitting)
 - Thanks Monique Grossman and Mark Murray
 - Thank you to our committee for the creative and fun birthday bulletin board

Committee Reports

Auction - Brittney Roth

- Auction is April 10th at the same place as last year
- Appreciate help - will start collecting donations mainly after the holiday. If you need a donation letter, please contact Brittney

Membership - Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner

- We're at 648 members.

Ways & Means - Jamie

- Miss. Chocolate is done - we made approximately \$5,700
- Pies from White Post Farms, they are being delivered next Wednesday - will let you know when you pick up at the pie house - will drop off orders to the staff - we made about \$1,000

- Islanders Game 12/7 at 5pm with 1 hr. private ice time outside, great time to visit the outdoor family - still a few tickets left, we need to know by Friday
- Yankee's Game in Spring - Waiting to confirm on field parade & \$20 food voucher

6th Grade Committee -

- Emily - we have bingo coming up at 12/13, still taking donations
- Still seeking baby pictures for the yearbook
- Dave & Busters fundraiser event - Sunday Jan 19th.

SEPTA

- 12/2 at 6:30pm - Family Craft Night - Pizza, PJs, age appropriate crafts
- 1/19 at 5:30pm - Brokerage Fundraiser

Spirit Wear - Sam Quatroni

- Spirit wear is in. Class shirts have mostly been delivered. Waiting on a second order and a few more sizing.
- Some people requesting exchange of sizing and we are honoring as many as we can.

School Board - Scott Bachrach

- District won a new award - League of Innovative Schools
- Board sent a letter of concern to BOCES about regionalization plan
- Ms. Cuttitta was granted tenure
- PTA presented gifts to Board of Ed

Old business

- None

New business

- None

Raffles - Mrs. Matthews picked #6, to Allie; Mrs. Curto picked #11, to Scott, Mrs. Sanpietro picked Joanne Belferder

Nominating Committee Elected by vote: Allie Costanzo, Joanne Belferder, Carla Wong, Julie Hecht, Sam Quatroni, Brittney Roth, Scott Bachrach, Jen Barrio, Kristin Oakes

Motion to adjourn by: Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm

Minutes prepared by: Allie Costanzo