Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

Winthrop Avenue School C.A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center Shore Road School

Date: 10/14/2026 | *Time:* 7:37pm | *Meeting called to order by:* Carla Wong

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers

Approval of Minutes

Recording Secretary Aliza Schauder reported:

- No corrections were made to the minutes from the September 8, 2026 meeting, and they were approved.
- If you ever miss a meeting and would like to stay informed, the PTA meeting minutes from each meeting will be posted on the PTA website.

Treasurer's Report

President Carla Wong reported:

- Book balance is $100,151.89
- Bank balance is $102,506.15

Jeff Roth completed an audit of the PTA's financial records from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 on September 29, 2026, and found that the PTA's last bank statement balance showed $103,222.21 in the account. He also found that the PTA had $22,126.15 worth of total outstanding checks and a checking account balance of $81.096.06.

Carla motioned to adopt the audit report, Brianna seconded the motion and the motion was granted.

Budget Amendments

Carla explained the following proposed amendments to the PTA's budget:

- Class funds will now be collected by the PTA and all reimbursements will go through the PTA
- SEPTA will now have line items for income and expenses
- 6th Grade Committee will now have line items for income and expenses

- All in attendance were unanimously in favor.
- The amended budget was approved and passed.

Principals' Reports

Shore Road Principal Mrs. Matthews reported:

- Very busy first month and a half of school
- Focus on the core value of integrity
- Book fair was a great success

- Clubs and activities are in full swing
    - "The more involved you are, the better your school experience is."
    - Students who are involved in Shore Road clubs and activities are more likely to join extracurricular activities in middle school and high school.
    - School Store held a soft opening; participation in this club allows students to track inventory, practice customer relations skills and vote on where to donate leftover profits at the end of the year.
    - Star Polishers held an interest meeting in order to empower students to individually decide whether to apply; 60-70 students attended.
    - More than 100 students auditioned for a part in *Madagascar* during this past week; students who participate in the Musical Theater Club practice their time management and teamwork skills; every role, whether big or small, is important.
    - Coding Club will hold an interest meeting for its Hackathon Team.
    - Mrs. Davison runs the Calm Café during lunchtime every Day 5, and all students are welcome to join.
    - Student Council and Mathletes will begin soon.
    - Picture Day is scheduled for Friday.
    - Health & Safety week is scheduled for next week.
    - Next week, sixth graders will attend a presentation on foreign language options at Grand Avenue.
    - November 5: Sixth Grade Curriculum Night; Mrs. Matthews encouraged parents to reach out to her or the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District with any questions following the presentation.
    - All baby pictures for the yearbook are due on November 30
    - Band and orchestra rehearsals will start in the first week of November; parents should drop their students off in the back of the school.
    - Fifth graders stand out as a very polite group of students.

Winthrop Avenue Principal Mrs. Curto reported:

- The school year is off to a great start
- Bus Expectations and Activities
    - The first peaceful bus meeting of the year took place last week, during which students wrote mission statements.
    - Students must demonstrated integrity on the bus.
    - Grateful to bus leader teacher volunteers
    - Bus incentive program: A thumbs up or thumbs down from bus drivers will be charted daily, and students will be treated to an additional recess once their bus achieves a certain number of thumbs up reports.
    - Bus drivers are reminded that students must remain in their seats and wearing seatbelts.
    - Mrs. Curto has joined several buses for their afternoon rides.
- Wildly Important Goal: Reading should become something we choose to do, rather than have to do.
    - Students are encouraged to get into consistent reading routines, as well as read on the bus.
    - November 2: Bellmore librarian will offer 20-30 minute presentation for students.
- Leadership Opportunities:
    - Greeter Leaders have been welcoming the students to school each morning; Mrs. B does an "outstanding" job with the students.

    - Assembly Greeter Leaders read a story to the other students in the school that illustrates core values and leadership principals.
    - Aquarium Leaders, Lunch Announcement Leaders
    - The first Star Polishers meeting will take place on October 28; approximately 85-90 students are interested.
        - Students must choose to participate in either Star Polishers or SAC; Star Polishers focuses on improving the school; SAC focuses on charity work and donations.
    - Orchestra
        - 87 third graders are participating in orchestra
        - Fourth graders are learning "This is Halloween" and the Addams Family song.
        - Parents should download the Bellmore app and sign up for Rooms to receive important notifications.
    - Band
        - Fourth grade band will begin soon.
        - Parents should download the Bellmore app and sign up for Rooms to receive important notifications.
    - CKLA
        - Third graders are learning about vertebrates and invertebrates.
        - Fourth graders are learning about medieval Europe.
    - Health & Safety week is scheduled for the week of October 26; includes fire safety, mind/body wellness exercises, bicycle safety, understanding/managing anxiety and bullying.
- November 3: No school, parent-teacher conferences
- November 11: No school
- November 18: Parent-teacher conferences

Reinhard Principal Mrs. Sanpietro reported:

- Thanked PTA for organizing the Book Fair
- Book racks will be placed in the auditorium during dismissal so students may read while they wait to board their buses.
- The new playground has been named the Rainbow Playground
- Second graders participated in Flapjacks & Flannels for the conclusion of their CKLA unit.
- First and second graders participated in a community meeting to discuss core values and leadership principals, and Mrs. Sanpietro also used this opportunity to stress the importance of saying good morning to each other and staff members.
- UPK will celebrate a color day every Wednesday; today the students learned about the color purple.
- Movement opportunities are incorporated within the morning announcements; today, the students were encouraged to make jiggle movements.
- Kindergarten classes have enjoyed walking to the fire department for their first field trips; one class is still waiting to attend.

- Spirit Week took place last week; Super Mario themed pep rally took place on Friday, before which Star Polishers greeted peers with pompoms as they entered the auditorium; UPK students attended for the first time and did so following the kindergarten through second grade session.
- Bellmore librarians visited with pre-K students.
- Picture Day will take place on Thursday and Friday
- Kindergarteners will enjoy Nursery Rhyme Olympics next Friday
- Health & Safety week is scheduled for next week
- October 22: Pumpkin Patch
- October 30: Book Character Parade

EVP Reports

Shore Rd – Julie Hecht reported:

- Friday is Picture Day, during which all sixth graders will take a photo together for the yearbook.
- Health & Safety week is scheduled for next week.
- November 13: BINGO (first Sixth Grade Committee fundraiser)
- Book Fair was a success
- Cornhole tournament will begin tomorrow

Winthrop – Brittany Roth reported:

- Book Fair was a success; thanked committee members Jessica Fishkind, Lauren Glenis and Amy Tsagouris for their help
- Health & Safety week is upcoming, and Brianna gave a shoutout to Mrs. Miksits for arranging all of the scheduling.
- October 26-27: Garden Club cleanup and pumpkin decorating.
- Picture Day is scheduled for tomorrow.

Reinhard – Sam Quatroni reported:

- Thanked Book Fair committee members Gerri Anne Sweikata, Leora Ellison, Vanessa Ramoutar, Jamie Tolv-Assael and Katie Matuszewski and all of the other volunteers.
- Picture day is scheduled for tomorrow and Friday
- Health & Safety Week and Pumpkin Patch are upcoming.

Committee Reports

Jill thanked all committee members for their hard work.

Spirit Wear – Alexis Arellano reported:

- 106 orders placed
- Provide her with feedback on the styles sold

Membership – Carla Wong reported:

- The PTA currently has approximately 580 members.

Ways & Means – Brianna Bachrach and Jamie Guggenheim Shiner reported:

- Donuts purchased through the Duck Donuts fundraiser must be picked up on November 3.
- The PTA is selling Disney on Ice tickets in the 100 section of UBS Arena; families can purchase these tickets for a lower price than if purchased directly from Ticketmaster.
- The PTA is taking orders for the Thanksgiving pies fundraiser with White Post Farms.
- The PTA surpassed its Miss Chocolate fundraiser sales goal, and will profit between $2,500-$3000.

- The PTA profited $150 from its fundraiser with Let's Roll and $350 from its fundraiser with Danny's Chinese Kitchen; upcoming restaurant fundraisers include Panera (December) and Greek Cove.

Sixth Grade Committee – Amy Pilott reported:

- The committee will soon begin selling swag.
- Greeting card fundraiser is upcoming.
- November 13: BINGO fundraiser at Shore Road
- January 18: Fundraiser at Dave & Buster's.

School Board Representative – Mara Prendergast reported:

- The September 15 meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Dr. Famularo received the Academic Excellence Award from the Peruvian American Chamber of Commerce of Long Island.
- The Central High School District reported that 87% of graduating students will attend a four-year college.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

SEPTA – Kristin Oakes and Gina Kilian reported that they have no updates at present.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

- No new business.

Carla reminded attendees that the next PTA meeting will its nominating meeting, held on November 10 at Shore Road. As per PTA bylaws, members will vote to elect nine individuals who will comprise the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will nominate members to fill each position on the Executive Board, and these nominations will be voted on at the March PTA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Aliza Schauder