

3-13-24 PTA meeting minutes

By: Emily Slutsky, Recording Secretary

PTA Meeting @ Winthrop 8pm

Jamie Shiner & Nikki Zimberg, Co-Presidents welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Emily Slutsky, Recording Secretary, had last month's minutes approved, stating that they were posted on our website and unless there were any objections, they would be approved.

Kristen Wong-Valle, Treasurer, stated that our bank balance is \$120,867.70 and the book balance is \$109,929.82, as of 2/29/24.

The correspondence was read by Jamie, instead of by Jessica. Mrs. Matthews sent a note thanking the PTA for everything they do for the Shore Road school.

Principals Report #1 from Mrs. Castine @ Reinhard \*\*was read by Mrs. Matthews, as Mrs. Castine was not present\*\*

The students continue to work on and learn about the core value of respect. They practice the principles at home and try to find examples of them at home and gather more information about them. During PARP, 77,630 minutes were read in total by the children. A big thanks to all the helpers and volunteers and a big thanks to the Shore Road leaders. The school had a great 2nd grade concert and without the help of Mrs. Rocco and Mrs. Aronoff it would not have been possible. On 2/8 it was the 100th day of school. Students wore numbers on their shirts and we had the cereal box domino challenge. SAC collected 750 boxes that were then donated to a local food pantry. The school celebrated Dr. Seuss week and Read Across America by having separate theme days and the children loved it! March is Music In Our Schools month and we also had our BOGO book sale which was a huge success. On 3/25 the school will have parent teacher conferences and from 3/28 until 4/1 the school will be closed for the break!

Principals Report #2 from Mrs. Curto:

She thanked the PTA for the treats on conference night. Said how amazing the 3rd grade science fair was. The classes are doing lots of coding in the library with various programs. Mrs. Falabella is doing great things with the students and they love it! In Gym, they are doing the hockey unit and they came up with the Winning Star Stanley Cup where one 3rd grade class and one 4th grade class each day wins in the gym. This year was the first year the school hosted the Special Persons Dance and everyone loved it. The little details like the red carpet and balloon arch made it even more special. Thank you to everyone who helped. Thanks to the PTA for a successful book fair. The kids love yoga club, we have great attendance and it keeps the kids calm and centered while they are there. We are looking forward to the garden club starting soon and getting our yard cleaned up. 3/20 is the second night of conferences and there is a virtual option but the principals and teachers suggest that you try to come in person to the meetings, if possible. She referred to Dr. Famularo's letter about placement and if you have any

issues regarding your child's placement please email your building principal by no later than 4/1. March is Music In Our Schools Month. On 4/11 and 4/12 the 3rd grade will take the ELA and 4/16 and 4/17 the 4th grade will take it. There was an "Opt Out" letter that was sent home that you had to send back if you wanted your child to NOT take the exam. On 6/4 will be the 100th day celebration for Withrop and the theme will be Through The Decades. The time is 5-6:45pm. It is going to be a great celebration, you don't want to miss it!

Principals Report #3 from Mrs. Matthews:

The Seussical Jr. Show/Play has been amazing! The kids have been working so hard all year on this and we really encourage students to get involved in the show if they want. You should come see the show! It is sold out this Friday. March Madness is going on right now, where each class picks a book and they vote on it to see which is their favorite.

Each class also picks a genre of music and competes against each other so they all get to learn about different music. The "College Olympics" is a 6th grade event that takes a lot of planning with props, music and it's a lot of fun! Mrs. Neu's class won. The JFK ACES program visited our students to be mentors.

The 5th grade science fair was a huge success, the kids did great and had great projects. Thanks to the PTA for another successful book fair. Zumba and yoga have been going very well in addition to the chess club. 6th grade committee reports to Mrs. Matthews that the yearbook and the tshirts are almost done. The Harlem Wizards are coming to JFK on 4/8. On 4/3 we are having Maturation Night, where boys and girls are separated and it's run by Northwell. The ELA is coming up and remember to send back your "Opt Out" form if you want. And the 6th grade spelling bee is on 4/19.

EVP's of Shore: Jackie & Brianna

We have had huge success at the book fair and valentines day sale and garden and chess club are going well. For Leap Day we sent home a bookmark and water bottle sticker and we hope the kids enjoyed it. Our legacy project is starting soon. The recess club got new wall-balls and pedometers. The GOAT fundraiser is coming along nicely with stickers and shirts.

EVP of Winthrop: Aliza

PARP was a huge success. Valentine's sale and Book fair BOGO were also successful. Chess club is very popular. Yoga began and it's going very well. Special Persons Dance happened for the first time and it went very well. Thanks to everyone for their hard work on all committees.

EVP of Reinhard: Carla

Valentines day sale and book fair were big success. Yoga instructor is amazing and we had over 60 kids in each grade in attendance. We had a ToBe Fit, a health and safety assembly and a portable Planetarium assembly coming to the school! It is sure to be amazing! The kids love seeing their names on the birthday boards. Thanks to all the committees who work very hard on all of the activities.

6th Grade Committee:

We are selling flowers at the musical as a fundraiser. Also, Bellmore croc charms and socks. The yearbook pages and yard signs will be done soon! Yard signs are a cool surprise for the kids!

Miscellaneous items discussed by Jamie...

At the BOE meeting it was shared that Reinhard is putting in for approximately \$4.5 million dollars worth of building renovations/additions so the school can get more classrooms.

It was announced that the following teachers are retiring...

1. Dr. Lange
2. Mrs. Eagle
3. Mrs. DiMaina

Ways & Means:

Finished the Franks Pizza Fundraiser, and by selling pizza kits we made approx \$400 for fundraising! Also, The LI Ducks Game is coming up and we will be selling tickets for that as a fundraiser.

SEPTA:

They had their first IEP/504 presentation/workshop and will possibly do an end of the year event.

No unfinished business and No new business to discuss

Presentation made by Bellmore Civic Association Members. Please be involved and contact them and follow them on social media with any concerns and questions! FB, IG, Twitter. 516-418-2291. [Bellmore.civic@gmail.com](mailto:bellmore.civic@gmail.com)

Then, we had the election part of the meeting. Aliza Schauder, the Nominating Chair announced the new Executive Board for the 2024-2025 school year

Co-Presidents: Jamie & Brianna  
EVP's Shore: Emily & Jill  
EVP's Winthrop: Kristen & Aliza  
EVP's Reinhard: Carla & Jennifer  
Recording Secretary: Jessica  
Corresponding Secretary: Allie  
Treasurer: Gina

We took a vote, all in favor say "I" or raise your hands. Then the meeting was closed.

As a member of the PTA, I checked the treasurer books.

