



# Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

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*Date:* 1/15/2026 | *Time:* 7:35pm | *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 November 12, 2025 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

Treasurer Gina Kilian reported:

- Book balance is \$77,292.52
- Bank balance is approximately \$81,561.28

Brianna said the report will be filed for audit.

## Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Allie Costanzo, reported:

- We received thank you notes for the PTA's holiday breakfast from many teachers, including Mr. Merz, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Reilly, the UPK team, the third grade teachers, the fifth grade teachers and the sixth grade teachers.

## Principals' Reports

### **C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. Curto read for Mrs. SanPietro**

- Wished everyone in attendance a happy New Year.
- December included Reinhard's holiday boutique, class parties, UPK family gingerbread making, and a program that educated students on the journey of apples, taught them how to make cider, and allowed them to vote on their favorite ways to eat apples.
- Second grade students recently celebrated a Greek day after finishing a related CKLA unit.
- First graders delivered a holiday performance for their classmates and families.
- Kindergarteners participated in a New Year's countdown.
- Game Club and Chess Club began this week.
- SEPTA organized two sessions of So Fun City assemblies, one for UPK/Kindergarten and another for first grade/second grade, and the students "loved it."
- PARP will take place in January and the theme is Scoop Up A Good Book.
  - PARP will include an author assembly, Mrs. Phillips dressed as an ice cream cone and masked readers (staff members with disguised voices).
  - January 16: PARP Spirit Day (Scoop Up A Color)
- Thanked the PTA for the rubber ducky gifts
- Construction update: doors and windows are installed in the extension.

- Reinhard students will go outside for recess when the wind chill is above 32 degrees. Mrs. Sanpietro reminded parents that the temperatures can feel colder at Reinhard than other Bellmore schools. Teachers are encouraged to take students for short walks outside whenever possible.
- There will be no school on Monday, January 19.
- The second grader concert will take place on January 23 at 10 a.m.

#### **Winthrop Avenue School: Mrs. Curto**

- Wished everyone in attendance a happy New Year.
- December's holiday boutique was "awesome" – thanked all volunteers.
- The holiday concert was "amazing;" students sang songs representing Christmas, Chanukah and winter, and "truly shined;" students led the entire show with their narration
- Mrs. Rentz will be the substitute music teacher for the remainder of the year.
- Mrs. McClenahan arranged for the third graders to experience a presentation titled "Living With Wildlife on Long Island," which featured box turtles, great horned owls, opossums and falcons; this presentation aligned with the Fin, Feather, Fur CKLA unit.
- The Star Polishers have brainstormed new recess clubs including origami and coding, and also hope to organize a calm club and a paint by numbers club.
- Chess Club recently began.
- The third graders are enjoying Circle of Dance, through which they are using "teamwork and synergy" to learn dances from around the world.
- PARP is in full swing, with a Reading is Snow Much Fun theme.
  - It is not too late to turn in reading minutes!
- Many students are turning in the most recent principal's homework assignment, and all responses will be displayed on the Leadership Tree in the main hallway.
- Wednesday, January 21: Star Polishers tour team will lead 20 administrators and teachers around the building to show them what leadership looks like at Winthrop.
- The Star Polishers physical environment team has been making sure the hallways reflect our core values, while the Star Polishers communications team updates the message board.
- Thanked the PTA for the rubber ducky gifts.
- The PARP author visit is scheduled for January 26, and students are able to purchase books before this visit.

#### **Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews**

- Thanked the PTA for the holiday breakfast and ducks.
- Sixth graders recently visited Kennedy for Cougar Talks, and returned to Shore Road feeling very inspired; teachers loved seeing former students; this trip provided the perfect example of leadership in action; thinking about creating a Shore Road Ted Talk club next year.
- Club photos for the yearbook took place on Wednesday, January 14.
- The student-designed yearbook covers were amazing; Giuliano Scuccimarri won the cover contest; all other submissions will be displayed on the back cover of the yearbook.
- The fifth graders met with our district science consultant to prepare for the February 5 science fair.
- There was a "tremendous turnout" for December's toy drive.
- RAK PAK participated in a December kindness challenge.
- December's holiday boutique was "lots of fun."
- Chorale performed at the Bellmore Tree Lighting
- A group of Star Polishers participated in a food tasting event that included hummus, flat bread, muffin tops and dumplings; they shared their feedback to influence future cafeteria menus; "it gave them a voice."
- Fifth graders Andrew Schwartz/Drew Bruckner and sixth graders Leah Pulsinelli/Jordan Weinberg won November's cornhole tournament.
- The Sixth Grade Committee has been "quite busy;" many students are wearing their swag items; yearbook design is coming along.
- The winter concert is scheduled for next week at Shore Road; for the first time, fifth and sixth grade students will be split into two different groups to accommodate the great number of students who wish to participate.
- PARP theme is Book an Adventure; local author Jen Calonita will visit Shore Road; Tacky Tourist Tuesday dress up day
- Chess Club begins tomorrow

- This year will mark the second in a row partnering with the Bellmore library on three Fridays for STEAM activities.
- Sixth Grade Olympics is scheduled for February 12 and 13.
- Zumba will take place after February break.

Brianna asked if all three schools are collecting book donations along with Winthrop; Mrs. Sanpietro said that Reinhard will be collecting cereal boxes and Mrs. Matthews said that the RAK PAK will be collecting canned goods ahead of the Super Bowl.

## EVP Reports

Shore Rd – Emily Slutsky reported:

- Shout out to Amy Pilott for her hard work on PARP
- Knicks game is scheduled for January 27; 135 tickets were sold and all profits will benefit the Sixth Grade Committee
- Chess Club begins tomorrow for fifth and sixth graders; parents will be volunteering to help.
- All fifth and sixth grade families should arrive by the 7 p.m. start time for the winter concert; the Sixth Grade Committee is conducting a pre-sale for flowers that will be given out before the concert.
- Lori Peterson is doing a great job with the Bulletin Board Committee
- The Sixth Grade Committee members are doing a great job with the yearbook and currently discussing themes for the dance.
- Collaborating with Square 1 Art for the sixth grade Legacy Project; student artwork featuring lighthouses will be displayed on tiles; Mr. Gorey will advise students throughout the three weeks they will work on the project.
- Yesterday's club photos were successful.

Winthrop – Carla read report:

- Fourth graders participated in an educational Native American program that included a miniature museum, games and artwork.
- Thanked Heather Flynn and all volunteers for a successful holiday boutique.
- Third grade Circle of Dance is underway.
- PARP minutes are due tomorrow.
- BINGO & Literacy Night is scheduled for January 30 and will include a book fair, crafts, a cozy reading corner and BINGO.
- The third grade Special Person's Dance is scheduled for February 27; parents will soon receive additional information.

Reinard – Jen Bario reported:

- Thanked the Bulletin Board Committee for the most recent birthday bulletin board.
- Thanked Annie for all of her help with Chess Club and thanked Lauren for all of her help with Game Club.
- Yoga Club will take place in March.
- The book fair is scheduled for March 10 and 11.
- Brianna noted that Game Club is open to Kindergartners and Chess Club is open to first and second graders.

## Committee Reports

SEPTA – Allie Costanzo reported:

- The fundraiser at the Brokerage is scheduled for January 18; there are a few tickets left to be sold; bring cash, as there will be many raffles!
- Virtual workshop is scheduled for March 30 and will cover the application process for OPWDD.

School Board Representative – Maria Prendergast reported:

- The December 16 meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
- *Newsday* reported that Bellmore schools did well on ELA and math scores, and received perfect scores for purified water.
- Reinhard's construction is running ahead of schedule.
- Shore Road's new boiler is on the way.
- Thanked PTA for the holiday boutique at each of the three schools.

- Recent special events at the schools include Reinhard's Halfway to 100 Countdown, Winthrop's Thanksgiving concert and Shore Road's food tasting event.
- Current seventh graders visited the meeting to speak about the core values programs and how they continue to use them in their daily lives at Grand Avenue Middle School.
- Congratulated Mr. Breakstone on receiving the PTA Distinguished Service Award.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Ways & Means – Brianna read report:

- Instead of a Valentine's boutique, the PTA will sell cookie dough through the Baked With Love catalog; sales will begin on January 20.
- Save the Date: Harlem Wizards will return to Bellmore schools on April 23 at 7 p.m.
- GOAT USA orders are in progress; certain colors and sizes are unable to be fulfilled; PTA apologized and thanked all those who inquired about the delivery date for their patience.

Auction – Brianna read report:

- Auction will be held on March 5 at Mulcahy's, and will include dinner and DJ.
- Raffle donations are currently being gathered.

Sixth Grade Committee – Emily Slutsky reported:

- Yearbook boosters and well wishes help fundraiser for dance; Leslie Cerverizzo offered to design them for sixth grade families in exchange for a donation to the Community Cupboard.
- Clothing drive and BINGO were very successful fundraisers.

Brianna thanked all those who volunteer their time with the PTA.

### Old Business

- No old business.

### New Business

- No new business.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Winthrop.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Aliza Schauder