

4-4-24 PTA meeting minutes

By: Emily Slutsky, Recording Secretary

PTA Meeting @ Shore 8pm

Nikki Zimberg, Co-President welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Co-President Jamie Shiner was not in attendance.

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. There were no objections to the minutes.

Kristen Wong-Valle, Treasurer, stated that our bank balance is \$128,472.46 and the book balance is \$99,581.41 as of 3/31.

We started with the principal reports...

Mrs. Castine for Reinhard: In April we discussed the core value of Respect and worked on listening skills. Grades K, 1 & 2 are working with technology and focusing on online stranger danger and media safety. They are learning about which video games and websites are appropriate or not for their ages. They have learned about an online traffic system red, yellow and green to indicate which site is safe vs. not for them. They are also doing coding. The school also had the "Star Lab" come which is a traveling planetarium through our cultural arts program and the kids loved it. The school discussed how to be safe during the eclipse and kids were given glasses and dismissed early. Yoga club has been very popular as a choice for the students. Earth Day is coming up on 4/19 and the show will be in the morning for the parents to attend. The 2nd graders will plant a tree. On 5/9 and 5/10 we will have the plant sale, 5/23 will be the chorus concert, 5/29 is Pre-K field day and 5/31 is field day for the rest of the school.

Mrs. Curto for Winthrop: It is Music in our Schools Month, where every Friday we are learning and discussing different genres of music. Even the staff members are dressing up! There is lots of research going on about Tokay Geckos by the 4th grade students on their chrome books and in the library they are finding books used for animal research, slide shows and pictures. They know how to make text boxes and add pictures to their reports and search for fiction and non-fiction information. We will have our lockout and lockdown drills in the spring and we must remind the students to follow the teachers instructions and remind them that it is just practice. The 3rd grade ELA state assessments are next week 4/11 and 4/12 and 4th grade is the following week 4/16 and 4/17.

Mrs. Matthews for Shore: The schools had The Harlem Wizards assembly last week in preparation for the big show on 4/8 and it was a huge success! The kids all loved it. The school production of Seussical Jr. was amazing and super successful and kids are encouraged to try out for the shows and there are no parts too small! The kids spend months preparing for the shows and they love it! Nature club is starting next week, where they will plant sunflowers and

make a hanging garden and the kids really love it. The students here are still learning how to be leaders and the “8th grade positive leaders” are coming back to the school to meet with the 6th graders. The school also has other school and community leadership programs. We have an AP Mandarin student coming back to meet with the 5th grade classes to expose them to the mandarin language. Another student is coming to play brain games with them. Mrs. Matthews wants a new name for “maturation night” run by Northwell Health. The district art show will be on 4/11 from 6:30-7:30pm. The 6th grade spelling bee is coming up and the 6th grade legacy project is underway.

Next from our EVP’s...

Jackie & Brianna @ Shore: Mrs. Matthews covered it all. Nature club will be great and there are some great ideas starting. The legacy project is switching to Graff Lab. We need volunteers for the plant sale on 5/10 and parents can come shop with kids.

Aliza & Kristen @ Winthrop: Yoga and Zumba are going great and plans for the 100th day celebration are underway. Plant sale is 5/9 and parents can come shop with students.

Carla @ Reinhard: Yoga club is going very well and the planetarium was a big success. 5/9 and 5/10 are plant sale and 5/14 is garden club.

Leah Walsh with 6th grade committee: The yearbook is done and it looks amazing. We are working on the dance and will be having 12 chaperones. Croc charms will be sold at schools as a fundraiser.

Brittney Roth with the auction committee: preparation is going well. We could still use donations for baskets. Flyers for this event went home already.

Membership: We have great numbers this year! Keep up the great work with recruiting people to join the PTA.

Miscellaneous: staff appreciation will be the week of 5/6 at all schools. We have various treats ready for them. During the BOE meeting, there were lots of tenured teachers announced. The GOAT fundraiser is underway and the shirts will hopefully be handed out around Memorial Day. The Ducks game is on Friday 5/10.

Old Business: None

New Business: Colleen Ryan, PTA member discussed her concern over price of various vendors and wants the PTA to be aware before booking said vendors so the budget could be used in the most efficient way possible. The PTA exec board thanked Colleen for her input and said this would be taken into consideration for future bookings.

The new PTA Executive Board was installed for 2024-2025. Congrats to all the new exec board members...

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

The next PTA meeting will be on 5/23/24 for questions and answers.

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