

# Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

Winthrop Avenue School

C.A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center

Shore Road School

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*Date:* 11/12/2025 | *Time:* 7:33pm | *Meeting called to order by:* Brianna Bachrach and Jamie Guggenheim Shiner

## 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 October 16, 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.

## Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Allie Costanzo, reported:

- Mr. Reilly individually thanked the PTA for the treats provided during parent-teacher conferences, and his entire class thanked the PTA for the pumpkin patch.
- Mrs. Boklan thanked the PTA for the treats provided during parent-teacher conferences.
- Mrs. McCardell thanked the PTA for the treats provided during parent-teacher conferences

## Bellmore Civic Association

Alison Frankel and Eileen Casazza reported:

- Ellen Road Park was recently redesigned; the date of the ribbon cutting is to be determined.
- The town of Hempstead repaved the roads near Winthrop Avenue.
- The Bellmore Civic Association has a very good relationship with the town of Hempstead and Nassau County. PTA members should contact the organization if they need assistance in making local changes.
  - The Bellmore Civic Association was very instrumental in updating Shore Road and the surrounding streets and consistently reports spray paint found in the neighborhood.
- Reminded PTA members to be patient, as changes within Bellmore involve multiple layers of government and therefore take time.
- Businesses are not allowed to attach advertisements to telephone poles.
- The Bellmore Civic Association has many community service opportunities for Grand Avenue students.
  - Groups recently completed projects at Mill Pond and the kayak launch at Newbridge Park.
  - Students should reach out if they need community service hours.
- Eileen is also a member of the Nassau County Police Commissioners Council and shared that the organization will host an event to educate senior citizens and their caretakers on online scams. This will take place at St. Barnabas on November 19 at 10 a.m.
- Eileen reminded us that e-bikes are illegal for children under 16 years old.
- Eileen and Alison left pamphlets and business cards to distribute amongst the PTA members in attendance.

## Principals' Reports

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

- Thanked the PTA for the Pumpkin Patch
- Halloween Book Parade and class celebrations were successful
- Thanked the PTA for the snacks provided during parent-teacher conferences
- The first peaceful bus meeting took place on November 7, where students learned each other's names.
- Cones and speed bumps will be added to the parking lot to make drop off safer.
- November 13: Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled from 6-8 p.m.
- November 14: Kindness Day
- November 18: 50<sup>th</sup> Day of School for kindergarteners
- November 21: Picture retake day
- November 26: Pajama/comfortable clothes day

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

- Health & Safety Week
  - Fire Department encouraged families to create an escape plan and invited students to walk through their trucks; students wrote thank you notes.
  - Police officers instructed students on bicycle safety while stressing the leadership principle of being in charge of yourself; stressed wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle; students sat in police cars.
  - Mrs. Whalen visited every class to instruct them on germ prevention; she educated them on the T-Zone and the High 5 Steps to hand washing.
  - Mrs. Davison presented on stress, and also explained how feeling stress is not always negative.
  - Skate for Life offered a high energy skateboarding performance and reminded students that success stems from hard work, determination and staying true to one's values.
- Kindness Week
  - Dress up days are scheduled throughout the week
  - November 13: World Kindness Day
  - SAC students selected books on kindness that they will read in pairs to each class.
  - Ties into Winthrop's Wildy Important Goal of 1,000 acts of kindness by Valentine's Day
- Thanked PTA for ordering the display for the fence.
- November 19: Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled from 6-8 p.m.
- November 21: 4<sup>th</sup> grade chorus concert is scheduled for 11 a.m.
- November 21: Picture retake day
- Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving

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

- Thanked the PTA for the snacks provided during parent-teacher conferences
- Wildy Important Goal: Inspiring the Stars Within
  - Student and staff members' talents will be displayed on a bulletin board that will be added to as time goes on,
- Health & Safety Week
  - Bicycle safety
  - Internet safety presented by Northwell Health
  - Yoga
  - Spirit days
  - Mrs. Matthews reminded students to exercise the principles of health and safety learned this week throughout the year.
- Sixth grade parent curriculum night took place on November 6

- Families should complete the survey informing class placements at Grand Avenue
- Parents should reach out to Mrs. Matthews or their child's sixth grade teacher with any questions
- Middle school staff members recently offered a world language presentation to the sixth grade students.
- Fifth and sixth grade students recently attended their extended day field trips.
- Fifth graders visited the Brookhaven National Laboratory; a highlight of their trip was looking through windows to watch scientists perform experiments.
- Sixth graders visited an extension of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory DNA Learning Center in Brooklyn
- November 14: BINGO
- November 15: Sixth Grade Committee clothing drive from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- November 17: Parent-teacher conferences from 6-8 p.m.
- December 5: Chorale performing at Chamber of Commerce holiday event/tree lighting on Bedford Avenue
- Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

## EVP Reports

Shore Rd – Emily Slutsky reported:

- GOAT fundraiser was successful
- November 17: Parent-teacher conferences
- November 21: Picture retake day
- Health & Safety Week was a “huge success.”
- Many Sixth Grade Committee events and fundraisers are underway.
- Students have taken field trips to see the subjects they are learning about being carried out in real time.
- Students are enjoying clubs; Chess Club will take place during recess and will begin soon.

Winthrop – Jill Mosca reported:

- Third graders have been participating in their Safety Town field trips
- Students decorated pumpkins at recess
- Health & Safety week was “really successful.”
  - The students loved the fire department and police visits
  - Skate for Life was a “huge success”
  - Students enjoyed Mrs. Davison and Mrs. Whelan’s presentations
  - Still accepting pictures for display on the Health & Safety bulletin board
- Jamie added that BINGO and Literacy Night is scheduled for January 30

Reinard – Jen Bario reported:

- The pumpkin patch was “really wonderful;” it was moved to the Secret Playground due to construction; thanked committee members and volunteers.
- November 21: Picture retake day
- December 9-10: Holiday Boutique
- Chess Club and Game Club will begin in January

## Committee Reports

School Board Representative – Maria Prendergast reported:

- Winthrop aquarium leaders presented for the Board of Education.
- Reinhard construction is running ahead of schedule and work inside the building should start in the beginning of December.

Spirit Wear – Brianna read report:

- Spirit wear is available for pickup at Lifestyles Sports
- The PTA raised more than \$3,000 through the GOAT fundraiser; clothing will hopefully be available for pickup before the holiday break; GOAT will choose a winner from each school for its sticker contest
- A spring line of spirit wear will be released in February

Membership – Brianna read report:

- The PTA has approximately 630-635 members; our goal is 665 members.

Ways & Means – Brittany Roth reported:

- The PTA raised \$4,600 through the Miss Chocolate fundraiser.
- Panera fundraiser is scheduled for tomorrow night.
- Jamie added that the Danny's Chinese fundraiser is scheduled for the evening of December 9.
- Jen Barrio added that the Mixology fundraiser is scheduled for December 3.
  - Brianna noted that we can mention the Bellmore PTA even if we are shopping during the day, and Mixology will donate 10% of sales to us.

Winter Sale Committee – Heather Flyn reported:

- Encourage people to volunteer, especially at Reinhard and Winthrop
- Reinhard's holiday boutique will take place on December 9 and 10.
- Winthrop's holiday boutique will take place on December 9.
- Shore Road's holiday boutique will take place on December 10.

Sixth Grade Committee – Jessica Flynn reported:

- The sixth grade committee made more than \$1,100 on swag sales.
- Yearbook committee is working on yearbook design and layout; we are currently only missing a handful of baby pictures
- Yearbook cover contest is underway
- BINGO is scheduled for Friday; almost \$700 has been made in presales; hoping more fifth graders will sign up.
- November 15: Clothing fundraiser facilitated by Emily Carrino
- Popcorn fundraiser will take place during the winter.
- Emily Slutsky facilitated a successful Knicks fundraiser, through which the committee made approximately \$1,800.

Auction – Mara Prendergast reported:

- Committee recently had a meeting and is in the process of getting donations from businesses.
- Auction will be held on March 5 from 7-11 p.m. at Mulcahy's.

SEPTA – Allie Costanzo reported:

- Craft Night is scheduled for December 4 at 6:30 p.m.; must register in advance; registration will be capped.
- January 8: Comedy Night at Brokerage.

**Old Business**

- No old business.

**New Business**

- No new business.

## Nominating Committee

- Brianna reminded that members of the nominating committee should be chosen in a “fair and objective” way.
- Cannot re-join the Nominating Committee after two consecutive years.
- Gina Kilian, Joann Belferder, Aliza Schauder and Laruen Glenis were selected to join the Nominating Committee.

The next meeting will be held virtually on January 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Aliza Schauder