



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

Winthrop Avenue School

C.A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center

Shore Road School

Date: 4/16/2026 | *Time:* 7:40pm | *Meeting called to order by:* Brianna Bachrach

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 March 10, 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

Treasurer Gina Kilian reported:

- Book balance is \$101,467.68
- Bank balance is \$104,101.00

Allie Costanzo checked the books.

The report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Allie Costanzo, reported:

- Mr. Merz' class thanked the PTA for providing ices.

Principals' Reports

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Congratulations to the new PTA Executive Board.
- Red Ribbon Week is underway, directing students' focus toward good choices for their minds, bodies and hearts.
- Star Polishers are collecting crayons
- Select sixth graders earned seventh place in the Code Conquest hackathon, themed around ancient Egypt. The hackathon was three hours long.
- George Gonzales placed first in the sixth grade spelling bee, after correctly spelling the word metropolis. Allison Dominick placed second.
- Eighth grade leaders met with current sixth graders to prepare them for Grand Avenue Middle School. They offered "all of the nuts and bolts from the kid perspective."
- Sixth graders recently visited Grand Avenue Middle School to tour, meet with administrators and learn about both curriculum and extracurricular opportunities.
- *Shrek Jr.* was "outstanding," and involved the largest group of students yet to participate in a Shore Road musical. These students showed great dedication and commitment.

- Music In Our Schools Month took place in March, during which students voted on their favorite songs from eight genres. For the second year in a row, the winner was “Lose Yourself” by Eminem.
- The book fair took place in March.
- Students enjoyed their Harlem Wizards assembly.
- Fifth graders recently attended Maturation Night.
- Don’t Press Send assembly is scheduled for April 17, and details responsible decision making when using technology.
- Plant Sale will take place in May.
- Shore Road’s Open House is scheduled for May 11.
- Nature Club starts on May 15.

Winthrop Avenue Principal: Mrs. Curto

- District science consultant Mr. Walrup visited third grade classrooms prior to spring break to conduct lessons on the weather, and helped students create their own water tornadoes. Lessons with Mr. Walrup are always “very interactive” and “very inspiring.”
- Students are immersed in their CKLA curriculum.
 - Recently finished learning about ancient civilizations.
 - Fascinated by the life of Julius Caesar.
 - Fourth graders recently finished their Eureka unit about inventors and inventions, which teachers tied in with the district’s leadership principles.
- Early morning band and orchestra rehearsals are underway.
 - Mrs. Curto and Ms. B greet the students outside during drop off.
 - Students are showing dedication.
 - Mrs. Curto enjoys listening to rehearsals.
- Thanked Mrs. Matthews for inviting the fourth graders to see the daytime performance of *Shrek, Jr.* at Shore Road.
- Students are strongly encouraged to wear sneakers to school.
- Students should not wear earrings on gym days, although they may place tape over studs.
- The final Wildly Important Goal of the school year involves a focus on independent reading, which has taken a backseat amidst the introduction of the third and fourth graders’ new curriculum.
- The fourth graders will participate in a walking trip to the library on May 11, while the third graders will do so on May 18.
- New York State ELA exams were administered on April 21 and 22, while New York State math exams were administered on April 29 and 30.
- The PTA Plant Sale is scheduled for May 7.
- The fourth grade concert is scheduled for April 13.
- Thanked the PTA for purchasing bushes for Winthrop Avenue.
- Spirit Week is coming up.
- Jill Mosca said that parents are not stopping at the stop sign at the entrance to the Winthrop Avenue parking lot in both the mornings and afternoons.
 - Jamie Guggenheim Shiner suggested placing a speed bump in that area.

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. SanPietro

- Rookies Rec Night for first graders took place before spring break.
- Students recently enjoyed a Jared Campbell concert.
- Students recently participated in Yoga Club and Zumba classes.
- Construction continues to progress.
 - The walkway to the walker door has doubled in size.

- Trailers are gone.
- Extension is “coming along beautifully,” with walls erected and painted, floors completed and bathrooms underway.
- Parents must drive slowly in the parking lots.
 - Brittany Roth said that people are driving around the new security guard who stands in the front of the building, as she is not easy to see, and suggested that she change her positioning.
- Quackerjack, the Long Island Ducks mascot, recently visited kindergarten through second grade students at arrival.
- Kindergarten Earth Day celebration is scheduled for April 24, during which students will perform songs and plant a tree.
- PTA Plant Sale is scheduled for May 7 and 8.
- Open House is scheduled for May 19.
- Second grade chorus concert is scheduled for May 21.
- UPK Field Day is scheduled for May 22.

EVP Reports

Shore Rd – Julie Hecht reported:

- Thanked the Bulletin Board Committee for this month’s birthday board.
- Sixth Grade Committee
 - Preparing for the sixth grade dance and will soon hold a meeting for potential volunteers.
 - Raised almost \$5,000 from popcorn sales
- Upcoming events include the PTA Plant Sale and Nature Club meetings.

Winthrop – Jamie Guggenheim Shiner reported:

- Garden Club will take place on Mondays in May; students will clean the garden, plant and craft.
- Third grade students are finished with their field trips, with Ms. Cohen and Ms. Wertling’s classes having rescheduled the date they missed due to a district snow day.

Reinard – Jen Bario reported:

- Students enjoyed the Jared Campbell assembly
- Students enjoyed participating in Zumba.
- The Plant Sale will take place on May 7 and 8, and the PTA is in need of parent volunteers.
- The Garden Club is scheduled for May 14, May 21, May 28 and June 4.
- Students are looking forward to their field days.
- First and second grade trips are scheduled for next week.

Committee Reports

SEPTA:

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, with additional details forthcoming.

Membership – Carla Wong reported:

- The PTA currently has 636 members.
- The PTA recently received the Membership Mania and Founders Day awards.
- Our membership is still growing, even in April!

Ways & Means – Brittany Roth reported:

- 505 tickets for the Ducks game have been sold.

- Harlem Wizards:
 - 507 tickets have been sold, and we are hoping to sell a total of 600.
 - Rookies will conduct the halftime show
 - In addition to the basketball game, students and parents can purchase raffle tickets, participate in a shootout, purchase food and buy jerseys and other merchandise.
 - We have 11 sponsors.
 - Tickets at the door will cost \$5 more than those purchased in advance.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

- No new business.

Installation – read by Allie Costanzo and Gina Kilian:

- Co-presidents: Jill Mosca and Carla Wong
- Shore EVPs: Jamie Guggenheim Shiner and Julie Hecht
- Winthrop EVPs: Brianna Bachrach and Brittany Roth
- Reinhard EVPs: Maria Barrera
- Treasurer: Jen Bario
- Recording Secretary: Aliza Schauder
- Corresponding Secretary: Emily Slutsky

The next meeting will be our Q&A meeting and is scheduled for May 12.

Brianna Bachrach adjourned this meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Aliza Schauder