



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

Winthrop Avenue School

C.A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center

Shore Road School

Date: 10/16/2025 | *Time:* 8:10pm | *Meeting called to order by:* Brianna Bachrach

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers

Welcome

Co-Presidents, Brianna Bachrach and Carla Wong

- Reminded members that we work as a team
- Expressed thanks for all help offered by members
- Encouraged all members to reach out with any questions or suggestions

Approval of Minutes

Recording Secretary Aliza Schauder reported:

- No corrections were made to the minutes from the September 9, 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.

Budget

- Brianna reported that Jeff Roth conducted the audit of last year's finances.
- Jen Bario read Jeff Roth's report.
 - The PTA's books from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 are correct.
 - The balance on hand at the time of the audit was \$94,752.25.
- Brianna made a motion to adopt the audit report. Julie Hecht seconded the motion. Motion was granted.

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Allie Costanzo, reported:

- Janet Goller thanked the PTA for sending flowers in honor of her recognition as a Woman of Distinction.
- Ms. Burke thanked the PTA for the basket of winnings.
- Mr. Reilly thanked the PTA for the gift card to the Book Fair.

Principals' Reports

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Shore Road is focused on its 2025-2026 goal: Inspire the Stars Within

- Members of the Star Polisher team will ask their friends about their individual passions and talents, and use this information to create a display in the hallway. Students who were initially interviewed will, in turn, interview other classmates to discover their passions and talents, and then add this new information to the display.
- Parents learned about students' curriculums and upcoming events at Back to School Night.
- Many clubs and activities are/will be underway at Shore Road:
 - Student Council is up and running.
 - 6th grade environmental club will meet next week.
 - The School Store had a "soft opening."
 - Coding Club is up and running.
 - Members of the Peaceful Projects recess club will create fidgets or rocks with inspirational statements.
 - Shells noting strategies to utilize when we are angry will be displayed in the school lobby
 - Game Club is up and running, offering students the opportunity to create with Legos, etc. during meeting times.
 - RAT Pack will be running an upcoming food drive to collect items for the community pantry.
 - Calm Café will take place on Fridays and offer soft music and low lights.
 - Musical Theater auditions for Shrek Jr. will take place next week, and extra help was offered this week for interested students.
- Items collected during food drive benefiting veterans were delivered to the veterans' pantry near NUMC.
- 3rd annual cornhole tournament is underway during physical education classes.
- Shore Road Picture Day is scheduled for tomorrow, October 17th.
- Health & Safety Week is scheduled for next week
- School will be closed for Election Day on November 4th.
- Parent-teacher conferences will take place on November 4th and 17th.
- Parent Curriculum Night at Grand Avenue is scheduled for November 6th at 7 p.m.

Winthrop Avenue Principal: Mrs. Curto

- Today was Picture Day.
- Mrs. Curto is reading books *Our School is a Family* aloud to the third grade classes and Dr. Famularo's *My IOU Life Ship* aloud to the fourth grade classes.
 - Dr. Famularo will pop into the 4th grade lunch period next week to sing the song that goes with his book.
 - While Mrs. Curto reads, she engages students in a mindful reading breathing activity geared toward strengthening their self awareness. This activity encourages them to settle into their seats and be with themselves.
- Cathy Russell worked with students to create tiles relating to the theme Igniting the Stars Within. Students will soon paint each other's tiles, highlighting the core values of synergy and teamwork. These tiles will ultimately be displayed in the cafeteria.
- Students are actively partaking in leadership roles including greeting classmates every morning, making announcements during lunch and caring for the aquarium. All students will have a turn to take on such a role, and are encouraged to exercise patience.
- The first Peaceful Bus meeting of the school year took place, during which Mrs. Curto met with the bus drivers, who in turn met with students in their classrooms.
 - Mrs. Curto is frontloading this year's Peaceful Bus meetings to encourage students to "do the right thing."
- Mrs. Falabella set up video conferences for students.
 - Students participated in a video conference with the Rosemont Gifford Zoo in Syracuse.
 - They saw spooky animals such as tarantulas, bats and poison dart frogs.

- Students asked many questions.
 - Fourth grade students participated in a slime time video conference, during which they learned that slime can act as a solid and a liquid.
- Clubs are underway, with Star Polishers and SAC already holding their first meetings.
- Students will be donations food for veterans
- A Thanksgiving food drive, as well as a toy drive are coming up.
- Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 4th and 18th.

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. SanPietro

- Mrs. SanPietro is reading *Say Something!* by Peter Reynolds aloud to students outside, where students can then play on the playground or dance.
- Construction is underway.
- The Book Fair was successful, both in the daytime and evening hours.
- Spirit Week took place last week and included a galaxy day, color day, pirate day and Friday's pep rally.
 - The pep rally was SpongeBob themed; 21 faculty members participated; Star Polishers waved pompoms as classmates made their way into the auditorium.
- Peaceful Bus meeting will be held in a few weeks.
- Kindergarten fire department visits are underway, and classes have also made thank you cards following their trips.
- Picture Day is today and tomorrow.
- The Pumpkin Patch is scheduled for October 23rd.
- Character Parade is scheduled for October 31st.
- Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 4th and 13th.

EVP Reports

Reinhard - Jen Barrio reported:

- The Book Fair yielded lots of excitement from students, parents and teachers; thanked the committee members and all parents who volunteered.
- Picture Day is today and tomorrow.
- Pumpkin Patch is scheduled for October 23rd; volunteers are welcome.
- The fire truck will be visiting Reinhard in November.

Winthrop Ave - Emily Slutsky read report:

- Thanked Sam Quatroni and Gerri Anne Sweikata for their help running the Book Fair.
- Picture Day was today
- Health & Safety Week will include visits from the fire department, the 7th Precinct and Skate for Life, as well as lessons conducted by Mrs. Davison and Mrs. Whelan.
 - Parents are encouraged to send in photo prints of their children engaging in a healthy activity for display on one of Winthrop's bulletin boards.

Shore Rd – Julie Hecht reported:

- Health & Safety Week is scheduled for next week and will focus on a different topic each day.
- Picture Day is scheduled for tomorrow.
- BINGO is scheduled for November 14th.
- Clothing Drive is scheduled for November 15th.
- The Book Fair was successful
 - The selection included many books written in Spanish.
 - Teachers were appreciative of e-wallet donations from families.

- Brianna said we raised more than \$1,800 for teachers, and any remaining balances will roll over to the spring Book Fair; we earn more Scholastic Dollars by utilizing e-wallets.

Brianna said GOAT shirts/sweatshirts with a new Bellmore logo will be available to order within the next week.

Carla thanked all committee members for their hard work, including Spiritwear, Book Fair and Programs.

Committee Reports

Spiritwear – Sam Quatroni reported:

- Most class shirts have been picked up.
- The PTA earned \$1,800 from the fall store sales, which closed on October 2nd.
- A spring store with new designs will open in February.

Auction – Sam Quatroni reported:

- The auction will take place on March 5, 2026 at Mulcahys at 7 p.m.
- Starting to collect donations

Membership – Brianna read report:

- The PTA currently has approximately 615 members; our goal is 665 members.

Ways & Means – Brianna read report:

- Miss Chocolate sales are close to \$10,000; the PTA earns 40% of sales.
- The sale will close on October 26th.

6th Grade Committee – Genesis Cammock reported:

- A Zoom parent meeting will take place on October 20th.
- BINGO is scheduled for November 14th.
- Clothing Drive is scheduled for November 15th, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Approximately half of the baby photos for the yearbook have been submitted.
- Swag orders are underway.

School Board Representative – Brianna read report:

- No correspondence.
- Consented to agenda items.
- Spirit weeks are taking place within the high schools.
- National Merit Scholar Competition: Kennedy (8; 1 semifinalist), Calhoun (4), Mephram (1).
- Visitor comments – Mr. Ryan asked why we do not have armed security within the schools. Dr. Famularo described our current security measures as “exceedingly adequate,” and explained that the Nassau County Police Department, SWAT and Homeland Security regularly evaluates and consults with the schools. He said armed security guards and/or police presence are not recommended for our schools. For safety reasons, Dr. Famularo did not delve into specifics on our current security measures, but stated that our schools conduct regular security drills and utilize two-factor entry systems and facial recognition programs.

SEPTA – Allie Costanzo reported:

- Last weekend’s parent mixer was a success
- Craft Night will be held on December 4th at Reinhard.

- Brokerage fundraiser is scheduled for January 18th at 7 p.m.

Old business

- No old business.

New business

- No new business.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gina Kilian reported:

- Book balance is \$67.052
- Bank balance is approximately \$81,000.

Raffle

Julie won a Dunkin' Donuts gift card.

Brianna announced that nine PTA members will be selected for the Nominating Committee during the next PTA meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th at Shore Road.

Motion to adjourn: Brianna Bachrach.

Seconded: Jen Barrio

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by: Aliza Schauder