



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

C.A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center, Winthrop Ave & Shore Rd

Date / Time 1/7/2025 7:30 pm *Meeting called to order by* Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers,
Co-Presidents: Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner & Brianna Bachrach
Zoom Meeting

Welcome

Co-President, Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner, welcomed everyone in attendance & thank you for your support. Happy New Year. Proper number of members to conduct business.

Approval of Minutes

Recording Secretary, Jessica Freeman

- The minutes posted on the website.
- No corrections to last meeting minutes.
- Minutes approved.

Budget

Treasurer, Gina Kilian reported the balance at month end 1/7/25.

- Book Balance: \$98,587
- Bank Balance: \$110,165.36

No questions asked. Report filed for Audit

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Allie Costanzo

- Many thank yous received:
 - Dr Dacek - for hard hats & portfolios for Board appreciation.
 - Mrs. Castine - breakfast, support & kindness are greatly appreciated.
 - Mrs. Sicoli - all the kindness her and all reinhard teachers receive along with the goodie bags & pies.
 - Donna Pugliese- breakfast & happy healthy 2025.
 - Mrs. O'Connor - holiday breakfast, wishing all happy holidays and happy new year.
 - Mrs. Osterhoudt- loved their class shirts and excited to wear them to the Brookhaven lab trip.
 - Mr. Reilly - Thanksgiving Mini pies.
 - UPK Team - delicious pies.
 - Mrs. Magliano - the generosity of pies and goodies, and what the PTA does for the staff & students

- makes a difference and you are appreciated, happy thanksgiving.
- Along with many more thank you from the Bellmore Staff.
 - We as the PTA and parents acknowledge the Bellmore staff as we know you go over and beyond everyday and doing these little things are our pleasure.

Principal's Report

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Happy New Year!
- Thank you to the PTA for the Shirts & Breakfast. It was perfect timing this year.
- BINGO was a great time - had raffles, a lot of effort goes into that night.
- The Holiday Boutique was enjoyed by all, the children still love buying the items.
- Celebrated the Shore Road talent.
 - Small groups carolled around the building.
 - Choral went to the Bellmore Tree Lighting, our 3rd year performing.
 - The Music Dept was thanked for all their hard work.
 - Bellmore Library was visited to spread cheer followed up with lunch at Stella's pizzeria.
- RAK PACK - had a successful toy drive for the John Theissen foundation.
- Red Ribbon Week - Students thought about healthy choices for Mind, Body, and Heart.
- Assembly lead by Retired Police Officer to talk about Social Media:
 - Main take away to Students remember 3 P's (Police, Parents & Principals).
 - If you do not want any of those 3 P's reading / knowing your post - It doesn't belong on Social Media.
- 6th Grade Legacy Project - Mosaic installation is being finalized.
- Reminders:
 - 1/8 Chess club starts - well received.
 - 1/15 Club and 6th Grade Whole Class Picture. No make ups.
 - 1/23 Winter Concert.
 - 1/27 PARP - Readers are leaders.
 - 2/5 5th Grade Science Fair packets will come home.

Winthrop Ave Principal: Mrs. Curto

- Happy New Year - Celebrating gratitude.
- The lunchroom seemed quieter than usual on Monday, the students were tired after being off for 2 weeks.
- Thank you to the PTA for the Pies & Breakfast.
- 3rd & 4th Grade Fall / Holiday Concerts were amazing!
 - The Music Dept deserves a big Thank you for all working so hard to put on the show.
 - Recorders, plucking and bowing instruments were enjoyed by all.
- Holiday cheer was spread to the central offices by the 4th grade students.
- Successful Thanksgiving Food and Toy drive.
- Principal Book Club started today:
 - Students discussed what they were reading, reasons why they loved the book. Each student is receiving 30 extra minutes for their PARP log and contract being signed.
 - Extra recess for the 1st class that has 100% participation in the PARP contract sent in. ○ PARP - Pick A Reading Partner - Students can read to their fish, dog, cat, or parent. Reading is encouraged in any form.
- Upcoming Events:
 - This week Thursday/Friday 3rd grade inview assessment.

- 1/20 No school MLK.
- 1/24 Literacy / BINGO Night held in the Gym/Cafeteria.
- 1/29 No School Lunar New Year.
- 2/13 Science Fair.
- 2/28 3rd Grade Special Person Dance.

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. San Pietro gave report for Mrs. Castine

- Happy New Year, wish your families a year of love, happiness & health.
- Thank you to all that helped with a successful holiday fair, students are always thrilled to purchase things for their loved ones.
- Month we are all working on:
 - Thinking win-win.
 - Trust.
 - And you can count on me to be nice, to make good decisions, and do the right thing when nobody's watching.
 - Work out differences by thinking of something that would work for both people whether it be a game or a project.
 - Announced during morning announcements.
- PreK families came in to do a gingerbread unit to build a foam gingerbread house on December 10/11 in the Reinhard cafeteria, Some Kindergarteners, 1st grade & 2nd graders also partook in making gingerbread houses with their classes.
- 1st grade leaders performed a holiday concert December 13.
 - The Music Dept worked hard to help students learn rhythm and movement that was performed on stage to help make the performance spectacular. Leadership of synergize to create the performance was evident as students had to listen to one another and the music and produce appropriate choreography as they sang and recited poems, 90's boy band dances in 1-2 performances. Students enjoys practicing with props and acting out songs such as happy winter, christmas at our school, hot cup of choco, oh hanukkah oh hanukkah, must be santa, Later in the day the students performed for our other students, as we witnessed our smallest of friends that fell asleep during the show, which is always fun to watch.
 - PARP starts tomorrow
 - Bulletin board is up, the theme is friendship inspired by Taylor Swift friendship bracelets "in our reading era" is displayed on the board.
 - Performance kickoff will start PARP assembly, celebrating reading with friendship and music & movement.
- Upcoming events:
 - 1/13 PreK Lunar New Year Presentation Curious George sponsored by the PTA.
 - 1/24 2nd Grade chorus Concert 10 am for families, afternoon for all students.
 - 2/ 3 UPK friendship concert.
 - Cereal box challenge for 100 days of school, notice will be going home soon.
 - *as of now* 2/14 is the 100th day of school.

EVP Reports

Shore Rd- Emily Slutsky & Jill Mosca

- Super successful BINGO night.
- 1/19 Dave & Buster 3-5 pm fundraiser sign up and spread the word.

- The Holiday Boutique was also successful.
- 1/15 Club pictures & 6th grade class pictures.
- 1/27 PARP Week.
- Legacy project is completed.
- Science fair prep is happening this week.
- Reach out to us if you have any questions.

Winthrop Ave- Aliza Schauder & Kristin Oakes

- Happy New year
- Thanked Holiday boutique committee for their hard work.
- PARP
 - An author visit is planned if you would like a signed book sent in the form with cash/check by tomorrow.
 - Send in your PARP pledge by sending in the signed forms.
- Chess club this month, if your child wants to attend or you want to volunteer, send in completed forms.
- 1/24 Save the date PARP Literacy BINGO Night - special and different from what has been done in the past Fun raffles, book fair & BINGO.
 - Sign to donate water, baked goods or gift cards.

Reinhard- Carla Wong & Jenifer Barrio

- Thanks to the holiday boutique - was a huge success.
- Thanks to the birthday bulletin board.
- PARP kick off assembly - send in your minutes every Friday, thank the committee.
- 1/30 Literacy day will have various activities planned throughout the day.
- 1/13 Prek Chinese New Year - Curious George assembly.
- 1/14 to 2/4 Chess club will run for 4 weeks.
- 2/11 & 2/12 Valentine day sale.

Committee Reports

Ways & Means- Heather Flynn - Jamie gave report

- Successful Pie sale.
- Boutiques went great.
- Thank you to everyone who supports sales.

SEPTA - Allie Constanzo

- Thank you to everyone that came out and celebrated national special education day.
- Family craft night - kids had fun eating pizza and doing crafts with friends and family.
- 1/19 Annual comedy club fundraiser at Brokerage doors open at 5:30 pm showtime is 7 pm seating is first come first serve, 2 item minimum per person raffles will be sold between 5:30-6:30pm, please arrive by 6:30 pm so show is not interrupted.
 - Originally sold out, available space has opened up - tickets can be purchased on the PTA site and facebook page, if you can not make the event but want to make a donation that can also be done on the site.
 - Accepting donations of baskets for the event and finalizing the raffle prize.
 - Winners will be announced after the show includes a 50/50 raffle.

6th Grade Committee- Nikki Zimberg & Jackie Laudman- Emily gave report

- Well wishes & Booster flyer came home today if you can send back in as those go into the students yearbook.
- Memory photos deadline was extended to the end of the week.
- Dave & Busters event.

Membership- Lauren Coppolino

- Membership is ongoing either online or paper forms can be handed in.
- 660 members. 100 more members than we had last year at this time.

Auction- Brittney Roth

- 4/10 at Bayview at Freeport invitations will go out soon.
- 1/20 8pm committee meeting if anyone wants to help - need more hands to help with planning and organizing

Nominating Committee - Carla Wong - Jamie gave report

- Paperwork went out for executive board positions.
 - President, EVP, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer.
- Paperwork is also posted on the website.
- Carla Wong is chairing the committee.

School Board Rep- Teresa Palumbo - Brianna gave report

- Bittersweet - Mrs Castine retiring on June 30 thank you for your outstanding contribution to students and the school.
- Holiday concerts - Special Thanks Mrs. Arnoff & Mrs. Martucci.
- Annual tree lighting & other fun holiday activities.
- Ms. Goller gave insight to the High School district & their BOE.
 - Athletics dept / program was recognized for their growth including 300 coaches, 200 teams and 35% student participation.
 - Competitive cheer / kickline teams were added to the Middle School level.
 - Girls Golf at High School.
 - Football / Wrestling teams.
 - State plans or no plan were being discussed.
 - Emphasized our school programs are ones that others look to emulate.

Old business

- None

New business

- None

No PTA meeting in February - Monday 2/10 Founders day - honor teachers/staff/PTA Members.

Next Meeting Monday 3/24/2024, 8pm.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded by Emily Slutsky. Meeting adjourned.

Minuted Prepared by Jessica Freeman.