



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

Date / Time 11/09/2023 7:30pm Meeting called to order by Nikki Zimberg

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers

Welcome

Co-President, Nikki Zimberg, welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes have been posted on the website. Any questions? They are approved.

Budget

Treasurer, Kristin Wong-Valle reported the balance as of Oct 31, 2023:

- Book Balance is \$ 113,375.95
- Bank Balance is \$ 113,540.17
- October 2023 books were overseen by Mark Murray at the beginning of meeting

Audit committee report

Audit - Jeff Roth

- An outside auditor donated/volunteered his time to review/audit the PTA financial books this year
- Adjustment to prior year report as the beginning balance used was incorrect
- Ending balance \$97,245.30
- Reconciled outstanding checks
- Finding our books to be correct

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Jessica Freeman:

- We received numerous correspondence from administration & teachers thanked the Bellmore Elementary PTA for the "Teacher survival kits" for Parent teacher conferences on Nov 7th.
 - Mrs. McCardell, Mrs. Grodin, Mrs. Boklan, Mrs. Castine, Mrs. Osterhoudt, Mr. Reilly
- We also received a note from Mrs. Reiner's class as a thank you for Officer Ostrovsky and his K9 officer Jackson for visiting the school.

Principal's Report

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Monthly school wide goal WIG
 - October - focused on Health & Safety (stay active) - engage in 15 mins more in activity each day. Goal to achieve over 400 students on each grade level. They exceeded this goal.
 - November - focus on Food drive - send in extra food items. Donation will go to Bellmore Merrick community cupboard. They share with families within our community. Goal to collect 15 large donation boxes. As of today 4 boxes are filled, predicting they will exceed this goal as well
- Thanks PTA for Health & Safety that rolled into the Red Ribbon Week. Nationwide initiative. Goal is to remind students about making healthy choices related around drug awareness, Shore Road focuses not on drugs, but healthy choices for your body, relationships, lifestyle
- Spiritday themes creating awareness of self perseverance and self connectedness

- Halloween was great - dressed as Cat the Hat due to Susseusical Musical play this year. Students personalities show through costume choices - fun atmosphere
 - "Can for a costume" was promoted
- High School level
 - ACES Program used to be Athletes helping athletes. Group of students meet with 6th graders over 3 sessions. Focus on life choices, stay involved in middle & high school. Stay organized, balancing sports, school work. Keeps continuity between both districts
 - 6th graders meet with middle school World Language Program. A presentation about world language choices they have for next year
 - Middle school orientation last week for families. An email was shared with families on connect ed with information. They are asking for course selections for next year which also has a link in circulated email. Or on the High School district website. Can also reach out to HS district & Shore Road directly with questions. Choices are not set in stone, alot of flexibility.
- Garden Club - Restarted again after several huge hit. Plantings along north lot along walkway, scarecrows
- Food tasting - 15 students meet with Kitchen staff, sampled food choices like spicy chicken, confetti pancakes, sweet potato fries, bacon egg and cheese sandwich. Gets students involved in decisikon making being that it is their schools
- Looking ahead;
 - No school on Friday (Veteren's day)
 - Monday world kindness day - encourage students to wear a shirt with kind words/positive vibes
 - Food drive
 - Parent teacher conferences on Nov 14th 6pm-8pm
 - Picture Retakes on Nov 17th
 - BOE meeting on Nov 21st
 - School closed for Thanksgiving on Nov 23rd & 24th
 - Bellmore Chamber of Commerce invites Shore Road Corale to join in holiday tree lighting on Dec 1st at 7:30pm. Hot chocolate, Santa, Menorah lighting - fun family night that is local and free
 - Happy Thanksgiving to everyone

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. Castine

- School wide WIG - Catch a rising star board started after pep rally
 - Goal: 350 students by June 1st, last year goal was exceeded and plans on doing it again this year
 - Makes announcements every morning to self regulate, and being in charge of yourself, making good choices, being kind to others. Making a plan when you have a goal, and working towards a goal every day
- SAC - collected 12 bags of coats. Was picked up on Monday by Legislator's office rep. Extremely happy about the success of donations
- Food drive - food boxes for families within community, school district, as well as the Bellmore Merrick HS pantry
- 100 days of school - cereal box domino challenge, next Friday is the 50th day of school - 1st time celebrating it. 50's day next friday
- Toy Drive - In December to fullfill that need for families in the district
- Character parade - 4 parades throughout day from 9:25am - 2:50pm
- Fire Department visit - organized by PTA Nov 14th & 15th. Chief will be visiting school with rigs, students will be able to go on the trucks to get first hand look, important to talk to children about safe plans at home. Message to students is they are there to help and get familuarized with their equipment they use in an actual emergency
- Happy thanksgiving and grateful for your support
- Important dates
 - Thanksgiving Nov 23rd & 24th
 - Holiday boutique - Dec 5th & 6th
 - Report cards - Dec 21st
 - Reach out if you have any questions
 - 1st grade performance - 10am on Dec 22nd

- Encore performance at end of day at 2:10pm
- Hoping everyone has a great holiday season

Winthrop Ave Principal: Mrs. Curto

- Health & Safety week - Thank you to the PTA
 - Monday - Office Ostrovsky brought in his NYPD K9 dog Jackson
 - Well trained, enjoyed by all the students. Educated students how Jackson can smell sugar, flour, eggs, vanilla, where we can smell just the chocolate cake itself. How the training of Jackson helps keep people safe on the NYC subways
 - Tuesday - Box out bullying assembly - important topic - done in a humorous and engaging way, animated & funny. When it became serious the message was conveyed in a serious way speaking to the students, roles in what each student can do in that situation, not be a bystander but an upstander and showed that they box opened when the person showed empathy
 - Message of the 2nd step program at Winthrop; put yourself in someone else's shoes; see things in a different way, feel for others, have compassion
 - Wednesday - Fire Department - program similar to Reinhard's as mentioned by Mrs Castine
 - Students enjoy engaging with the Fire Department
 - Thursday - Mrs. Davidson - School Social worker - anti bullying slide show presentation, videos, discussion points
 - Friday - Be Fit show - Magician - message to stay healthy and fit, students were up and moving and engaged
 - Every day was a spirit day
 - Blue - Police
 - Red - Fireman
 - Blue/White - Bellmore
 - Kind Shirt - Anti bully day
- Rainbow of kindness - WIG - violet heart week earned if they get kindness BINGO - on bulletin board Celebration on Monday for World kindness day. Leadership assembly, students will be invited on stage for showing proactive leadership and integrity. Will sing grateful & kindness song reflecting on the WIG achievement as a school.
 - Next WIG will reflect something to do with kindness with social emotional connection
- Star polisher meeting - 70 star leader students
 - Grateful song, collaborated in teams for projects to bring leadership to the building
- Date to remember;
 - Parent teacher conference - Nov 15th 6pm-8pm
 - Picture Make up - Nov 17th
 - 4th Grade chorus - Nov 22nd at 2:30pm
 - Theme: working together as a team
 - School wide:
 - All classes making a feather as a class family meeting each feather will become part of a turkey on the bulletin board by auditorium
- Wishing everyone wonderful, happy healthy thanksgiving

EVP Reports

Shore Rd- Jackie Taylor & Brianna Bachrach

- Jackie Taylor
 - Garden Club - Steve Parrino & Jackie Laudman
 - Recycling project with scarecrows, planted tulips, mums
 - Picture day - Nikki Zimberg, Kristen Wong-Valle, Brianna Bachrach
 - Helped with keeping smiles going all day
 - PARP - Jenna Pasquareillo & Monique Grossman
 - Starting to work on themes
 - Bulletin Board - Julie Smilardi & Gianna O'Hagen
 - Legacy project in the works

Winthrop Ave- Aliza Schauder & Kristen Oakes

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 - Health & Safety - Karin Neville & Courtney Dietrich - successful week
 - Bulletin Board - Genesis Commock & Julie Hecht
 - Coincides to H&S week
 - Historian - Kelly Pashalidis & Courtney Hallock
 - PARP - 100th Birthday theme for Winthrop's birthday
 - BINGO- beginning stages in the works. Looking for donations

Reinhard- Nicole Oberst & Carla Wong

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 - Health & Safety - Stephannie Culff & Emily Slutsky
 - Picture Retake
 - Cultral Arts - Assembly Dec 20th
 - PARP - Olympic Theme - Reading Champion
 - Chess/Yoga/Game clubs coming in January
 - Bulletin Board - Samantha Quatroni & Lori Peterson

Committee Reports

Auction - Brittney Roth

- Bridgeview - new venue - negotiating price to keep same as last yeay
- May 2nd
- 50/50 raffles

Membership - Jamie Guggenheim Shiner spoke on behalf

- Currently, we have 550 memberships.

Ways & Means - Jamie Guggenheim Shiner spoke on behalf

- Miss chocolate - \$6400 raised
- Post turkey burn fitness class - Train for the game in Bellmore
 - Flyer going home soon
- Long Island Ducks game - May 10th
 - Shore Road Corale singing national anthem
- Fat boy Burrito - thank you to all that ordered

6th Grade Committee - Brianna Bachrach spoke on behalf

- BINGO - Dec 15th 5th grade 6:15pm, 6th garde 7:30pm
 - Raffles - helmet signed by Atlanta Falcons, teen facials, restaurants (local), pre sale flyer for tickets going home today/tomorrow
- Dave & Busters in January
 - 5/6th graders & siblings
- Yearbook- baby pictures Dec 10th
 - Flyers going home for memories, class parties, pumpkin patches, plays, cover contest

SEPTA - Gina Kilian

- Fundraiser - Jan 14th at Brokerage flyer going home soon, purchase tickets online will be on FB page

Old business

- No unfinished business

New business

- No new business

Teachers and Principals left.

Nominating Committee

- Need nine volunteers:
 - Names – Gerri Anne Sweikata, Kristen Oakes, Brittney Roth, Aliza Schauder, Mark Murray, Gina Kilian, Kristie Schmitt, Ally Constanza and Carla Wong.
 - Aliza Schauder will chair the committee.

Next Meeting **Wednesday, January 10, 2024**, Reinhard Cafe at 7:30pm ET.

Motion to adjourn by: Jamie Guggenheim Shiner, Seconded by: Brianna Bachrach

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jessica Freeman