

# Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

Winthrop Avenue School

C.A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center

Shore Road School

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*Date:* 3/10/2026 | *Time:* 7:42pm | *Meeting called to order by:* Carla Wong

## 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 January 15, 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 \$94,927.09
- Bank balance is \$85,412.00

Sam Quatroni check the books.

The report will be filed for audit.

## Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Allie Costanzo, reported:

- UPK teachers and Mr. Reilly thanked the PTA for the treats on the day of parent-teacher conferences.
- Mrs. Pedula thanked the PTA and Emily for honoring her at Founder's Day.

## Principals' Reports

### **Winthrop Avenue School: Mrs. Matthews read for Mrs. Curto**

- Thanked the PTA for the snack bags on the day of parent-teacher conferences; said they were "so thoughtful."
- Special Person's Dance was wonderful, DJ was outstanding and kept the kids engaged, photo booth was well used, the highlight of the evening was the final dance between students and their special person.
- Science Fair was "outstanding."
- Third grade took a field trip to the Long Island Science Museum
  - Students participated in hands on learning
  - Students learned about the rain forest, kinetic energy and friction.
  - Students explored museum exhibits.
  - Ms. Wertling and Ms. Cohen's class trips were rescheduled for March 30.
- Early morning orchestra and band rehearsals for the third and fourth graders.
- Book Fair was wonderful; thanked volunteers.
- Parent-teacher conferences will resume on March 18.

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

- Thanked the PTA for the treats on the day of parent-teacher conferences; "Something little makes such a difference."
- Auction was great.
- Star Polishers are working on a project for Reinhard and Winthrop's Star Polisher teams.

- Almost 90 participants in the fifth grade science fair.
  - Impressive to watch the students articulate their scientific processes.
- Sixth grade College Olympics took place prior to the February break; created leadership opportunities and the chance for classes to collaborate.
- PARP was great; Tacky Tourist Tuesday was a highlight; Author Jen Calonita led an engaging assembly during which “you could hear a pin drop.” Mrs. Matthews wondered if she could lead another assembly next year.
- The sixth grade committee is “super busy”; the dance theme is set; yearbook is going well; swag is in.
- Sixth grade spelling bee scheduled for April 1.
- State assessments will take place after spring break.

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

- PTA helped Mrs. Phillips organize masked reader videos; it was difficult to guess who was behind the mask; all teachers wore an avocado onesie, Mrs. SanPietro wore a Labubu mask.
- Pre-K Friendship Concert took place on February 2.
- Students wore shirts with 100 items on them for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school; kindergarteners made posters; took a video of the annual cereal box domino event to post on the website; donated all cereal boxes to the food pantry.
- Pre-K students also celebrated the 101<sup>st</sup> day of school.
- Valentine’s Day celebrations scheduled for February 14.
- Yoga Club is “awesome” and “joyous.”
- Music In Our Schools Month taking place in March; dress up days include dress like your favorite musician country day and decade day.
- Thanked the PTA for the treats provided on the day of parent-teacher conferences.
- Pick up missing items at the Lost & Found.
  - Brianna suggested created a fashion show Tik Tok video or a water bottle museum; encourage people to label students’ items.
  - Jen suggested placing items that have yet to be picked up outside on Field Day.
- Book Fair scheduled for March 10 and 11.
- Stranger Danger assembly scheduled for Thursday and will be led by a police officer.
- March 31: Rookies First Grade Rec Night

#### **EVP Reports**

Reinard – Jen Bario reported:

- Thanked Book Fair volunteers; asked for additional volunteers tomorrow.
- Yoga Club taking place on Thursdays; next week will be the last week.
- Nassau County Police Department will conduct a safety assembly on Thursday.
- March 31: Rookies First Grade Rec Night – all planning to attend should register for a time slot
- April 15: Zumba
- Thanked Bulletin Board Committee for the March birthday board.

Winthrop – Jamie Guggenheim Shiner reported:

- Thanked Melanie Agosto and Mark Murray for organizing the Chess Club.
- Thanked all high school students who volunteered as mystery readers during PARP.
- Thanked all BINGO volunteers.
- Thanked Melanie Agosto and Katherine Murray for organizing the Yoga Club.
- The Special Person’s Dance was a great night.
  - Fathers requested a father/daughter dance
  - The DJ and MC were “phenomenal”
  - Maria asked why we cannot hold a father/daughter and mother/son dance like other districts; Jamie said such event are not inclusive
- The Book Fair took place today
- More information on upcoming events to come – continue checking e-mails and children’s folders.

Shore Rd – Julie Hecht reported:

- Sixth grade dance theme: A Night Under the Stars in Paris
- Yearbook is almost finished
- Legacy project is underway

- Cornhole tournament plaque was dropped off for engraving
- Science Fair was successful
- Book Fair is scheduled for tomorrow

## Committee Reports

SEPTA – Allie Costanzo reported:

- Upcoming meetings: March 30 (virtual workshop covering OPWDD general information and application process) and May 6.

School Board Representative – Maria Prendergast reported:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. and adjourned at 7:46 p.m.
- Proposal for 2025-2026 includes 2-student increase to class sizes.

Auction – Sam Quatroni reported:

- Auction was great
- Mulcahy’s venue was a “huge success.”
- Profited just under \$14,000.
- Awesome raffle baskets
- Preferred the open seating concept
- People requested dancing begin earlier in the evening

Nominating Committee – Jen Bario reported:

- Committee met on February 4.
- Scott Bachrach secured the location for the meeting at the Bellmore Fire Department.
- Multiple people applied for multiple positions.
- The committee filled all positions, except for one of two Reinhard EVPs.
- 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 and ?
- Treasurer: Jen Bario
- Recording Secretary: Aliza Schauder
- Corresponding Secretary: Emily Slutsky
- Brianna asked, as per our bylaws, if any PTA member wished to run for the open Reinhard EVP position from the floor; no one volunteered.
  - Brianna said we still have time to fill the open position with the right person
  - Maria asked if we could nominate someone for the open Reinhard EVP position who has not yet volunteered for a specific committee, as she had a stay-at-home mom in mind; Carla said this is not ideal
- No one opposed the vote, and no one abstained.
- Brianna congratulated the 2026-2027 Executive Committee.

## Old Business

- No old business.

## New Business

- Membership Dues - Brianna brought up how the NYS and National PTA’s take a portion of the dues and this past year it increased. Proposal to increase the membership dues was brought to the floor. Vote passed to increase the membership dues starting for the 2026-27 school year.
  - Individual membership - \$20
  - additional family members - \$10
  - family memberships - \$30
  - teacher/staff and student memberships - \$15

The next meeting will be our installation meeting, held on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Shore Road.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. Minutes prepared by: Aliza Schauder