

Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

Winthrop Avenue School

C.A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center

Shore Road School

Date: 9/9/2025 | *Time:* 8:10pm | *Meeting called to order by:* Brianna Bachrach

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, BOE members, Parents & Teachers

Welcome

Co-Presidents, Brianna Bachrach and Carla Wong

- Thanked executive vice presidents
- Thanked Spiritwear Committee members
- Thanked Kristin Oakes and grade representatives

Approval of Minutes

Recording Secretary Aliza Schauder reported:

- No corrections were made to the minutes from the May 13, 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

Treasurer, Gina Kilian reported:

- Book Balance is \$64,776.23
- Bank Balance is \$75,686.17
- Corresponding Secretary, Allie Costanzo checked all balances this month.

Budget Vote:

- 2025/26 PTA Budget was prepared, distributed for reviewed by members.
- All were in favor, no one opposed.
- Motion passes, 2025-2026 budget was adopted.

Brianna Bachrach made a motion that she, Carla Wong and Gina Kilian are the PTA members eligible to sign off on bank account transactions. John Wong seconded the motion. The motion was granted.

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Allie Costanzo, reported:

- Mr. Reilly thanked the PTA for the welcome back to school apple cider donuts.

Principals' Reports

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. Sanpietro

- Introduced Dr. Cesa, Reinhard's new coordinator for student services.
- Reinhard administrators and staff members are reminding students daily about embodying the district's core values.

- “Massive” participation in the lunch program; remember to fill out the lunch slips for UPK/kindergarten students; snacks are not free.
- No dogs allowed on school property; spread the word on safe driving.
- Thanked the PTA for the apple cider donuts on the first day of school.
- Parents should label everything that they send to school with their children.
- Thanked the PTA for the tables provided as a gift.
- Thanked SEPTA for the sensory walk stickers provided.
- Pep Rally is scheduled for October 10.

Winthrop Avenue Principal: Mrs. Curto

- Third graders are setting in wonderfully and enjoying the many choices of activities they have at recess.
- Will be starting Front Field Fridays soon.
- Mrs. Curto met with co-Presidents Brianna Bachrach and Carla Wong & co-Executive Vice Presidents Jamie Guggenheim Shiner and Jill Mosca over the summer; she is looking forward to all of the PTA’s upcoming activities, such as the yoga and Zumba clubs.
- Winthrop administrators and staff members are focusing on the district’s core values and currently emphasizing the importance of being proactive.
- Mrs. Curto will introduce Mindful Moments, encouraging students to take a breath and ground themselves in their seats to promote self-regulation and hit their pause buttons.
- Mrs. Curto is emphasizing at-home reading routines with the students, and suggests they create cozy corners with reading lights and a collection of books to choose from.
- Mrs. Curto suggested that parents speak with Winthrop’s librarian Mrs. Falabella at Back to School Night, in order to help their children find books that are right for them; Mrs. Curto emphasized that all children can be readers once they find the book that is right for them; Mrs. Curto also emphasized series as good options for third and fourth graders.
- All of Winthrop’s special areas have started the school year off strong.
- Second Step is up and running on a weekly basis for each class.
- Third graders are particularly friendly and well mannered.
- Winthrop will be closed for Rosh Hashanah on September 23 and 24, for Yom Kippur on October 2 and for Columbus Day on October 12.
- The Book Fair is scheduled for October 7.
- An emergency drill will take place on October 10, during which students will be dismissed 10 minutes early.

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Thanked the PTA for all of the careful planning conducted over the summer
- Fifth graders are “exceptionally confident”; sixth graders are adjusting well to having two teachers
- 2025-2026 theme: Inspiring the Stars From Within. This theme will be used to encourage students to join clubs and before school activities in order to increase connectedness and facilitate an easier transition to middle school, as alumni who were involved in activities at Shore Road reported easier transitions to middle school.
- There was a good turnout at Back to School night
- Clubs and music groups will be starting soon
- Students riding bicycles to school must wear helmets and be aware of how busy the surrounding area is during dismissal time; students should not use cell phones while riding bicycles
- Picture Day is scheduled for October 17
- An emergency drill will take place on October 10, during which students will be dismissed 10 minutes early.
- Sixth grade parents will soon receive information about the transition to middle school and should reach out if they have any questions.

EVP Reports

Shore Rd - Emily Slutsky & Julie Hecht

- Thanked Lori Peterson for creating the kindness and birthday bulletin boards.
- Health & Safety week is scheduled for October 20-24.
- Picture Day is scheduled for October 17 – sixth graders will take their group picture for the yearbook on this day, as well!
- Book Fair is scheduled for October 8.

Winthrop Ave - Jamie Guggenheim Shiner & Jill Mosca

- Thanked Gerri Anne Sweikata and Brooke Stegle for creating the birthday bulletin board.
- Book Fair is scheduled for October 7.
- Picture Day is scheduled for October 16.

Reinhard - Jen Barrio & Maria Barrera

- Thanked Leah Saxtein and Lindsay Yakubovsky for creating the bulletin board.
- Thanked all class parents for meeting with their classroom teachers on Friday, September 5.
- Thanked volunteers of all committees for dedicating their time to the PTA.
- Open positions on committees still exist.
- Book Fair is scheduled for October 7 and 8.
- Picture Day is scheduled for October 16 and 17.
- Pumpkin Patch is scheduled for October 24.

Committee Reports

Spiritwear – Sam Quatroni

- Website has launched and closes on October 1.
- Class shirts are available for pickup at all back to school nights, and upcoming pickup dates will be scheduled soon.

Membership – Gina Molz

- Currently inputting new members. All parents should sign up for the PTA online, if they have not already.
- The PTA currently has 350 members.

SEPTA – Allie Costanzo

- First meeting scheduled for September 30 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Sanpietro will be at the meeting to answer questions.
- New parent mixer scheduled for October 12 from 7-10 p.m. at Lunchbox Brewing Company.
- All are encouraged to join SEPTA's Facebook group.
- New SEPTA spiritwear is available for purchase.
- Brokerage event is scheduled for Sunday, January 18.
- E-mail septaofbellmore@gmail.com with any questions.

Ways & Means – Brianna Bachrach

- Information on the Miss Chocolate fundraiser will be sent home at the end of September.

6th Grade Committee – Jess Flynn

- First meeting took place in early August.
- Swag will be available soon.
- BINGO is scheduled for November 14.
- Clothing drive is scheduled for November 15.
- Looking forward to the Knicks game fundraiser in January.
- Considering a popcorn fundraiser
- Need parents to submit yearbook items as soon as possible; all those who submitted baby pictures will receive confirmation e-mails soon.

Auction – Sam Quatroni

- Auction scheduled for March 5 at Mulcahy's.
- PTA members can still volunteer to join the auction committee.

New business

- No new business.

Carla Wong encouraged all members to reach out to the PTA regarding volunteer opportunities and general questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16 at Winthrop Avenue School.

Motion to adjourn: Carla Wong

Seconded: Jen Barrio

Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by: Aliza Schauder