



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

Winthrop Avenue School

C.A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center

Shore Road School

Date: 9/10/2024 | *Time:* 8:11pm | *Meeting called to order by:* Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner

In Attendance

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

Welcome

Co-President, Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner

- Welcomed everyone in attendance

Approval of Minutes

Recording Secretary, Jessica Freeman reported;

- No minutes to approve. First meeting of the school year.
- If you ever miss a meeting and would like to stay informed, the PTA meeting minutes will be posted on the PTA website.

Budget

Treasurer, Gina Kilian reporte;

- Book Balance is \$80,791.11
- Bank Balance is \$85,054.49
- PTA member Kelly Pashalidis checked our books this month all transactions balance.

Budget Vote:

- 2024/25 PTA Budget was prepared, distributed for reviewed by memebbers.
- All were in favor, no one opposed.
- Motion passes, 2024/25 Budget has been adopted

Audit committee review 2023/24 financial records

- Books were reviewed by an outside auditor donated/volunteered his time to review audit; according to report submitted - books are correct
- Outstanding checks in July \$23,440.45, balance of \$89,444.77
- Adopt audit report, second motion - Mr. Wong
- Motion granted

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Allie Costanzo, read;

- Mrs Mathews, Shore Road Main Office & Mr. Reilly - Thanked the PTA for the welcome back to school sweet treats.
- Alec Adler - Thanked the PTA for scholarship in June 2024

Principal's Report

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. Castine

- Welcome back all the returning star polishers and our Preschoolers for making our day every day. Students are happy to be there and really coming along, knowing where they are going.
- Reinhard Star polishers over the summer building teamwork to prepare for the new school year
- Thanked our custodians team, faculty, district office & main office getting school ready
- Working hard on being Proactive and hitting the Pause button, being in charge of themselves, making good decisions, being good friend, carrying their own weather, proactive language
- Classes are working on their mission statement they are being displayed on bulletin board across from library.
- Listen / lookout for the leadership notebooks.
- Emails will be sent at end of each month(3rd to 4th week), comprise of all events happening, important dates. Will be posted on district website.
- Believe in a strong Home - School partnership. Look forward to teamwork this year.
- Needs help at dismissal, if your child will be going to JCC, bus or be a walker, please communicate at reinharddismissal@bellmoreschools.org by 2 pm, time helps with communicating how your child will be dismissed. JCC is a separate entity, although we work with them closely, sometimes communication can be missed
- Oct 9/10 Picture Day, Oct 17/18 Bookfair, Oct 24 Pumpkin Patch, Oct 31 Book Character Parade.

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Welcome back, great transition for incoming 5th grader & 6th graders. Highlight of back to school, a new student complemented how great the school was
- Students are starting to think of goals for themselves no matter how small; becoming a better reader, writer, more organized, more independent - even on the smallest level to make good choices for themselves.
- Encourage to get involved in school, research supports more involved children are in their school day/community better self esteem, social connection. Tons of lunch recess clubs, morning clubs, and chorus. Announcements will come in the upcoming weeks.
- Safety protocols - notification will go out about a week in advance if a drill (fire, lockout, lockdown) will be the following week. Weather dependent for flexibility. Announce in all buildings to students that it is a "drill".
- PTA planning underway - Health & Safety week in Oct, family events/connections, 6th grade committee, PARP January, nature/garden club.
- Back to school night (BTSN) tomorrow. 6th grade 6:45pm, Special area 7:20pm, 5th grade 7:45pm
- Project Adventure 6th grade trip Sept 20th, Newsday Headquarters Sept 25th, Musical Theater Parent October meets Mon/Thurs 3:30-5:30pm with some Saturday commitments from Oct to March
- Focusing on being Proactive - hitting the pause button, reinforce language when their emotions become very charged - hitting the pause button - think about words/actions effect the other person - think reflectively

Winthrop Ave Principal: Mrs. Curto

- Welcome back - Hit the ground running.
- Thank you to teachers & teacher assistants, main & district office, staff, and custodians, and parents for trusting us with students. Lined up outside, found their teachers with a little help. Transition was seamless.
- 3rd Grade enjoyed playing new recess games punch ball, box ball, basketball, kickball, love the playground especially the swings.
- Front field Fridays, engage in soccer, and other activities.

- PTA meeting with Presidents/EVP over summer, planned zumba, 3rd grade special person's dance, health & safety, PARP.
- School focuses on core values; Integrity, dedication, respect, trust, teamwork. Leadership principles, Working on being proactive. "Who is in charge of you?" Hitting your pause button and respond. Leadership messages are announced daily through children, on walls, educators.
- Leadership role applications - greeter leader, aquarium leader, hallway greeters, more jobs will be coming encourage your child to fill it out themselves.
- Continue your child's reading habit, or develop a habit of reader. Encourage them to find their own cozy space, curl up with a good book each night. Have great supportive staff (teacher, librarian) that can help a reluctant reader, or our local bellmore library. 20-30 mins of independent reading time, 30 mins in 4th grade at the end of the year. There is no such thing as a child that doesn't like to read, just a child that has not found the right book. Shared a video segment that would help you get your child hooked on a books/reading "How to raise a reader". First things first. Before getting on a device or anything else, they should read. Put a positive spin.
- Students having a blast in special area classrooms, PE, Art, Music, Library, foreign language program, Social worker & Psychologist (Ms Olsen) pushing in to do social emotional lessons for Second step.
- Back to school night (BTSN) Thursday evening 3rd grade 7pm, Special area 7:15pm, 4th grade 7:30pm

Principals Raffle-

- "How to raise a reader book" - teachers you to be more literate with your baby, toddler, preschooler

EVP Reports

Shore Rd- Emily Slutsky & Jill Mosca

- Emily Slutsky
 - Matthews covered everything.
 - 6th grade legacy project - underway
 - 6th grade committee
 - Health & Safety fun theme
 - Cornhole tournament
 - PARP plans in motion

Winthrop Ave- Aliza Schauder & Kristin Neville-Oakes

- Kristin Neville-Oakes
 - Thanked Bulletin board committee up before orientations
 - Historian Kelly Pashalidis for capturing photos on first day & orientation
 - Health & Safety - assemblies week Oct 28th
 - Picture day Oct 9th
 - PTA positions open Garden club, site based team

Reinhard- Carla Wong & Jenifer Barrio

- Carla Wong
 - Art & craft club starts next month.
 - Picture Oct 9/10
 - Bookfair Oct 17/18
 - Pumpkin patch Oct 24
 - Adding some fall games
 - Thanked Bulletin board

Committee Reports

Programs- Marielle Healy

- Fundraiser Let's Roll Sept 17/18

SEPTA- Allie Costanzo

- Meet & Greet Sept 24 @ 7:30
- Mrs SanPietro will provide general information & do a Q&A
- Oct 22 virtual workshop @ 7pm by kids therapy about Social skills
- SEPTA donated a sensory path to Reinhard
- Fundraiser brokerage comedy club Jan 19, Tickets \$30 each-100% of ticket sales go to SEPTA Accepting donations for raffles baskets
- Join facebook page - provides updated information throughout year & meetings/events
- Any questions reach out to SEPTAofbellmore@gmail.com
- Direct donation can be made on the memberhub site by scanning QR code

Membership - Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner

- Goal of 600 members - Online memberships already at 345
- Easy to sign up with QR code

Ways & Means - Ani Wilkinson

- Miss Chocolate runs until Nov 1
- Last year made over \$5,000

6th Grade Committee - Nikki Zimberg

- Excited for a great year
- Getting a lot of notifications by flyer/email

Spirit Wear - Ashley Rogowsky

- Closes Oct 1st, can not reopen store once its closed
- Samples are limited but will be at all back to school nights

Auction - Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner

- Scheduled for April 10th - Same place as last year
- Looking for help on committee

Old business

- None

New business

- Bylaws Vote - Need to readopt every 3 years. However, note to put in the slate to have committee members assigned every two, so as to not miss the expiration date and can work in a timely manner. Motion was made to approve. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Next Meeting October 17, 2024 Winthrop Avenue School 7:30pm

Motion to adjourn by: Jamie Guggenheim-Shiner

Seconded by: Mr. Wong

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by: Jessica Freeman