



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

Winthrop Avenue School

C.A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center

Shore Road School

Date: 9/8/2026 | *Time:* 8:17pm | *Meeting called to order by:* Carla Wong

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers

Presidents' Announcement

Carla gave a shout out to all EVPs and select committee members, including: Sam Quatroni for coordinating class shirts, Alexis Arellano for coordinating spirit wear, Gerri Anne Sweikata for coordinating the grade representatives.

Approval of Minutes

Recording Secretary Aliza Schauder reported:

- No corrections were made to the minutes from the April 26, 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 Jen Barrio reported:

- Book balance is \$73,738.85
- Bank balance is \$76,911.67

Heather Flynn checked the books.

Unanimous vote in favor of passing 2026-2027 budget, motion passed and the budget was adopted.

Jen made a motion to allow herself, Carla and Jill as signatories on the PTA bank account. Jamie seconded the motion.

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Emily Slutsky, reported:

- Mr. Reilly and Ms. Braum thanked the PTA for providing apple cider donuts on the first day of school.

Principals' Reports

Reinhard – Mrs. Sanpietro reported:

- Parents should not park in numbered spots, as they are reserved for staff members; Reinhard has more than 135 staff members this year.
- School motto: “We can do hard things.”
- Students need a MySchoolBucks account to purchase snacks; parents can set restrictions to control what their children are purchasing on various days.
- Birthday policies vary by classroom and parents must adhere to them.
- Parents should sign up for the Rooms app; among other things, this app will translate fliers into any language that is chosen.
- Students will vote on the name of Reinhard’s new playground by the end of this month; the playground is open for kindergarteners through second graders, while Pre-K students play on the secret playground.
- September 29: SEPTA meeting
- Week of October 5: Spirit Week; Mario themed pep rally will take place on Friday, October 9.
- October 6-7: Book Fair
- October 9: Emergency Evacuation Drill
- October 15-16: Picture Day
- Fire drills will begin soon

Winthrop Avenue Principal: Mrs. Curto

- The current group of third and fourth graders are among the most social Mrs. Curto has seen!
- Students have been participating in getting to know you activities, mission statements and goal setting in their classrooms.
- Students are also learning new routines in their specials.
- September 9: Back to School Night (adults only)
- Wildy Important Goal: Build a Reading Habit
 - Students should always carry a book in their backpacks
 - Parents can still read aloud to third and fourth grade children
 - Visit the Bellmore library, as it contains a display of books aligned with our CKLA reading program
- Next week, students will receive applications for leadership opportunities including Greater Leader, Aquarium Leader, etc.
- Current Core Value: Integrity
- Current Leadership Principle: Be Proactive (Hit the Pause Button)
- September 15: Board of Education meeting
- September 21: No school (Yom Kippur)
- October 6: Book Fair

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Thanked PTA for a productive summer, during which she met several times with members to plan for the year ahead.
- Shore Road teachers participated in many professional development opportunities throughout the summer.
- Shore Road’s custodial staff was very busy readying the school for the first day.
- Students are successfully transitioning back to school.

- Fifth graders are enjoying recess on the back field; Mrs. Matthews remains open to students' suggestions of new games to play there.
- Goals: Inspire the Stars Within, Problem Solving/Critical Thinking
- September 10: Back to School Night
- Parents should sign up for the Rooms app if they did not already do so last year; do not use to communicate absences, share doctor notes, etc.
- Clubs and musical groups will begin soon.
- Shore Road now follows a six-day cycle, but morning and extra help schedules will remain the same as in years past.
- Students are receiving hints about this year's school musical.
- October 7: Book Fair
- October 9: Emergency drill, during which students will be dismissed 10 minutes early.
- October 16: Picture Day
- Students have done a wonderful job wearing helmets while biking to and from school.

EVP Reports

Carla encouraged all parents interested in volunteering with the PTA to reach out to their school EVPs.

Shore Rd – Jamie Guggenheim Shiner reported:

- Shore Road is enjoying a great start to the school year.
- Thanked Karin Neville and Jordana Sanders for designing the September birthday bulletin board.

Winthrop – Brittany Roth reported:

- Thanked Lori Peterson and Genesis Cammock for designing the September birthday bulletin board, Teresa Palumbo and Genesis Cammock for planning October's Health & Safety month activities, and the Cultural Arts Committee for brainstorming assemblies for the year ahead.

Reinhard – Maria Barrera reported:

- Upcoming events include Book Fair and Pumpkin Patch.
- Thanked Historian Katie Matuszewski for taking pictures on the first day of school, Peyton Charder and Brittany Roaldsen for designing the September birthday bulletin board, and the Book Fair, Health & Safety and Cultural Arts committees as they plan for the year ahead.

Committee Reports

SEPTA – Allie Costanzo

- September 29: Meeting at Winthrop at 7:30 p.m.

Membership – Lauren Coppolino reported:

- The PTA currently has 300 members, which is less than last September; spread the word about signing up.

Ways & Means – Jamie Guggenheim Shiner and Brianna Bachrach reported:

- Danny's fundraiser on Tuesday, September 14
- Discount cards are currently on sale
- Abby's fall plant fundraiser – PTA gets 10% back

Sixth Grade Committee – Amy Pilott reported:

- Committee met during the summer to begin planning fundraisers
- November 13: BINGO at Shore Road; siblings allowed to attend; individual fifth and sixth grade sessions; great raffle prizes, but still in need of donations

Auction – Dawn Guidice reported:

- Auction will be at Mulcahy's
- Needs help with fundraising
- Committee positions still open

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

- One parent requested a discussion on the six-day cycle
 - One parent noted that the days are listed on the school calendar and in the Rooms app
 - One parent said the change was announced shortly before the first day of school and without much communication.
 - Jill reminded parents that the six-day cycle was an administrative decision, not the PTA's.
 - One parent asked whether students would miss receiving services
 - Mrs. Curto said questions related to IEPs should be directed toward Special Services
 - Jamie reminded parents that they do not have to sign the IEP amendment and can instead request a meeting
- Jill reminded parents to reach out to EVPs with questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14 at Winthrop at 7:30 p.m.

Jill moved to close the meeting, Jamie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Aliza Schauder