



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

Date / Time 3/1/2022 8pm *Meeting called to order by* Denise Cerrotta

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers

Welcome

Co-President, Jessica Freeman, welcomed everyone in attendance. Proper number of members to conduct business.

Approval of Minutes

Jen White: The minutes have been posted on the website. Any questions?

No questions minutes approved

Budget

Treasurer, Rachel Puleo reported the balance:

Book Balance: \$109,537.44

Bank Balance: \$110,667.22

We received our quarterly statement from Amazon Smile. We earned \$182.00. Please remember to use it if possible.

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Nikki Braverman

- Winthrop- Thank you for the gift cards to Barnes & Nobles from Ms. Reiner
- Thank you for the bagel breakfast from Ms. Reiner
- Thank you for the bagel breakfast from Mrs. O'Connor
- Thank you for the Holiday Breakfast from Mr. Merz
- Mrs. Magliano & Mrs. Kowolski- Thank you for thinking of the virtual kids. We loved the virtual assemblies.

Principal's Report

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Thank you for the Chess Nuts- it was so refreshing to have something “normal” at recess.
- Thank you for the 100th Day display. Each class took pictures by the sign.
- Musical Theater Club full swing: Broadway Musical Review
 - Thank you Ms. Aronoff & Ms. Rocco
 - Performance in April

- 5th Grade Science Fair- It was a fun evening.
 - 70 Leaders participated
 - Kids were so excited to be present.
 - Mr. W, our Science Consultant, really worked hard with the students, both individually and in groups.
- 6th Grade Science Fair- This Thursday
- Shining Stars Service Projects:
 - Valentines for Veterans
 - Honored 1st responders with cards/notes of thanks
 - 2 classes made displays for the NYPD where Officer Mora and Officer Rivera worked.
 - Rat Pack- Random acts of kindness. Superbowl Food Drive- Donated to the Bellmore Merrick Food Pantry
 - Mrs. Davidson- Spirit Day- Ways to spread kindness
- 6th Grade Olympic
 - Activities in the gym, sports challenges, posters, bring classes together, lots of yearbook pictures.
 - The energy in the gym was amazing.
 - Mrs. Popolaski's class were the Big Winners.
- NYS Assessments- Grades 3-6, 2 Days each Math & ELA- back to full exam
 - ELA 3/29 & 3/30
 - Letter sent home to opt out. Must complete in advance.
- PTA Health and Safety Week- keep an eye out for flyer
- Parent Teacher Conferences- School closed 3/14- Conferences 1-8, & 3/29 6-8.
- Book Fair coming up 3/25
- Music in Our Schools- Fun ways to show school spirit
 - Check backpacks for a flyer
 - Fun dress up days- 90's music, 60's tie dye, Blues
- Advice for parents:
 - Seek 1st to understand then to be understood
 - Let your children know their voice is being heard. Make sure they have the opportunity to share their perspective and feel validated.

Winthrop Ave Principal: Mrs. Curto

- Thank you to PTA for Health & Safety week. B-Fit-Magic and importance of fitness and healthy eating. Oath to create healthy lifestyles; Virtual Northwell Nutrition- creative ways to get healthy food in, different drinks, make thoughtful food choices; Steve Petra- Petra Puppets- body systems, a ventriloquist to teach scientific terms and concepts of the nervous system & brain, created a pause button
- Virtual Bellmore FD visit- Thank you to the Bellmore FD
- Christine Davidson- IN person anti bullying- be an upstander not a bystander; cyber bullying; what do you do if your friend is bullied.
- Spring Calendar:
 - Yoga, Dance (3rd Grade), American Indian (4th Grade)
 - Singing Club performance on 3/25
 - Report Card Portal opens 3/11, PTC 3/14 1-8pm, & 3/31 6-8pm
- Music in Our Schools: 3/21-3/25- fun dressing ideas to celebrate.
- Read Across America- 3/2 at 3pm Drop everything and read.

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Ms. Sanpietro for Mrs. Castine

- March/April: Respect; Pause to see how to treat others; listen before speaking; practice at home-thoughtful listening.
- PARP was a huge success. 75,658 minutes read.
- 100th Day of school; Thank you for the sign- students loved it, each class took a picture by it; hall decorations, balloons grouped by 5's, special shirts, K-100's Museum Scavenger Hunt; 1st & 2nd Grade posted different ways to reach 100- Mrs. Seropian's Class won; Pre-k found #100 in different colors around the school.
- Music in Our School: Different music challenges at home with families; every morning there will be stop and move moments.
- Dr. Seuss Spirit Week- PTA Cultural Arts; Lee Knights Assembly Friday ¾.
- Community Service Leaders: 35 boxes of books for the Book Fairies.
- Report Cards available 3/11 on Portal; No school on 3/14 for PTC 1-8pm, 3/30 6-8pm.
- Guidance for Masks on buses coming soon.

EVP Reports

Shore Rd- Alison Prainito & Jackie Taylor

- Alison
 - Thank you Chess Club- Best attendance yet!
 - Thank you for the March Bday Bulletin Board- always cute ideas.
 - 6th Grade Committee Shout out- Thanks for all the work
 - Yearbook due in a few weeks
 - Health & Safety week coming up soon- focus on mindfulness
 - Thank you Mrs. Matthews

Winthrop Ave- Nikki Zimberg & Elizabeth Scuccimarri

- Nikki Zimberg
 - Thank you for Chess Club organizers- Kids had so much fun
 - Health & Safety- Thank you to the organizers
 - Mrs. Curto- Thank you for always being so supportive

Reinhard- Debra LoCascio & Jamie Guggenheim Shiner

- Jaime
 - Thank you to all families who submitted the Mystery Reader Videos
 - Thank you to the PARP committee- It was great
 - 100th Day of School was a success
 - Thank you for organizing Dr Seuss Day
 - Thank you to all the Committees
 - Upcoming Events
 - BOGO Book Fair 3/24 & 3/25
 - Amazing events coming for the Spring- Check Folders

Committee Reports

Membership- Jen White

- About 440 Members, still low membership compared to past years.

- Not too late to join
- Supports programs and gives you a vote
- Link posted in the chat

Ways & Means- Tara Streeter

- Upcoming Umbrella Sale
- Valentines Day sale was very successful

6th Grade Committee- Leslie Cerverizzo & Nicole Oberst- Nicole

- Swag Sale went well
- Yearbook almost finished- Thank you Kristin Robinson for the hard work and dedication; it will be finished Mid-March
- BINGO! Coming back Friday May 20th- details to follow
- Dance- stated to plan, Carnival theme
- Irvin Simon will photoshop students into 6th grade group picture if they missed picture day.

Auction- Leah Walsh

- Auction Wed 4/27- Bayview on Water in Freeport
 - Indoor/Outdoor covered area
- Raffle Baskets & Games
- Restaurant owner is a Kennedy Graduate
- Solicitation starting- looking for all types of Donations
- Classrooms can donate gift cards or baskets
- Save the dates going out this week
- Invites going out in a few weeks

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Old business

- No Old Business

New business

- Nomination Presentation

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- Per By Laws- Nikki was asked if she was contacted prior to this meeting any members- She responded “no”
- Asked for members who would like to be nominated- No answers/volunteers
- All in Favor- Approved 2022-2023 Executive Committee

Mid Year Budget Review

- Operating Expenses- 30-33% increase
 - Health & Safety, Cultural Arts, Earth Day, Scholarships, Staff Appreciation
 - All in favor of increasing the budget
- Budget Report in Chat

Installation Meeting Next Meeting

Next Meeting April 11, 2022, through Zoom. A link will be sent out a few days before.

Denise: Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned.