



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

Date / Time 10/23/2017 8pm *Meeting called to order by* Leslie Cerverizzo

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers

Welcome

Co-President, Leslie Cerverizzo, welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Recording Secretary, Chantal Dembo, informed all in attendance that the monthly minutes would be posted on the Bellmore PTA website, as a way to Go Green. Those who have missed the meeting can always read through to stay up-to-date. The September minutes were approved.

Budget

Treasurer, Dawn Johnstone reported a balance of \$67,357.30. She also recommended that all committees should be sure they have the correct Tally sheet when submitting money for deposits.

Correspondence

Read by Corresponding Secretary, Andrea Redican. Thank you letters to the PTA for providing Hip Pickles performance and the Bully Prevention performance by Eric Herman. The kids said that it was very funny and how it gave them handy tools for dealing with a bully.

Principal's Report

Principal Patricia Castine- Reinhard:

- Thank you for all of the volunteers at the Book Fair
- Bellmore Core Value Pep Rally performance by the teachers and staff
 - Monsters INC
 - Thank you to Ms. Cahill for writing and directing and thank you to all the teachers for their participation.
- Proactive: leadership principle
 - “Hit the Pause button”-pause and think about your reaction
 - To use Core Values (Respect/Kindness)

Principal Sally Curto - Winthrop:

- Leadership principle: Being Proactive
 - Proactive language, try not to use “I have to, I need to”, but change that to a more positive approach “I want to, I choose to”
- Peaceful Bus
 - The goal is that “The bus is a team!”
 - Creating a “Bus Mission Statement”
 - The bus drivers will be given information about the core values and leadership values to create a similar environment on the school bus.
- “Bully Shmully” Assembly
 - The kids learned the importance of how you respond to a bully
 - How to shrug off what a bully says
- PARP month “Reading is my Super Power”
 - “Reading feeds the brain”
 - Friday is the Principal’s Challenge
- Mind-Body-Heart program giving kids tools to relax and calm anxiety
- Bingo Night-Thursday, October 26th
- Winthrop concert-Monday, October 30th

Principal Patrice Matthews- Shore Road:

- PARP-Kingdom of Kindness
 - Crowned King & Queen, Royal school colors, Reading - Star Pin, Trivia Questions about Royalty
- Thank you for participating and volunteering in the district Literacy Night
- Musical theatre club-60 students
- Shore Road Library is finally open
- Grand Avenue information Night-discussing all of the changes involved in curriculum
- Be Proactive-leadership principle
 - “Carry your own weather”: you can’t control what goes on around us, but it is your choice of how you want to feel about it

EVP Reports

Reinhard- Anna Russo & Kristen Robertson

- Garden Club volunteers (ends on 1st)--decorated pinecones
- Costume Collection ends Friday
- Book fair-thank you to the committee and literacy night
- Pumpkin patch-thank you for committee
- Fire Department trips were very successful and a lot of fun for the kids

Winthrop Ave- Maria Galdamez & Sarah Flynn

- PARP Month was successful and the kids loved the Mind-body-heart program
- Bingo night on Thursday October 26th, still looking for volunteers

Shore Rd- Lisa Hoffman & Jeanne Yandolino

- Thank you to PARP/Book fair/Garden Club/Cultural Arts

- Agnes from 6th grade committee is the Hero for all she has done. The play for 6th grade is Anastasia.

Game Break

- Pick A Pumpkin
 - Winners: Kelly Pashalidis, Laurie LaSalle, Barbara LaGalia won \$15 movie gc
 - Danielle Grunes and Bonnie Litman won Halloween Candy

Committee Reports

Ways & Means- Barbara LaGalia & Jamie Guggenheim

- Miss Chocolate was successful, thank you to all who participated
- Square Art fundraiser is coming out in November
- Harlem Wizards are coming to Bellmore in April

Spring Auction- Brenda Gallo

- Requesting donations

6th Grade Committee-Agnes Kleczek

- Kid stuff coupon books still need to be returned if you are using them
- Bingo is Dec 1--Donations needed
- The Broadway show is Anastasia
- Baby Pictures requested for the 6th grade yearbook

Book Fair-Maria Kotanidis

- Thank you for participating in the book fair, we raised \$4,576

Membership- Sharon Kapitansky

- Please send in your form and \$

Program Committee- Eileen Marrow

- Bingo is Thursday and we could still use a few volunteers

SEPTA

- Feedback and new discussions for SEPTA, looking for presenters
- Fran Corcoran offered to help

Old business

NONE

New business

NONE

Announcements

BELLMORE PTA Facebook page

- A way to help to curb rumors
- Keep our kids safe by putting information in a place for only Bellmore Elementary parents
- Questions can be answered by the correct people

Next Meeting

Monday, November 27th in the Shore Road Cafe

*A motion to close the meeting was seconded by Bonnie Litman

