

BELLMORE PTA MINUTES

Reinhard, Winthrop & Shore Rd

11/30/2016 7:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Natalie Molly & Michele Aurigema

In Attendance-

Executive Board 7:30-8pm

Regular PTA Meeting 8pm-9:30pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted from the Oct 2016 meeting. All Minutes can now be found on the PTA website at <http://bellmoreelementarypta.org>.

Motion

The following amendment was presented and accepted by the PTA. The final vote will occur at the January PTA meeting. See amendment below:

*There shall be a nominating committee consisting of 9 members, 4 of whom shall be elected by the executive board from its body, and 5 who shall not be members of the executive board, elected by the association at a regular meeting of the association at least 60 days prior to the election meeting. The committee shall elect its chair. **If a nominee plans to run from the floor, they shall give written notice to the Recording Secretary at least 2 days prior to the March meeting.***

Elected Nominating Committee Members

Congratulations: Leslie Cerverizzo, Chantal Dembo, Maria Galdamez & Jeanne Yandolino for being elected as part of this year's Nominating Committee.

Congratulations to Jennifer Felsberg, Sara Flynn, Tara Irving, Andrea Redican & Sharon Kapitansky for also being elected to the Nominating Committee.

*Nominating Committee will meet on their own time, at an undisclosed location to vote on next year's PTA President, EVP's, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary & Recording Secretary. Those elected board members will then get together to choose the rest of the slate. If you are interested in any of these positions job descriptions will be sent out for everyone to review and apply.

Budget

Treasurer Ronnie Ramkumar reported on dollars raised during recent fundraisers:

Book Fair: \$4700, Ms. Chocolate: \$5400, Winthrop Bingo Night: \$970, Shore Rd Bingo Night: \$1300 & Kid's Stuff Coupon Books: \$2300.

Current Cash Flow: \$124,000 Bank Balance: \$159,000

Principal's Report

Principal Ms.Castine- Reinhard:

- Wished everyone a Happy Holiday season!
- Thanked volunteers for Pumpkin Patch, parents for support during Character parade and the Health & Safety committee for arranging a visit from the Fire Department!
- 2nd graders got to visit Yaphank Farm in correspondence with their current studies, the 850 lb. pig was a big hit!
- Currently highlighting leadership principals with the students
- Thanksgiving festivities lasted for almost 6 days throughout the school
- SAC Food Bank & Coat Drive were very successful!
- Toys are already coming in for Toy Drive-keep them coming!

Principal Mrs. Curto- Winthrop:

- Thank you for all the SAC donations. School goal was 1000 items, they didn't reach that goal but doubled the amount of items collected from last year!
- Working to partner with new student run food pantry at Brookside/hope to be able to work with during next drive
- Large Star aka Scoreboard Star, contains a new goal for the students. Current goal=collect 150 for toys for those in need. Every toy brought in gets an icon in the star. Goal is to fill the star. Next Goal= Recognizing students displaying Core Values.
- Phys. Ed teachers did Crack The Code with the kids, great game that led them to core values
- Large TV in the gym is both instructional & motivational, they can see themselves doing skills that they learned.
 - WASC- "Winthrop Avenue Sports Channel" launched and has done 2 episodes. Students use ipads to record stories and even plays the music from ESPN. Goal is for 1 episode every 2 months. Students can view them in the gym.
- 4th Graders-recently had a visit from Matter man and are looking forward to the Native American Experience coming up in January
- Winthrop Halloween costumes- went really well!
- PARP Challenge- Mrs. Curto ran to all 15 classrooms in under the 90 second goal and gave each classroom a clue. Students got together to figure out the clue spelled "BE A STAR POLISHER."
- Happy holidays to all!

Principal Mrs. Matthews- Shore Road:

- Garden Club had their fall cleanup and planted bulbs, they ended the season with a yoga class which will hopefully continue (kids practiced their nature poses).
- SAC Food Drive- successful and they hope to partner with High School students next year. They will hold a Super bowl Food Drive.
- Bingo Night=Huge Success!
- 6th grade parents-encouraged to choose course selections and attend one of the upcoming seminars
- Toy drive starts next week
- Talent Show 12/1- this year there are 23 Acts!
- 12/15 is the holiday boutique

EVP Reports

Reinhard: Ann Russo & Leslie Cerverizzo:

- Happy Thanksgiving!

- Started tile project to create a Hot Air Balloon in the entranceway of the school. It will finish up this month.
- Holiday Boutique is the 14th & 15th (siblings can attend)
- Coming soon: Chipotle fundraiser for the Garden Club
- Lunch closing soon! No longer accepting checks or cash just online checks and credit cards.

Winthrop- Chantal Dembo & Maria Galdamez:

- PARP (Oct) 6 kids were over 1000 minutes! Goal was 600 books and they far exceeded it! Thanks to Sara Flynn & Heather Eisenberg for organizing such a great event!
- Thanks to Maria Kontanidis & Andrea Redican for a successful book fair! They even dressed as pirates!
- Broadhollow Productions came in to give tips on how to avoid bullies & being bullied. Thank you to Jeanne Yandolino & Andrea Redican for organizing!
- Chess Club starts in January

Shore Road- Kerry Rinaldi & Lisa Hoffman:

- 7-11 coffee and muffins donated tonight! (Thanks for organizing Lisa!)
- Thanks for the costume drive donations, not only could we support local community members but we also had enough to send to Brentwood House!
- Big thanks to the principals for letting all students dress up this year!
- Talent Show-coming up and PTA will be selling refreshments.

Committee Reports

- PARP (Reinhard)-Jaime Summersille: PARP will be in January this year. Mystery Reader flyers will be going home soon. Jan 5th-PARP Kickoff & Jan 31st PARP Carnival
- Membership: No news
- Chess Club-Jenn Felsberg: flyers are currently printing and will go home soon
- 6th grade committee-Maryann Costaro: 6th Graders will be seeing Wicked this year on 6/7, tickets are purchased!
 - Yearbook-Please upload pictures into corresponding folders via PICTAVO by Jan 2nd (must be in school events only)
 - Dance Themes-will go out in January
- Spring Auction-Brenda Gallo: "Reach for the Stars" @ Mulcahy's on 4/26/17 from 7-11pm (\$30 includes food & 2 drink tickets) Need big ticket donations! Start collecting now!
- Ways N Means-Barbara Lagalia: Holiday Boutiques coming up, service for the kids-need volunteers, even an hour helps. Flyers coming home soon.
 - \$5 magnet sales still continuing
 - Modell's Fundraiser 15% off now thru 12/26
 - Amazon Smile- why not purchase through amazon smile and select Bellmore PTA as your charity-doesn't cost anything but must check out through the AMAZON SMILE site.

Correspondence

- Thank you from Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
- Thank you's from Miss Haines & Mrs. Burke for pumpkin patch pumpkins
- Thank you's from Lisa Gary, Jenn Luscheti, Lisa Braverman & the 3rd Grade teachers for the Kids Fun Stuff Coupon books.

Box Top Winners!

Congratulations to Michelle Tavalarro (overall winner) & Leslie Cerverizzo (runner up) for ALL of the box tops they collected! Shore Road collected over 1000 box tops in one month!

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 24th, 8pm @ Reinhard