



# Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

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*Date / Time* 11/29/2018 8pm *Meeting called to order by* Leslie Cerverizzo

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## In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers

## Welcome

Co-President, Chantal Dembo, welcomed everyone in attendance.

## Approval of Minutes

Co-President, Chantal Dembo, informed all in attendance that the monthly minutes would be posted on the Bellmore PTA website. Those who have missed the meeting can always read through to stay up-to-date. The October meeting minutes were approved.

## Budget

Treasurer, Kat Stein reported the balance.

## Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Andrea Redican, read letters from Mr. Reilly's Class thanking the PTA for the Pumpkin Patch.

## Principal's Report

### **Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews**

- Gratitude was the theme for the month. Through various activities Shore Road students learned how fortunate each person is and learned how important it is to give back. For December they will be focusing on identifying the tangible and intangible gifts each student has, from how they share with other, talents they have and other strengths they exhibit.
- Food Drive
  - Boy Scouts Donated a good amount of food
- Red Ribbon Week- Students were taught about making healthy choices for their mind, body and hearts.
- Begin with the End in Mind- students are learning why it is important to plan ahead for the week, month and year to reduce stress.
- The 6th grade Talent Show is Dec 11th and the Holiday Boutique is Dec 5th.; Jan winter concert Jan 23rd not Jan 17th as printed on district calendar. Reminders will be sent home to parents.
- 6th grade parents: Be sure to make 7th grade course selections, as they need to be done by Dec 7th.

- Parent from the PTA asked about Z space at Shore Road; Mrs. Matthews said that every class will begin using this 3D technology for learning science units starting in January and can expect to cycle through 4 times by June.

#### **Winthrop Ave Principal: Mrs. Curto**

- PARP and the Bingo Night were huge successes. Students read so many minutes that Mrs. Curto had to do the Principle Challenge which was to FLOSS in front of the entire student body. The children went wild!
- Fall Concert was amazing. Thank you to Mrs. Martucci for her hard work. The chorus contained over 90 students. The theme for the concert was Gratitude and it was lovely to hear the piano players welcome the parents into the concert.
- STAR LAB is up and running. It is an interactive dark room where students use wands to play games which reinforce topics they are learning in science, social studies, math facts as well as the core values.
- Mail Program ran very smoothly and the children enjoyed receiving letters from parents and friends.
- Thank you to the PTA for the Magician Bully Proof Your School assembly.
- Winthrop's WIG- Wildly Important Goal is being actively pursued. Winning Star Leaders are learning to communicate and act with kindness. Every Time a student earns a kindness slip, it is put in a box in the office and then puzzle pieces are going to be removed to reveal a special message on the bulletin board.
- 4th Grade spelling bee is Wed Dec 21st

#### **C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. Castine**

- Student Star Polisher Team hard at work developing visual tools for the younger students to understand our core values. They created a tree of stars utilizing all the class photos.
- Catch a Rising Star and have your picture taken and put on the bulletin board.
- Star Greeters are making Reinhard a happier culture in the hallways and building. Kids learning each other names as well as all the adults who work in the building.
- Reinhard WIG - 400 Stars on the Catch the Rising Star Board by June
- Thank you to the PTA for the Pumpkin Patch and Chief Tom from the BFD
- Book Character Parade was wonderful with 5 shows throughout the day.
- Thank you to all who helped with the PTA Garden Club, the kids loved it.
- SAC collected coats, food drive and Veteran Flag in the main hallway.

### EVP Reports

Shore Rd- Jeanne Yandolino and Barbara LaGalia

- Jeanne Yandolino
  - Holiday Boutique Dec 5th, Bingo Jan 25th, and chess club will run in January

Winthrop Ave- Kristen Robertson and Sarah Flynn

- Sarah Flynn
  - Winthrop Bingo was very successful-thank you
  - Thank you to Cultural Art committee for the bullying assembly
  - Writers mail program as success
  - Holiday Boutique Dec 6th and Chess club runs in January

Reinhard- Jackie Taylor and Denise Cerrotta

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- Garden Club Thank you to Martina and Gina
- Pumpkin Patch cold but fun, thank you to the programs committee
- Healthy and Safety- Fire Safety was enjoyed by all and Hand Washing is Dec 3rd just in time for cold and flu season
- Chess Club will be 6 weeks. The 2 extra weeks was donated by a parent's company in the school
- Holiday Boutique Thurs Dec 6 and Fri Dec 7

## Committee Reports

Ways & Means- Jamie Guggenheim

- Squart Art currently being handed out or sent home with students

6th Grade Committee-Alison Prainito

- Made approximately \$4,000 in Kid Stuff books
- Baby Pictures requested for the 6th grade yearbook due Dec 1st
- Aladdin tickets purchased
- Yearbook candids underway
- Bingo will be January 25th

Spirit Wear- Nicole Oberst

- All orders given out and looking into a possible spring sale

School Board Rep- Catherine White

- Meeting was Nov 20th Winthrop; generators were installed in Winthrop.
- It was Board Appreciation Night and PTA gifts were given to Board Members
- The BFO made a Donations to Ronald McDonald House on behalf of the BOE
- Finances are in good shape
- Drug Take back at Kennedy was a huge success with over 400 pounds of prescription medication being collected.
- \$417,000 spent to rid Kennedy of Mold in auditorium but it will be reimbursed and covered by insurance.
- BOE is looking into the Before and After Care program run at Reinhard
- BOE is looking into the proposed addition of a Muslim holiday to the school calendar

## Old business

Chantal Dembo, Co President reported a PTA parent advisory group will be formed to assist the BOE and Superintendent to look into other Before/After school program options

## New business

- Cathy White asked about the lunch program and addressing issues with cold "hot entrees" being served to the students. The principals said they are already addressing this with the food company. Also questioned the transaction fee for multiple students when ordering lunches. Again, principals said they would speak with Mrs. Dacek.
- Nominating Committee was voted on:
  - From the Executive Board
  - Sarah Flynn
  - Denise Cerotta
  - Barbara LaGalia

Jamie Summersille  
From the General PTA  
Brenda Gallo  
Sharon Kapitansky  
Catherine White  
Joann Belferder  
Nicole Oberst

\*\*Nicole Zorn is the next name in line should one of the above general members not be able to hold their committee spots.