



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

Date / Time 10/24/2019 8pm Meeting called to order by Chantal Dembo

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers

Welcome- Chantal Dembo and Barbara Lagalia

Approval of Minutes- Sarah Flynn

Budget- \$108,475.87 as per Kat Stein

Correspondence- Thank you for the apples given by the PTA on the first day of school from Mrs. Beth Boklan

Principal's Report

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- The Math seminar teaches skills and perseverance and attention to precision. They incorporated algebra with the ability to persevere and figure out the answer and keep trying until you get it. The use of pearsonrealize.com is a great resource to be used by students to enhance and get the answers.
- PARP- "Reading can inspire" was this year's theme. How does reading inspire you? The kids used Google forms and the students were able to share their responses and share quotes from books.
- Book Fair was amazing this year. Students were overheard recommending books and titles with their friends!
- Star Polisher Team- there was a tremendous response from the students. They had to develop into smaller groups and they developed their own scripts to greet visitors to the school. There are QR codes available just in the case none of the students are available when a visitor comes to the school.
- "Don't Press Send" assembly was so powerful. It addressed what to do to be responsible online. Group texts were also addressed. Be aware of etiquette online. Do not block others on group texts. It also taught them how to deal with conflict rather than push people away. Parent assembly will be held on January 28th.
- Picture retake will be on November 7th.
- November 21st will be the Shore Road parent-teacher conferences.

Winthrop Avenue principal: Sally Curto

- PARP - "Lights, Camera, Read" was amazing. There were pictures on the bulletin board and students had to guess the mystery readers for the day. The bulletin board also was updated regularly with the minutes, which the students took no time to meet. Mrs. Curto for her Principal's Challenge will walk the "blue"

carpet. A reading club was assembled to gain minutes in case the students were unable to meet the extra 15 minutes.

- Book Fair was so fantastic to have during PARP. There were lots of reading on the buses. There was a lot of independent reading and students were reading the appropriate level books. Those "just right" books for the 3rd and 4th graders were available at the book sale. Series books are great. There were dozens of books to choose from. Students were also encouraged to utilize the Bellmore Library website. It has a lot of resources to help reading there is an app called "Libby" and it's a recording of books to make reading a little easier.
- Garden club has been great. It's so nice to go by the side of the school and see how festive the PTA made it.
- Student Star Polisher Team - Over 60 kids joined this year. There is a Leadership notebook Club where kids will meet to discuss core values and will push into classrooms to share with fellow students. Morning announcements are all done and written by the students.
- Yoga Club will begin November 29th.
- A special thank you to the Nassau County Police who will be coming and doing a special Halloween safety assembly on October 30th.
- Parent teacher conferences will be on November 5th and evening meetings will be on November 12th.

Reinhard principal: Patricia Castine

- Students are focusing on leadership principles and core values. They had a play that was based off of Toy Story. The students started the week with a cheer and they made Star emojis.
- There was a peaceful bus meeting. Faculty and students met together on October 15th. There were five to six meetings per year. They got to know their bus mates and bus drivers.
- A big thank you to the PTA for the Garden Club. The ladybug rocks were great and the students will be meeting with Billy Geramo, a local farmer in Bellmore. He will come in and work with the students in February and they will start planting vegetables.
- Book fair - There was a great selection of books this year so thank you.
- Pumpkin Patch- This year it was held outdoors and it was so great. The students got to get their pumpkins and they got to decorate them.
- Leadership core value homework has gone home. It asks students to put down wildly important goals.
- Character Parade- This year the character parade will be a little different and it will be first graders, kindergartners and then second graders.
- Parent teacher conferences will be on November 5th.
- Picture retake will be on November 7th.

E.V.P. Reports-

Shore Road: Maria Galdamez and Jamie Summersille

- AAA Halloween safety Workshop will be held on October 30th.
- Sixth graders need to send in their baby pictures for the yearbook. Additionally, money for the Broadway play needs to be sent in.
- PARP-a big thank you to everyone for your efforts. There is a Netflix bulletin board in the lobby which looks great and will be changed often with the title of books.

Winthrop Ave: Leslie Cerverizzo and Denise Cerrotta

- A big thank you to the committee. "Lights, Camera, Read" was a huge success and the bulletin board was amazing. Mrs. Curto will be doing her principal's challenge.
- Book Fair- Thank you to the committee, they did a great job.
- Bingo Night will be on October 25th. There will be lots of prizes and fun.

Reinhard: Jackie Taylor and Jessica Freeman

- Book Fair- A big thank you to the committee.
- Pumpkin Patch- The kids and parents had a great day for it.
- Spirit Wear- Should be coming soon.
- Garden Club- Thank you to the Committee.

Committee Reports

Spirit Wear- Should be in by November 1st.

Membership- Membership has gone up steadily. It's not too late to join. You can pay either by check or online.

6th Grade Committee- Baby pictures are due by November 26th. There is information posted on Facebook. The pictures need to have students name and teacher on the back. All other yearbook pictures are due December 20th. T- shirts will be out next week.

Programs- Pumpkin Patch was a lot of fun. Bingo was given a generous donation by Montefiore of "Beats" headphones which will be handed out at Shore Rd. Bingo and Spring Auction.

Septa-Teal pumpkins are available. Please try to give non- allergenic treats for Halloween.

School Board - Please fill out the census when you receive it. The census is critical for us and we need to vote.

Audit committee-Committee examined between July 1st 2018 to June 30th 2019. The balance was \$128,396.11. Financial and Report has been accepted.

Old business

New business

- PTA thinking of doing a Booster Drive fundraiser. Maybe we can coordinate with the Color Run?

Announcements

- Next meeting is our Nominating meeting. It consists of nine members and this committee will be in charge of choosing the executive board members for next school year.

Next Meeting

- Will be on November 21st at Shore Rd.