



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

Date / Time 11/21/2019 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- \$134,313.35 as per Kat Stein

Correspondence- Thank you for the pumpkins from Mr. Reilly and his class..

Principal's Report

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Shore Road just finished our food drive. We have over 600 food items collected. Troop 580 has been supportive throughout the whole food drive, it was a great partnership.
- We have been teaching to think with the beginning and the end in mind. Start planning your week, learning time management. "Where do I want to be in June?" 6th graders should start thinking and planning already for Middle School. Parents should go to the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District website, Grand Avenue page then go to Course Selection to pick electives for your child next year. You will be able to make changes in the future but you should be thinking about choosing courses.
- Shore Road has started a calm cafeteria. We thought what can we do to best meet the kids needs. Some children were struggling with the noise and activity in the cafeteria so 5th graders can go into a designated room, it's quiet, it is calm and they can eat lunch peacefully without all the noise.
- 6th graders Talent show will be on 12/10.
- We will be having our annual toy collection in December.

Winthrop Avenue Principal: Sally Curto

- PARP- over 35,000 minutes were recorded therefore, Mrs. Curto performed the principal's Challenge. She serenaded the students with "High Hopes" by Panic at the Disco. Thank you to Mrs. Zimberg for the karaoke machine.
- The Anti-bullying assembly was both entertaining and educating. It was mostly about kindness, weaving in a lot of leadership principles as well.

- Bingo- There were a lot of prizes won. Students received homework passes, extra recess passes, gift cards and there were great raffle prizes. Thank you so much for the PTA committee, they did an outstanding job and raised a lot of money.
- A big thank you to the Nassau County Police Department for visiting our school to teach Halloween safety. They came in a big motorcade of motorcycles and a SWAT truck and drove into the parking lot while students watched and welcomed them. Policemen are real superheroes. They dressed up as all different super heroes and jumped out of the truck. They threw frisbees around and they taught the importance of Halloween safety. Students were reminded to stay with their parents. The students sent thank you notes to the officers.
- Yoga- classroom presentation would be great preparation for yoga club.
- WIG (wildly important goals) "Think win-win". Students are learning to compromise. They are learning to see the other side of an argument. And care about the other person also to have courage, to stand up for yourself. We have our win-win Wednesday's where the students present a conflict which is read over the loudspeaker and they go to Google and try to solve the problem. Teaching that sometimes you may have to compromise.
- Thank you for all the food donations!
- There will be a coat drive after Thanksgiving.
- Winthrop has their winter concert coming up and the holiday boutique

Reinhard principal: Patricia Castine

- The Character parade was on October 31st. Thank you for all those who showed up.
- The fire department visited on 11/6 and 11/7. They familiarized the students with the fire equipment and uniforms. The students were able to climb on the trucks. A big thank you to the fire department.
- The second graders went to Yaphank Farm. There, they learned about suburban and urban communities.
- SAC leaders are conducting a coat drive. They will receive \$1 for every coat they collect and that money will be donated to our Veterans. Assemblyman Larry McDonough visited and many coats have been donated so thank you.
- We have collected so much food during our food drive. It will be used to go to our local families that need.
- Dr. Farmularo has been showing his leadership skills. He went from class to class playing guitar and reading to the students which they thoroughly enjoyed.
- WIG- "Wildly Important Goal" is to not exactly think win-win. It's about taking turns. We would like to collect 400 stars on our constellation board. The Star Polishing Team has been counting all the stars, updating all the students on the board. We have had three to five star recommendations per day.
- Cultural arts- Mindfulness Matters presented how to focus and control your body. Through music they learned how to stop and think, what is your choice and how to handle your emotions.
- Report cards will be going home on 12/19

E.V.P. Reports-

Shore Road: Maria Galdamez and Jamie Summersille

- Holiday boutique is on 12/20
- Bingo will be on 1/24 and the committee is looking for donations.

Winthrop Ave: Leslie Cerverizzo and Denise Cerrotta

- Bingo- It was a huge success! Thank you to the committee for doing so well.
- Mrs. Curto did principles challenge to reward the students for meeting their PARP reading goal. It was fantastic.

Reinhard: Jackie Taylor and Jessica Freeman

- Character parade pictures will be available soon.
- Garden club- Thank you to the committee. The butterfly garden came out beautiful and the kids really enjoy it.
- Cultural and Arts- Mindfulness Matters presented how to focus and control your body. Through music, students were encouraged to learn how to stop, think about what your choices, and how to handle your emotions.
- Health and Safety- Great job by the committee. They will be showing students how to properly wash their hands to prevent colds and flu.
- John Thiesan Food drive boxes will be packed and ready to be sent out to the families in need.
- Holiday boutique will be 12/17 and 12/18

Committee Reports

Spirit Wear- All orders have been filled.

And will be working on a spring sale. Perhaps, thinking of doing a spirit wear swap.

6th Grade Committee- Baby pictures are due. Year book pictures are due by 12/20. Year book cover contest entries due by 12/20. Mr. Gorey is handing all cover entries and students will get to vote on the winning one. Kidstuff coupon books are all done making over \$3000 for the committee.

Ways and Means- Frozen II is on Thursday. There were 116 tickets sold. Harlem Wizards are coming on 3/31.

School Board- Board Appreciation night was great. The assistant superintendent for instructional services spoke about the pumpkin patch, Yaphank trip, met with superintendent for business and technology. High School district had a drug give back. Over 400 pounds of unused prescription medicine were turned in. Central high school district had a Board Appreciation night as well. They honored two teachers Vivienne Lopez and Jennifer Greco. School board convention was in Rochester NY. An amendment was recently passed that allowed charter schools to hire unlicensed teachers and an amendment that did not pass was that school boards are not responsible for what is taught at local charter school. State Senator Brooks helped us receive a grant for new playground equipment for Winthrop Avenue.

Old business

- Fun Run-There are a few different programs to choose from. It would depend on what percentage of profit we would stand to make. It'll definitely be looked into for next year.

New business

- Considering doing a used spirit wear swap which would include all three schools.
- There was the nominating committee for school year 2020-2021 and was voted on.
- Yoga-For Shore Road. It would be a 25-30 minutes program. The budget was voted on and approved for \$1,300, which will cover both programs (recess and half day).
- Ski Free- For 3rd and 4th graders, for lessons for skiing and snow boarding.

Announcements

- Happy Holidays! There will be no December meeting.

Next Meeting

- Will be on January 13th at Reinhard.