



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

Date / Time: 3/3/20 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-\$130,413.33 as per Kat Stein

Correspondence-

- Thank you for Founder's Day-Mrs. Giordano
- Thank you for the Holiday treats-Mr. Reilly
- Thank you for the Kidstuff coupon book-Mr. Reilly
- Thank you for the PTA Lifetime Membership award-Kerri Sanpietro
- Thank you for honouring me at Founder's Day-Christie Davison
- Thank you for the Kidstuff coupon book-Lisa Garry and Jenn Lucchetti
- Thank you for a wonderful PARP month, bookmarks and Literacy Night and Book Fair! Mr. Reilly, Ms. Padula, Mrs. Siano and Class #18

Principal's Reports

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Thank you to the PTA for all the wonderful programs our students have. This includes Chess Club, Yoga Club and Zumba. The students have been so excited about these programs!
- Bingo-was a huge success this year. There was a full house. This was a great opportunity for community building.
- Founder's Day was such a great night. It was wonderful to see everyone come out and honor our recipients, so thank you to the PTA for putting together such a great evening.
- 6th. Grade- Yearbook club pictures were taken today. It was impressive to see how many students are involved in all the activities.
- 5th. Grade -Science Fair was on January 15th. We had 125 students who participated. The projects were so creative and interesting this year.
- Winter concert- Was on January 23rd and it really highlighted the students, both individually and collectively. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put on a fantastic performance.

- Health and Safety- The focus was on social and emotional regulation. What to do with the feelings you may have at this age.
- 6th Grade College Olympics- Was held on January 13th and 14th. The students got to choose colleges and broke up into teams. It was very challenging. They had trivia rounds and athletic activities. This is always a big hit with the students.
- Student Council- The council held a fundraiser for the Australia wildfires that have been burning throughout the country and they raised over \$1,500.00 to donate towards the efforts to helping those affected by the fires.
- Leadership tours- The students led visitors around the building and were given amazing feedback.
- Lunch Program- Students had an opportunity to meet with Aramark, which is the company who provides the lunches. The students were able to give opinions and feedback about the food they are serving and possible menu changes.
- Musical Theatre Club- Will be performing “Aladdin Jr.” this year. The tickets are on sale and the performances will be on March 12th and March 13th. There will also be a daytime performance on March 11th for students.
- 6th Grade- There will be Grand Avenue students coming to visit on March 9th. They will be helping transition the 6th graders into Middle school. The 6th graders will be visiting Grand Avenue soon.
- 5th Graders- Maturation night will be held on March 18th. Boys will be in the auditorium and girls will be in the cafeteria.
- Technology Club- We are always striving for continuous improvement. The students have been doing amazing things with KidOYO.

Winthrop Avenue Principal: Sally Curto

- We are focusing on our Leadership principle, “Seek first to understand, then be understood.”. We can show our kids that we are listening by putting down our electronic devices when our kids are speaking to us.
- Winthrop’s WIG (wildly important goal) is “Think win-win”. We gave students a situation and asked for feedback and ideas of how both people could work it out. We had 121 students submit ideas and solutions. Their ideas were really amazing.
- 4th Grade concert was on February 14th. It was truly a celebration of music. The concert was great.
- Thank you to the PTA for our Valentine's Day Sale.
- Chess Club wrapped up before break so thank you to the committee for all your help.
- Health and Safety- We had Northwell Health pay the students a visit to talk to them about nutrition. We had lifeguards come and speak to students about swimming safety, riptides, tides and currents. We also had a fire safety assembly. Thank you to the committee for a successful week.
- There were students who were so concerned about the wildfires in Australia. They managed to raise \$894 to donate to families in need.
- We really are trying to stress the importance of reading. If a student wants overall improvement and to meet grade level, they must read every day. Please go to www.lightsailed.com to use this reading resource. There are electronic books available online and the total minutes read can be seen. It's very beneficial.
- Multiplication Math facts are key for the students to comprehend the math going forward, so please start practicing with your children.
- There will be no school on March 16th for Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- ELA’s will be on March 25th and 26th.
- Harlem Wizards will be on March 30th!

Reinhard Principal: Patricia Castine

- March and April we will be focusing on Respect. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Leadership Principle of the month- “Seek first to understand, then be understood.” Create your own weather. There are hearts all over the school with ideas written on them by students on how to better yourselves.
- 2nd Grade concert was on January 31st. Thank you to Mrs.Anderson for a great show.
- PARP- Was a huge success. Thank you to the committee for a great theme this year “We need you on our crew”. Students went above and beyond their reading expectations and next year we will be hoping for 70,000 minutes total.
- Star Polisher Team- On February 26th, 10 students led a tour for the Islip school representatives. We are in the process of choosing 1st graders for our Star Polisher Team next year.
- SAC Representatives- Thank you for the food drive, fundraising and for visiting the Parkview Nursing home. They have also collected items to send to the people in Puerto Rico.
- Thank you to the PTA for the Chess Club, Yoga Club and Zumba Class.
- Report cards will be out on March 6th. And no school on March 16th for Parent-Teacher conferences.

E.V.P. Reports**Shore Road: Maria Galdamez and Jamie Summersille**

- Chess Club- Thank you to the committee
- Yoga Club- Thank you to the committee
- Birthday Bulletin Board- Thank you to the committee.
- 6th Grade T-shirts have been distributed and Lawn signs will be available soon. This year, signs can be personalized. The committee will also be selling Silly Socks during the performance of Aladdin.
- Thank you to Denise Cerotta for helping out with the yearbook.

Winthrop Ave: Leslie Cerverizzo and Denise Cerrotta

- Chess Club- Thank you to the committee
- Health and Safety- Thank you to the committee
- Writers Club- Started last week, the students enjoy sending letters to one another and they love receiving the mail.
- Valentines Day Sale- Was a success and thank you to the Ways and Means committee for their efforts.

Reinhard: Jackie Taylor and Jessica Freeman

- Chess Club- Thank you to the committee. Students were able to use the gym so we could accommodate all who signed up.
- PARP- Was amazing, the committee did a great job.
- Book Fair- Was great, thank you to the committee.
- Valentines Day Sale- Was a huge success, thank you to all who helped out.

- The Harlem Wizards assembly was so much fun!
- Founder's Day was great. Thank you to all who helped.
- Reinhard will be having their first Square Dance for 2nd Graders so keep your eye out for details.

Committee Reports

Spirit Wear- Nothing to report

Membership- 48 new members signed up this month? Let's try to get confirmation from NYS. Online Registration forms should get forwarded to Jessica Scheonberg.

6th Grade Committee- T-shirts are out and lawn signs will be available soon. Proceeds go to the dance committee. Will be selling Silly Socks during the Aladdin performances. Proceeds will go towards the dance.

Board of Education-2020-2021 School year calendar had some new holidays added. Also it is super important to fill out the census. That is what NYS looks at when determining how much aid our district receives.

Old business

New business

- Past few years, efforts have been made for composting on school grounds but it is not allowed. Is there any way we can go through another outlet? Maybe reach out to the Bellmore Civic Association? Parnell Farms in East Meadow may also be a possibility. Reinhard partners with Island Harvest, perhaps they may partner with us.
- Is there any way we can donate wasted, unwrapped food from student lunches that students have not opened and will throw out?
- We received a letter from a parent inquiring about the abundance of paperwork and flyers coming home with students and if there is an online platform that we can use for notifications to parents. The letter also inquired about the school's recess policy and concerns about students watching movies. In response to the letter read, the PTA Co-Presidents explained that they tried to implement a "Go Green" email system a few years ago but found that it was just not possible for a few reasons.
 - More than half of the student body still requested paper prints over emails (or both) as we had to offer both options.
 - Printing different amounts of flyers for each class to distribute to the correct students (ie. those who opted for paper and those who did not) was time consuming to the both the PTA and the school employees and teachers.
 - Many of the PTA flyers have tear offs for required response by parents and would need to be printed regardless. Many forms did not get returned to the PTA or school because the parent "didn't see the email or attachment" and there were many complaints received.
 - The PTA did look into an email platform and the cost was higher than the cost of printing for all students over the entire year, for all 3 schools. However with the advancement of other platforms/services the schools and the PTA can utilize, we will inquire into new program options for the future.
- Recess Review
 - According to Mrs. Castine: The Pre K students at Reinhard need a lot of supervision on the playgrounds. At times, if we do not have enough supervision, we are not able to allow students outside for safety reasons. Also, there are many days when the weather does not allow students outdoors for recess. Reinhard is right on the water and on such an open field and we need to factor in the wind chill when determining if it is an outdoor day or not. It is the school's priority for all

students to get enough movement and exercise throughout the day. The Pre K students do have movement and play incorporated throughout their entire day. Any questions or concerns about anything school related should be directed to the principals. They are always happy to listen to feedback and return all calls in a timely manner.

Announcements

- Yankee tickets are still available. This year, they will be doing “Bat Day” and 50% of the number of tickets sold we will be able to have that # of students walking the field. It's a great day for the family so buy tickets while you can.
- Harlem Wizards- This year, you may purchase items online. It is Cash only at the door. There will be a ton of raffles and there will be snacks and water available. It's a great community building event, so far, there have been 448 tickets sold. We always need volunteers for this event as well as donations of water and baked goods to be sold during the game.
- Paperwork for next year's committees will be out in April.
- Spring Auction- Tables are in groups of 10. However, if you have a few at a table just send in your forms and the committee will put the tables together the best they can.
- Sonic the movie was a fantastic fundraiser.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is on April 2nd in the Shore Road Cafeteria at 8:00pm. This is our Installation meeting and all are welcomed.