



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

Date / Time 9/13/2021 8pm *Meeting called to order by* Denise Cerrotta

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers

Welcome

Co-President, Denise Cerrotta, welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve. First meeting of the school year.

Budget

Treasurer, Rachel Puleo reported the balance, Book Balance is \$92,866.19 and Bank Balance is \$92,590.19. 2021-2022 PTA Budget was reviewed by the Slate. It was emailed to members and posted in the Zoom Chat. Looking to approve. Was approved. All were in favor, no one opposed.

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Jaime Braverman, read Thank you from Mrs. Matthews, thanking the PTA for the Welcome Back gifts for the teacher and staff.

Principal's Report

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- 17 New students enrolled.
- Great opening.
- Ended last year on a high. Shout out to the 6th Grade Committee.
- Moving close to back to normal. Arrival and dismissal are normal. Recess mixing cohorts. For lunch alternating between the lunchroom and classroom. They are thinking about the musical program and brainstorming ways to make it work. Specials are back in their locations and kids are in the halls again. Looking into clubs and starting Star Polishers.
- Academics: Students getting settled. Learning to be digital citizens and media balance.
- Leadership Principle: Proactive
- Picture day coming up. Trying to do inside and class pictures.
- Thank you to teachers, custodians, and all staff for a smooth opening and all the work they put in.

Winthrop Ave Principal: Mrs. Curto

- Welcome new families.
- Thank you to teachers, office staff, staff, and custodians, and parents for a smooth opening. Thank you to the PTA for the welcome back gifts.
- 3rd Grade tour and orientation was successful.
- Excellent beginning and a lot more typical.
- Academics- Classes working on Mission Statements.
- Leadership principle- Proactive, carry your own weather
- Ms. Arnoff is teaching Health- proper hand washing- before snack and lunch, after recess.
- PARP- Read like a Champ. Goal is 35,000 minutes. Starts 10/4 lasts 4 weeks. Then the Principal Challenge.
- Back to School Night- 10/4. Discuss routines, curriculum. Meet the teacher codes to come out a few days prior. 6:30-7 Support Staff & Specials, 7-7:30 4th Grade, 7:30-8 3rd Grade.
- Be sure to have students read and establish routines.
- Picture day is 9/23, working in class pictures.

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. Castine

- Thank you to all for a smooth opening.
- 150 new students
- Lighthouse leaders ages 3-7. Establishing language- how can I be kind when no one is watching? Stop & hit pause.
- Not mixing cohorts yet. Learning new kids first and then will start with 2nd grade soon. Cafeteria and Tech Lab for lunch. Bringing back Strings for 2nd grade, starting in a few weeks. Singing again. Specials back in rooms again.
- STAR Polishers selected last year.
- Mr. Dan & Ms. Michelle- Thank you! Leak in the gym over the weekend and they fixed the floor.
- Preschool & Kindergarten visits before school starts.
- Look for the Principal's Newsletter at the end of every month.
- Check emails, check folders, Google Classroom and Parent Portal- sign in. used for all of Elementary School.
- Working on a grant to replace the Secret Playground.
- Picture Day is coming up. Looking for creative ways to get class pictures.
- Welcome and Thank you.

EVP Reports

Shore Rd- Alison Prainito & Jaime Summersille

- Jaime Summersille
 - Matthews covered everything.
 - Committee openings- Would love volunteers.

Winthrop Ave- Nikki Zimberg & Elizabeth Scuccimarri

- Nikki Zimberg
 - PARP- Olympic Theme- info coming shortly.
 - Looking for Volunteers.
 - New Families- Great Schools, Great Teachers,

Reinhard- Debra LoCascio & Jamie Guggenheim Shiner

- Debra LoCascio
 - Thank you to everyone for having everything ready for the new year.
 - Mrs. Castine covered everything.
 - Flyer for school pictures coming home soon. Picture Days are 9/23 & 9/24
 - Book fair at the end of Oct.
 - Need Volunteers for the PTA

Committee Reports

Membership-

- Don't have to volunteer- Helps fund programs
- Link in the Chat and info sent home in Back to School Night Packets.
- \$15 Donation.
- Goal is to make more members

Ways & Means- Jen White

- Miss Chocolate runs from 9/20-10/15.
- Online orders and ship to home only.

6th Grade Committee- Leslie Cerverizzo & Nicole Oberst

- Baby pictures requested.
- Start a folder of any school pictures for the yearbook. Link will be sent later in the year.

Spirit Wear- Tara Streeter

- Next week or so, digital link will be ready and sent out.
- Online only but can go to Lifestyles and try anything on.

Old business

New business

- Mr. Riley- He put a Thank you note in the PTA Mailbox.
- Leah Walsh- Asked is 17 new students was just for Shore Rd. Mrs. Matthews answered that normally it is just 5-6. Mrs. Castine answered that there were quite a bit of new admits/families.
- Vivian P. Has a 6th and 2nd grader- asked how virtual learning and Quarantine will work- will classes be at the same level, teaching the same thing? Mrs. Matthews answered that they are hoping for fewer quarantines and that the remote teachers will communicate with in-person teachers but not always on the same level and that there will sometimes be reteaching or pre teaching. They can do classwork posted on own teacher's Google Classroom. Mrs. Castine answered that quarantined students will still have access to Seesaw- those students can do but are not required.
- Jackie T. - limited food selection- any way to modify that? Mrs. Castine answered that the littles like the food. Mrs. Matthews answered that maybe the older students were tired of it by the time they got to Shore Rd. It's not going through the service lines and all meals are packaged individually. Shore Rd. is hoping to move to the service line and get more hot food. Jackie said that her 6th graders says, "the food is gross".
- Zoom Chat Question- Anyway to use big tables in the lunchroom? Mrs. Castine answered that 3 classes at a time because of the desks. Tables take up too much room with the current guidelines. Tables would also put them only 3ft away and then there would be more quarantines and contact and trace. Since they are 6ft away there is no need to contact and trace- maintain social distancing.
- Text Question- Is Chorus Back? Mrs. Matthews replied that it is back in some capacity. They need to maintain 6ft apart when singing in the auditorium and when sitting. They intend to bring it back. Mrs.

Castine said they are teaching the Leadership song and thinking creatively. Mrs. Curto replied that the performance is the hardest part. Can't keep the 6ft distance with singers and an audience.

- CHAT-UPK There is no virtual option so what happens? Mrs. Sanpietro replied that there is no virtual option but the teacher can send home work if the parents want.
- CHAT- Will parents be allowed at outdoor functions? Mrs. Castine replied that they are not sure yet. Trying to find ways to do it safely. There would be limited volunteers. No parents at the Pumpkin Patch this year. Mrs. Curto stated that the book fair will be in person but that parents will not be able to attend, only a few PTA volunteer members.
- Bylaws were voted on: Need Every 3 year to readopt. Denise Cerrotta made a motion to approve. Posted in the Chat. No comments from members. Motion passed. No- No votes.

Teachers and Principals left.

- Audit Committee- Examine PTA - status. 2021-2022 Year.
 - Need 3 volunteers:
 - Nikki Zimberg
 - Debra LoCoscio
 - Jaime Braverman
 - Rachel will pass over books for review.

Next Meeting October 20, 2021, through Zoom. A link will be sent out a few days before.