



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

Date / Time: 10/21/20 8pm Meeting called to order by Leslie Cerverizzo

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers

Welcome- Leslie Cerverizzo and Denise Cerrotta

Approval of Minutes- Minutes stand approved have been posted to our website

Budget-\$110,907.90 as per Rachel Puleo

Correspondence- No correspondence for the month

Principal's Report

Reinhard School Principal-Mrs. Castine

- Reinhard just finished their Spirit Week!
- Mrs. Sanpietro put together a virtual pep rally.
- Reinhard has been implementing a new platform called See-Saw for those students who are learning virtually and for those who are attending in person as well. It's a much easier platform for younger children to navigate. Google will still be used for live instruction. Teachers are undergoing additional training on how to use the new platform. It is filled with many terrific resources.
- "Rising Stars" are in proactive mode. High 5's are still being handed out and being hung up and the class who receives the most at the end of the month will earn a prize.
- There is a food drive currently underway. Our food pantry is very low so any donations would be much appreciated.
- The PTA Pumpkin Patch will be held on 10/28. Classes will be allowed to go outside and choose their pumpkins and then return to their Classrooms and do an activity. Remote students may come after school to pick up their pumpkins. Unfortunately, there are no parents allowed.
- Bus dismissal has been going really well. Dismissal time could not be adjusted due to the number of students.
- Parent- Teacher conferences will be on 9/2 & 9/3
- Picture makeup day will be on 9/6

Winthrop Avenue Principal- Sally Curto

- It's so exciting to be back!
- Fall/Winter season is upon us and adhering to all safety guidelines is so important so that we may all remain in school.
- The students are doing a great job. We will continue to follow a safe and simple plan. We have changed dismissal time to 3:15, added kickball and soccer to recess with the goal of trying to get back to as much as normal as possible but to do so with caution.
- We have been relying on our Physical Education teachers to reinforce all the safety guidelines that are being taught.
- We will have a Game Playing room and a Movie room for the upcoming indoor recess.
- PARP is currently underway so a big thank you to the PTA. The Mystery Reader's videos have been a huge success and have really been enjoyed by all. Since students are at 17,000 Reading minutes for the month, PARP will be extended for another week so it gives them a chance to hit their goal.
- Book Fairies are looking for gently used donated books.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are on 9/3 and 9/10 so please submit the forms so you can schedule your virtual meeting.

Shore Rd. principal- Mrs. Matthews

- "Safe and Simple" is our theme. We are incorporating old things and new things to make for an easy and safe transition back.
- Picture day was a success. It was held outdoors.
- We have booked some virtual field trips for both grades. 6th graders will be going on a virtual field trip to a DNA lab. And will be doing a Legacy Project.
- We will start outdoors Zumba classes.
- Instrumental instructions will begin shortly. Flyers will be sent home shortly.
- We are working on keeping students as involved as possible.
- PARP week has been a huge success. Students participated in a primary vote, they will be voting on 2 final candidates and got to wear their red white and blue to go along with our theme.
- Students will attend a virtual reading assembly. The idea that anything can be written about.
- Parent- Teacher conferences will be on 9/3 and 9/9 and will be held virtually.
- Maturation Night for 6th graders will be on 10/29 for girls and 11/24 for boys. Both events will be virtual.
- Thank you to all who helped make a safe and simple re-opening.
- Thank you to the 6th Grade Committee for the masks and lanyards.

E.V.P. Reports-

Shore Road: Barbara Lagalia and Nicole Oberst

- PARP- has been very involved. The virtual presentation went really well. The results for the election will run congruent with the real presidential election.
- Zumba will be Friday for 5th graders
- Maturation Night for the 6th graders will be offered since they missed it last year. Flyers would have gone home for that.

Winthrop Ave: Allison Prainito and Nikki Zimberg

- PARP- will be extended for an extra week so students can meet the goal.
- Bingo- will be held during lunch recess in classrooms.
- We are collecting used books to donate for the Book Fairies.
- Virtual Mystery Readers have been a huge hit. We're still receiving a lot of recordings.
- We're looking into a lot of virtual programs. We are thinking about a possible virtual game show for the 4th graders End of Year. celebration but no decisions have been made yet.
- Spirit Wear will be coming up. Students will get to vote on what to wear.

Reinhard: Jessica Freeman and Deborah LoCascio

- Spirit Week was a huge hit!
- Thank you to the Birthday Bulletin board committee.
- Thank you to our book Fair committee.
- Thank you to our special programs committee for all their work on punkin patch. Flyers will be going home for that.

Committee Reports

Spirit Wear- Thank you to the committee. We did great on the sale. Items have begun shipping so you should receive them shortly.

Membership- Please send out form or go online to activate your membership. Our Membership drive is underway and this year participation is very low so please remember to join.

6th Grade Committee- Currently working on the t-shirts and designs. Yearbook cover contest is underway so please submit any drawings to Mr. Gorey by 11/20. Yearbook baby pictures are due so please send in. And the committee did really great with the mask and lanyard sale. We have sold 215 masks and 300 lanyards. We have ordered another 100 lanyards. They are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$12.

Ways and Means- We did really well with the Miss Chocolate sale. We receive 40% of all sales. Items should be shipping now. Please contact the committee if you do not receive your order shortly. White Post Farms are

supplying us with our delicious Thanksgiving pies. Orders will go to Jamie Guggenheim for pick up. Icing has been discounted and we have added dark chocolate banana bread to our items.

Board of Education- It was a live virtual meeting. There are really not any updates at this time. Just to go out and vote.

Old business

New business

- There was a concern raised by a parent regarding masks outside and using the playgrounds. The principals have discussed it and they will be able to use it shortly. We are trying to take a very cautious and steady approach to reopening. We do not want to pull things back. Everything needs to be phased in. And unfortunately masks are needed at all times when students can not maintain at least 6 feet apart. These are state mandated guidelines.
- Will there be any plans for math extra help? The schools are looking into that but it would be needed to be started shortly.
- There was a request to move dismissal doors at Reinhard and it can not be done due to the lack of space.
- For Halloween this year, all students at all schools are invited to dress up.

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be via Zoom November 18th 8 p.m. This is our annual Nominating meeting. It is really important so please try to make it.