



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

Date / Time 3/2/2023 8pm *Meeting called to order by* Jessica Freeman

In Attendance

Principals, Executive Board PTA Members, Parents & Teachers, Co-Presidents: Jessica Freeman & Nikki Zimberg
Zoom Meeting

Welcome

Co-President, Jessica Freeman, welcomed everyone in attendance & thank you for your support. Proper number of members to conduct business.

Approval of Minutes

Jen White: The minutes posted on the website. If you miss a meeting feel free to check them out. No corrections, Minutes approved.

Budget

Treasurer, Kristin Wong-Valle reported the balance at month end 2/28/23.

Book Balance: \$124,295.25

Bank Balance: \$136,951.70

No questions asked. Report filed for Audit

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary: Read by Nikki

- Mr. Riley: Thank you to the PTA for the Holiday breakfast.
- Beth Oberg: Thank you for the Honors received at Founders Day.
- Beth F: Thank you for the Holiday Breakfast

Principal's Report

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Random Acts of Kindness Week: Fun themes
- College Olympics- so fun and energy was amazing. Students made posters, songs, did trivia and sports. Must compromise and work together.
- Shore Road Environmental Club- SHREC- making a PSA for Earth Day
 - Thank you to the PTA for purchasing a recycling costume and Earth Day trinkets.
- 6th Grade Legacy Project is completed and up! Recycled bottle caps with students' names in each cap.
 - Will hold a recycling event to bring in bottle caps.
 - Thank you to the 6th grade committee and the Cultural Arts committee

- 5th Grade Science Fair- 96 students participated. Got kids thinking. Thank you to parents for help and support.
- Health & Safety Week- Olympic theme: friendship, don't press send, physical fitness day, Corey the Dribbler, LI Crisis Center- managing emotions, there is always someone to reach out to.
- Winter Concert was phenomenal- Beautiful performance at Grand. More of a concert feel.
- Thank you for the Valentines Sale
- Yoga started
- Leadership: When in conflict, listen to the other person's perspective to see where they are coming from.
- Digital Leadership binders started next week.
- Shore Star Polishers had so much fun at Reinhard Literacy night.
- Athletes helping Athletes- high school kids come and help with sports, how to stay organized and how to stay involved. Will come 2 more times.
- 8th Grade Student Leaders will come to Shore to talk to students about Grand Ave.
- 6th Graders will tour Grand Ave soon.
- Reminders:
 - 3/13 No School Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8pm
 - 3/29 Evening Conferences 6-8pm
 - 3/24 Bookfair
 - 3/15 Musical For students and 4th Graders.
 - 3/16 & 3/17 Musical Evening performances.
 - 6/22 6th Grade Graduation

Winthrop Ave Principal: Mrs. Curto

- Something Fishy going on at Winthrop!
- Thank you to the PTA for the Fish Tank!! 55 Gallon tank with plants and over 10 fish. Boys and girls like to visit it all day, and of course it's blue and white.
 - Leadership applications for aquarium monitors are coming in.
- Health & Safety week was right before the break. Don't press send assembly, remind to pause, Cyber safety, Destressing- breathing and mindfulness, Bellmore FD, AAA assembly on pedestrian and bike safety.
- 3rd Grade Science Fair- very impressive.
- Thank you for the Valentine's Day sale. The boys and girls like it.
- New WIG- Wide Read- Read outside your comfort zone. BINGO boards with different Genres.
- Leadership Principle: Seek first to understand and then to be understood. There is a reason we have two ears and only one mouth. Make sure you are really listening to others.
- Upcoming Events:
 - 3/13 No school- Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8pm
 - 3/28 Evening Conferences 6-8pm
 - Book Fair 3/24

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. Curto for Mrs. Castine

- Celebrating Read Across America this week in honor of Dr. Suess' birthday.
- 12/16 PTA had a wonderful assembly "Winter Holiday Folk Festival", winter solstice Dance troupe, aligned with SS.
- Enjoyed a visit from Shore Choral. Thank you to Mrs. Matthews for making it happen.
- 1st grade Concert for families was spectacular. Students got an encore performance.
- Leadership principle: Respect. Reflect: Seek first to understand and then to be understood. Listen to the other person.
 - Can practice at home- during dinner, keeping in topic.

- PARP- Huge success. 71,713 minutes read! Literacy night was amazing.
 - Thank you to all the Mystery Readers, parents and older siblings.
 - Thank you to Shore Star Polishers for helping at Literacy Night.
 - Thank you to the PTA & Committee for organizing the mystery readers.
- 2nd Grade held a food themed concert on 1/22
- 100th Day of school was the best ever.
 - They collected over 700 boxes of cereal and held a domino's challenge in the halls.
 - Boxes were donated to the BMCHSD Food pantry. They are in great need.
 - 100 Balloons in groups of 5
 - 100 sight words hidden around the school
 - Numbers 1-100 hidden around the school.
 - Thank you to the PTA for the lawn signs.
- March is Dr. Suess Wk. Thank you to Cultural Arts for bringing in Luann Adams, a Dr Suess Storyteller.
- Music in Our School Month, Spirit Wear starts next week 3/6.
- Upcoming events:
 - Report Cards Home 3/10
 - No School 3/13 for day/evening Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8pm.
 - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences 3/22 6-8pm

EVP Reports

Shore Rd- Jackie Taylor & Brianna Bachrach

- Yoga club underway.
- Thank you for the Valentines Boutique helpers. Went well.
- Thank you to the bulletin board committee for amazing boards, Paula & Brenda
- Chess club was a great event.
- Cultural Arts: Legacy Project is amazing. Thank you Courtney and Corin
- Health & Safety Week Thank you again to Courtney and Corin
- 3/24 Book Fair
- Founder's Day was amazing. Congratulations to all.

Winthrop Ave- Tara Streeter & Elizabeth Scuccimarri

- Cultural Arts Assemblies, fantastic, Thank you Melissa H. & Melissa M.
- Thank you Bulletin Board Committee is always so creative & festive, Julie & Genesis.
- Chess Club, great turn out. Thank you to the committee.
- Health & Safety, Thank you Emily S & Jill M
- Upcoming events:
 - 3/24 Book fair.

Reinhard- Nicole Oberst & Jamie Guggenheim Shiner

- 1st day of Yoga & over 171 K, 1st, & 2nd graders. Thank you to Ester & Cara
- Chess Club was amazing.
- New Game club for K- Thank you Carla
- Thank you to Bulletin Board Committee for the fun Bulletin Boards
- Cultural Arts- Thank you to Genesis & Stephanie, Upcoming Zumba & Earth Day
- PARP: Literacy night was a huge success.
- Thank you to all who volunteered for the Valentine's boutique, Farrah, Laura, Jennifer, & Britney
- Book fair coming up 3/23 & 3/24

Committee Reports

Membership- Jessica

- Money funds programs; yoga, chess, garden.
- Join online, send a check, or QR code. \$15 for family membership, faculty \$10, donations accepted.
- 521 is the goal, want to surpass previous record membership, membership up, more teachers are joining.
- Don't have to do anything just join, but always ways to help.
- All parent volunteers need to be PTA members.
- Can join at any time. Link on the PTA website.

Ways & Means- Stephanie

- Yankee Game- sale on until 3/20/23
 - Saturday, May 13th at 1:05 Yankees vs Tampa Bay Rays
 - 3 types of seats, field, main, and terrace.

6th Grade Committee- Carmella & Alison-

- Spiritwear- All done & distributed. There are extras and an email will go out to 6th grade parents. Thank you to the committee Courtney, Karin, Carmella, Jill, & Jen
- Dance theme voted on and the winning theme is Hollywood Night at the Movies.
 - Dance is 6/14. Will need parental help. A info meeting will be held in April/May
- Yearbook almost done!
- BINGO Thank you Jaime & Carla- very successful!

School Board Rep- Scott

- January meeting, hired a new special education teacher.
- February Meeting: Very appreciative for all the PTA & the schools are doing. Praised Founder's Day & Science Fairs.
- Armark approved food for next year.
- Proposal to increase funding to the schools.
- Concerns about Regents Diplomas and how they are viewed.

Auction- Leah

- Positions open for volunteers
- Donations and solicitation underway. Getting some really good prizes.
- At Coral House 4/19/2023 7-11pm
- Flyers going home soon.

Old business

- None

New business

- Laura- From Reinhard- Wants to propose a new event, A Special Persons Dance, a great evening at schools.
 - She is willing to chair a committee, put something together.
 - Jessica said we are unique because we are 3 schools. What we do for one we do for all.
 - Need a fine tuned approach.
 - Laura asked what her next step would be.

- Jessica answered to gather information on how other schools do it; the cost, location, who would be involved.
- Are they rescheduling Don't Press Send- working on it.

Nominating Committee-

- Presented the Nominated Executive Committee.
 - Co-Presidents: Nikki Zimberg & Jamie Guggenheim Shiner
 - Shore Rd EVP: Jackie Taylor & Brianna Bachrach
 - Winthrop EVP: Tara Streeter & Kristin Oakes
 - Reinhard EVP: Nicole Oberst & Carla Wong
 - Recording Secretary: Aliza Schauder
 - Corresponding Secretary: Jessica Freeman
 - Treasurer: Kristin Wong -Valle

Committee was asked if they were approached by any other members asking to be nominated. Said no.

All in favor. All voted yes.

Approved.

PTA Installation Meeting is Tuesday 4/4/23, 8pm.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned.