



Bellmore Elementary PTA Minutes

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

Date /Time 4/11/2021 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

The minutes have been posted on the website. Any questions? No corrections – approved!

Budget

Treasurer, Rachel Puleo reported the balance:

Book Balance is \$ 107,676.61

Bank Balance is \$ 123,609.50

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary, Jamie Braverman: A big thank you from Mrs. Castine to the amazing Cultural Arts program. It was a great way to end Dr. Seuss week with dancing and fun.

Principal's Report

Shore Road Principal: Mrs. Matthews

- Volleyball net is up and it is very popular with the kids.
- PTA bookfair was a big success – book fairy collections was a great way to
- April Fool's Day we did a fun zoom – the kids had fun with shirts and ties. 5th Graders loved doing pajamas on the bottom and regular clothes on the top.
- Dress up days was great for Music in our Schools. The adults had a great time
- Health & Safety was in March. We had a skateboarder – it was called "Skate for Life." He talked about the evolution of skateboarding and how when you don't give up, anything is possible.
- We did a yoga event and talked about mindfulness.
- The students are excited for their tour of Grand Avenue – they can meet students and administrators.
- Spring Concert we are splitting it up – two evenings. Letters came home last week – the 9th is orchestra and the 10th will be chorus and band.
- As we creep into spring, but please not crop tops for the ladies.

Winthrop Ave Principal: Mrs. Curto

- Enjoying eating together in the cafeteria!
- The brand, new playground was ready to use today.

- Participating in Yoga Club – there are four total sessions. If your child is interested, it is not too late! You can go to the Main Office to get the slip to join. Thank you to the PTA for organizing this opportunity.
- The signing club had a performance during recess time at the end of March. There were 40 kids who participated in the show. The 4th grade orchestra performance is coming up in May.
- Music in our Schools Month was great! Dr. Famularo wrote themed songs for each day of the week. The teachers and kids dressed up for the spirit days.
- Mrs. Curto has been reading *What the Road Said* to the students. The main theme is to keep trying and never give up. It helps students realize there are steps forward and backward.
- Leadership binders are coming home so take a moment to look at it with your child.
- Upcoming Events – Zumba, 4th American Indian program, 4th grade celebration, field trips.
- Fourth grade will be visiting Shore Road and the Second graders are coming to Winthrop in June.
- SAC is launching Birdwatching club is also coming to Winthrop.

C.A. Reinhard Principal: Mrs. Castine

- Mrs. Castine is reading through home sweet homeworks on reading how the children are showing respect.
- Dr. Seuss Week was very successful – using sight words, growing high frequency word bank, Spirit Days for each day of the week. Lee Knight did a great job!
- March was Music in Our Schools month – and we rocked and rolled! The kids had to stop and dance no matter where you were in the building. The kids loved it! Thank you to Mrs. Rocco and the music teachers for the fun spirit week.
- Reinhard SAC did an animal shelter fundraiser to help gather donated items for pets. All sorts of items were donated so thanks for your generosity!
- Super excited for many events! Garden Club, Yoga Club, and many more. We are ready to bring back events for the kids.
- Dates to remember:
 - Spring break is April 14 – 22
 - Earth day will be on April 26 at Reinhard. If you have littles not school age, they do not need a ticket. They are only for adults.
 - Kindergarten is 9:30am
 - 2nd grade - 10:15am
 - 1st grade – 1:15pm

EVP Reports

Shore Rd - Alison Prainito & Jackie Taylor

- Ms. Matthews gave a great report. Thank you to our committees and volunteers!

Winthrop Ave - Nikki Zimberg & Elizabeth Scuccimarri

- There is so much going on!
- Thank you to our book fair volunteers! Yoga club is also going well so appreciate your help, Leah Walsh.
- Garden Club is coming up – the kids are excited to plan and clean up again. If you want to volunteer, please send back forms.
- Plant Sales – if you want to volunteer, form came home for that too.

Reinhard- Debra LoCascio & Jamie Guggenheim Shiner

- Mrs. Castine covered everything!
- Tomorrow, is the music assembly show.
- SMENCIL sale by the SAC is tomorrow and Wednesday. The kids love it!
- May 2 and 9 – it is Fire Safety.
- May 19 is Zumba.
- In May, Mondays and Wednesdays is Garden Club. Please send in your forms if you want to volunteer.

Committee Reports

Auction – Leah Walsh

- It is on April 27th in Freeport. Bayview on the Water and it is a nice venue.
- We have a lot of amazing baskets. The committee has brought in so much great stuff – local businesses, teachers, parents, the support has been great.
- We are over 150 guests this year!
- There is enough room for people to social distance – there is also outdoor space for those who don't feel comfortable being inside the whole time.
- We are doing Grand Prizes this year that will be valued at \$300+.

Earth Day Event

- One of the programs supporting is Zappos for Good. You can collect denim shirts, shorts, jeans, etc. We are collecting them the week of April 25th and we will box them up and ship them.
- The items get re-purposed for other times. It helps reduce the landfills and the materials that end up there.
- For Reinhard and Winthrop, we will also be collecting crayons.

6th Grade Committee - Leslie Cerverizzo & Nicole Oberst

- The yearbook has been submitted – we are excited.
- Bingo flyer will be coming home after work – 5th and 6th grade will be two sessions. You will need to pre-register; lots of raffles.
- The Dance is being worked on. Next project! We may have a surprise field trip but we are working on it.

Spirit Wear - Tara Streeter

- She has a few orders still left over. If you have not picked up the umbrellas, she can get your orders to you when it is convenient.

Old business

- Kristin Valle has been nominated for the treasurer position. Congrats Kristin!
- We have an open position for Winthrop EVP – if you are interested, don't be shy.

New business

- Any information on the 6th grade graduation? It is on June 23 – the last day of school. We are hoping it will be back at Kennedy. Waiting for graduation guidance.
- Installation of our new officers.
 - Co-Presidents: Jessica Freeman & Nikki Zimberg
 - EVPs:
 - Shore – Brianna Bachrach and Jackie Taylor
 - Winthrop – Elizabeth Scuccimarri
 - Reinhard – Jamie Shiner and Nicole Oberst
 - Corresponding Secretary: Jamie Braverman
 - Recording Secretary: Jen White
 - Treasure: Kristin Valle-Wong

Teachers and Principals left.

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 24th at 8pm on Zoom. A link will be sent out a few days before.