



## BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

### Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes



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October 11, 2022

Start time: 7:08pm

#### **President's Welcome and Comments** Marissa Nolfi

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming tonight! Such a great turn out. I did print out some of the agendas and are on the tables but moving forward if you can print a copy of agenda and treasurer report at home that would be great.

If anyone has any questions pertaining to something not listed in the agenda please reach out to Danielle via the PTO website. [www.bedminsterpto.org](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)

#### **Elementary Principal's Report:** Principal Corby Swan

#### **Back to School Night / Parent Teacher Conferences**

Thank you to everyone who attended our first in-person Back to School Night in a few years. Many parent who were in attendance told me that they learned a lot by being there. Hopefully, you were able to sign up for your Parent Teacher Conference which will be held on November 7th, 8th, and 9th.

#### **PreK - 4 Halloween Parade**

On Friday, October 28th we will have our Halloween Parade for grades PreK - 4. If we have inclement weather on Friday the 28th, the parade will be moved to Monday, October 31st. If you have a child in PreK - 4th grade you should have received an email on October 11th regarding this event.

#### **Governor's Educator of the Year Program**

On October 11th, you should have also received an email regarding the Governor's Educator of the Year Program. The criteria to use is on the form that was emailed to you. This is a tremendous opportunity to nominate an outstanding educator that you feel meets the criteria on the form.

The deadline to nominate a deserving educator is November 17th.

#### **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 7th, 8th, and 9th. Hopefully, you signed up with your child's homeroom teacher, and please reach out to them if you have not.

Thank you to the PTO for their continued support of our school!

**Middle School Principal's Report:** Dr. Elizabeth Omegna

Thank you to all who attended BTSN and/or gave us feedback on the MS BTSN design for future improvements.

We continue to thank your PTO for their continued support of programs and fundraisers that benefit our students as well as all the parent volunteers for engagement.

As the testing coordinator, you hopefully received the hand letter on district testing dates for they year, also on our website as well as information for students in grades 3-8 scores from spring NJSLA which is also in the Genesis platform for access, along with the grade book, absence and conduct tracking and the ability to post future absences notes without calling the school phone line.

The middle school newsletter comes out each month and should be out Friday/Monday with Middle School specific items on things like deadlines for field trips, sports paperwork, conference information, family resources, Student of the Month, and important alerts. If your Genesis is not active with an email, you will not receive it. (Sidebar: enable emails from domains ending in [bedminsterschool.org](mailto:bedminsterschool.org) to receive these and school messenger alerts. Families have shared that yahoo and aol domains often block these notifications so check your spam).

**Teacher Representative:** Melissa Davies

I will be your liaison for tonight's PTO meeting. I am a second grade teacher. Just to report a little that's been going on in the school.

Mr. Moreira and Mr. Patrick- the 5<sup>th</sup> grade science classes were introduced to the evolution of engineering design by looking at changes to the Ford Mustang over 50 years. Students are now researching their own choice of a product that have evolved over 50 years. Some examples include ways to listen to music, light bulb styles, and video games.

Coach Biletski- soccer team has won 2 of its past 4 matches. Match played today at Deerfield and Friday at Somerville.

Ms. Alfone- In honor of Hispanic Heritage month her class cooked mini empanadas and fired plantains in the FCS room.

Mr. Prinz- using a trivia contest called Moth Non Math Trivia to review math concepts with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Students pick from choice of topics and each part has 2 questions- 1 directly related to math in the topic and another that relates to the topic in same way (ex. Science class). Students earn points by getting 1 or both correct.

Mrs. Holzberger and Mr. McCoy- Student Council Elections are this Thursday. Candidate videos will be shown during Social Studies classes on Thursday and students will cast their ballots. Winners will

be announced Friday morning. Once the officers meet, there will be an opportunity for students in grades 5-8 to apply to be grade level delegates. Students will hear more about that next week.

Mrs. Rosnell and Mrs. Alfieri- Have started 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Drama Club with ( 24 )3<sup>rd</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers.

Mrs. Lovejoy and Ms. Spero- 1<sup>st</sup> grade working on Creepy Carrots Stem Project. Getting ready to do the Readers Theater for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Hogan , Mrs. Davies, and Mrs. McFarland- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade started Science experiments. Fact Families- Halloween themed.

### **Board of Education Report** Suzie Stevinson

Welcome everyone. I am Suzie Stevinson, the BOE president as well as a current 8<sup>th</sup> grader and graduates of BTS. Feel free to come to our monthly BOE meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Meetings are short. Two main goals this year that we are focusing on are change to the core Math program and also SEL which is something infused throughout the day especially after coming out of a pandemic.

### **Secretary's Report:** Danielle Fredella, Secretary

Correspondence- none at this time

Motion to approve September's 2022 Minutes (Approvals cannot be from the PTO Board)

First: Suzie Stevinson

Second: Ramsey Melendez

All PTO Meeting Minutes Reports can be found on our websites & social media

### **Treasurer's Report** Jessica Pascale, Treasurer

- Report is available on PTO website [www.bedminsterpto.org](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)
- Inflows: \$121.41
- Outflows: \$3,007.52
- Main Account Balance: \$64,730.06
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300
- Total Cash Available: \$65,030.06
- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at [btsptotreasury@gmail.com](mailto:btsptotreasury@gmail.com) Lisa Cohen

### **New Business**

### **PTO Membership:** Donations are always welcome!

Executive Board

- \$15 per Family
- Memberships fees will be collected virtually through PayPal friends & family using the email [btsptotreasury@gmail.com](mailto:btsptotreasury@gmail.com)
- Forms can also be found on our website.

**PTO Meeting Schedule: \*All meetings will be held in room 315\***

- **November 15, 2022**
- **December 13, 2022**
- **January 10, 2023**
- **February 14, 2023**
- **March 14, 2023**
- **April 11, 2023**
- **May 9, 2023**
- **June 13, 2023**

Please note: All meetings are subject to change at any time.

**Homeroom Parents:** Ramsey Melendez and Danielle Fredella

Recap on our homeroom parent meeting last month. Thank to all our HRP for their hard work at BTSN trying to get everyone's contact information. Any questions, please reach out if you need any help.

**Spring Fling:** April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Executive Board- Danielle Fredella

Sign up sheet for wine donation for baskets. Looking for more volunteers to make about 10 calls to the businesses. Gregg Kania will be the person over seeing everyone. Looking for volunteers as well to pick up donations and get them to either myself or Jessica.

Reach out or email Chemagne to volunteer with your interests in helping. We will be getting ready to help in January. We would like to have master volunteer list of help.

Chair Persons Needed-Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Spring Fling committee, please contact the executive board members at [pto@bedminsterschool.org](mailto:pto@bedminsterschool.org)

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Suzie Stevinson and Danielle Fredella

October 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Parent shopping is Wednesday night 4:00-8:00. We are encouraging parents to use E-Wallet especially for the little kids. You can pay with cash or check. Checks can be made out to Bedminster School PTO or Cash. \*PLEASE DO NOT MAKE CHECKS OUT TO SCHOLASTIC\* The PTO does not profit from book fair. All the money that we make we get a percentage back where we then email the teachers and they can to purchase books for their classrooms.

**Spooktacular:** Marissa Nolfi and Danielle Fredella

October 28<sup>th</sup>

So excited that Spooktacular is back! Looking forward to a fun night. Please rsvp if you haven't already by Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Games, prizes, pizza, music. Costumes welcomed.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Suzie Stevinson, Melissa Kircher & Mimi Brown

Suzie reported – Ongoing fundraisers to help pay for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC Trip. Coming up is the first 50/50 sale. Selling Thanksgiving pies at Fall fest. Parking at the school for the Hunt. The script cards to buy. Snowball dance will be coming back in February. Faculty Basketball Game more information to come as that gets closer. Thank you again and please consider supporting the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Assemblies:** Sonia Marto and Fareeha Rahim

Thank you to our new chair Fareeha to help along with Sonia. We right now have two assemblies planned for November and also January. More planning to come.

Fareeha- Very excited to be able to help and look forward in getting involved.

### **Helping Hands:** Suzie Stevinson

Unfortunately we have had tragedy strike two families of our community. Families are kept anonymous. We don't ask you to give, but we do find when something terrible hits the community people want to help. Karna in the main office will be collecting gift cards. Please mark them Helping Hands1 and Helping Hands 2. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me, Marissa, or Mr. Swan. Thank you to those that have already given.

### **\*Public Questions & Comments:**

**This portion will be held to a 15-minute limit. We politely ask that each speaker limit his or her time to 5 minutes for comments and/or questions in regard to any agenda point or any other topic related to thePTO. If any written documents are to be given to the PTO Executive Board, please email them to the Board Secretary, Marissa Nolfi, 2 days in advance of the meeting date. [pto@bedminsterschool.org](mailto:pto@bedminsterschool.org)**

### **\*Old Business**

**Spirit Wear Annual Sale:** September 27<sup>th</sup>-October 7<sup>th</sup> Melissa Kircher and Jessica Pascale

Jessica- We did really well with the sale. Our total sales were \$5,282.00. We sold 235 pieces. Making our profit of \$2,132.25. Ship date is roughly the end of October.

**Bulletin Boards:** Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi

**PBA Annual Kickball Tournament:** Stephanie Zultanky October 8<sup>th</sup>

Great time! Took a bunch of pictures that will be shown soon. Planning on doing again next year if interested in playing. We had 10 people and had a great time. Music and food. Support to The Bedminster PBA.

### **Ongoing Committees**

**Assemblies:** Sonia Marto and Fareeha Rahim

**Spirit Wear Annual Sale:** Melissa Kircher and Jessica Pascale

**Bulletin Boards:** Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi

**Homeroom Parents:** Ramsey Melendez and Danielle Fredella

**8th Grade:** Suzie Stevinson, Melissa Kircher and Mimi Brown

**PR/Social**

Ramsey Melendez and Ann Van Druff

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Facebook: Bedminster School PTO

Instagram: @BedminsterPTO

Twitter: coming soon!

**Donations & Corporate Matching**

Executive Board

Still going on, reach out If your company has a match program.

**Helping Hands**

Suzie Stevinson

**Closing Notes:** Marissa Nolfi, PTO President

Thank you all for coming. Thank you to all of the volunteers and new HRP's.

**Next meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> , 2022 at 7:00pm in room 315**

**This meeting date is subject to change.**

**Meeting Closed at 8:04 pm**

***\*COMMENTS – We welcome any comments from the floor. However, please direct any questions specifically pertaining to your child(ren) to the appropriate person after the meeting or to the appropriate administrator during school hours. This meeting is recorded for the purpose of drafting a minutes report and to have a factual record of the meeting once minutes are submitted.***

