



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021



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Start time: 7:04pm

Welcome and Comments – Danielle Fredella, President

- Welcome everyone and thank you for coming. We will not be addressing ongoing committees this month as there has not been any new information reported to be addressed. We will pick up with those businesses in next month's meeting.

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

- This week, we transitioned grades 1, 2, 4, and 7 back into the building five days per week as the next part of our Phase In Process. When 3rd Grade returned a few weeks ago, they did a Red Carpet Theme where students and teachers dressed up fancy and took a picture as they made their way into the classroom. This week, 2nd grade students and teachers dressed up as superheroes and decorated the outside of their classrooms with that theme.
- During the week of March 1st - 5th, BTS celebrated Read Across America Week and the overall theme of celebrating a nation of Diverse Readers. Each day of the week had a theme and an activity. One of the highlights of our week was having guest readers that represented the following groups: the Bedminster Board of Education, the Bedminster PTO, the Bedminster Police Department, The Bedminster Mayor, former teachers, community members, a member of the Somerset Patriots baseball team, and current BTS administrators. Thank you to all and a special thank you to Mrs. Mowery, our Library Media Specialist for organizing the week.
- Thank for giving our teachers a platform and opportunity to do these presentations during our School Family Partnership Series. We started with Mrs. Alfieri and Ms. Spero on Helping Your Child Learn to Read, then transitioned to Dr. Puglia and Ms. Skiba on Ways to maximize Digital and Virtual Learning, followed by Title Talk with Ms. Mancini, and later tonight we are pleased to have Promoting Speech and Language in the Home by Mrs. Doorly and Mrs. Friedman.
- Ms. G asked to mention that BOE meetings will be going live and in person again soon. More information to follow.

As always, thanks to the PTO for all that you do!

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Elizabeth Omegna

- Many thanks to the support of our PTO, Parents, Students and most importantly, staff, for welcoming students in MP 4 as we phase in.
- Spring Sports begin April 19th.
- BTS held a wellness week before break run by Mrs. Carlin and our student ambassadors who organized eating across the rainbow, yoga for mindfulness, safety practices during the pandemic (handwashing, mask wearing, optimal body postures when in a hybrid or virtual learning environment, a PSA campaign using videos, handouts and bulletin boards and unique classroom activities that focused on uniting body-mind and heart and self care).
- MS students will be offered an opportunity to be part of a "Principal Academy" where they can shout out the things that make them BULLDOG PROUD and areas of exploration and development about the MS culture, i.e. what do they want from their BTS experience.
- Super looking forward to their great ideas and voices!
Thank you again for all that you do!

Teacher Representative Chuck Hogan – not present

Nothing to report

Board of Education Report Giovanna Lamiera – not present

Nothing to report

Correspondence and Minutes Marissa Nolfi, Secretary

- All PTO Meeting Minutes Reports can be found on our websites & social media
- Lots of Thank you's from the First Grader's for the annual Penguin assembly brought to us by Jenkinson's Aquarium. This year it was a virtual assembly but went very smoothly and our presenter did an amazing job! The kids were very happy to meet and learn about "Captain Jack" the penguin.

Treasurer's Report Ramsey Melendez, Treasurer

- Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- The PTO has two (2) separate bank accounts. One is specifically for our 50/50 raffle that we hold annually. You can find this information on this month's Treasurer's report. Please see the Treasurers report which is available on our website for actual dollar figures regarding inflows and outflows.
Our Biggest Currently are:
- Inflows: As of the end of March 2020
- \$116.00 Amazon Smile.
- Advertising for SF \$1,000.
- 50/50 Raffle Tickets \$1,000
- **Total Inflows: \$2,125.91**
- **Outflows:**

- **Cost of actual raffle tickets: \$206.02**
- **Jenkinson's Aquarium Assembly Grant for 1st Grade \$150.00**
- Total Balance in our Main account: \$48,465.34
- Total Balance in our 50/50 Raffle Account: \$1300
- **Total combined as of March, 31, 2021: \$49,765.34**
- PTO will be collecting memberships via **PayPal friends and family** at btsptotreasury@gmail.com Ramsey Melendez

New Business

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair: April 19th – May 2nd:

Danielle Fredella and Suzie Stevinson

- Purchase online and all purchases will be delivered directly to your home. No contact necessary. A portion of profits from the sales will go towards new books for our school!

Spring Fling: Friday, April 30, 2021

Laura Kamrow

- This year Spring Fling will be limited to an online silent auction as well as our 50/50 raffle.
- The 50/50 Raffle Tickets Sales end Friday, April 23rd.
- The 50/50 Raffle Drawing will be held on April 30th. Winners will be contacted following the drawing.
- As of April 13th the 50/50 Raffle is up to \$3,580. We have exceeded what we were at last year at this point.
- Silent auction (bidding) will take place from April 24rd to April 30th
- Items are currently listed on our 32auctions website so you can go get a sneak peek!
- Please keep your eyes open for all of the information you will need to access our 2021 Spring Fling silent auction and 50/50
- Advertisers that advertised this year and are currently listed on our website and social posts will be going out.
- A number of advertisers at the highest level this year which means they will also be our website and newsletter sponsors for one particular month over the upcoming year.

Anyone interested in volunteering for Spring Fling committee, please email Laura at: LauradeZutter@yahoo.com

Staff Appreciation Lunch: Wednesday May 4th

Melissa Kircher and Danielle Fredella

- All Staff & Teachers are welcome. It will be a Grab and Go style Lunch.
- A Staff Appreciation Raffle will also be drawn during teacher lunch which will include gift cards to select theme stores.
- Thank you to Dr. Omega for helping the PTO with this event!

Board Election:

Danielle Fredella
Ramsey Melendez will report

Voting on the 2021-2022 School Year during this meeting

Re-election Positions:

- Danielle Fredella – President – seeking 2nd term
- Meghan Schulze – Vice President – seeking 2nd term
- Marissa Nolfi – Secretary – seeking 2nd term

Seeking Election

- Lisa Cohen – Treasurer – 1st term

Results of Election/Reelection:

All in Favor of Danielle Fredella – President 2nd year

All in Favor of Meghan Schulze – Vice President 2nd year

All in favor of Marissa Nolfi – Secretary 2nd year

All in favor of Lisa Cohen – Treasurer 1st year

Congratulations to the Executive Board!

PTO Executive Board Members may sit in the seats that they are currently in for no more than two (2) consecutive years. For both first and second year, they must be elected or reelected into that position.

*Anyone interested in running for any of the upcoming Board positions for the 2022-2023 school year must let the Board know, in writing. Reach out to any Board member for more information.

Promoting Speech and Language Presentation:

Hosted by Mrs. Peggy Doorly and Mrs. Debbie Friedman

To view Mrs. Doorly & Mrs. Friedman's presentation: Please visit our website at www.bedminsterpto.org

The link can also be found on all of our social media platforms.
Check us out on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Thank you, Mrs. Doorly and Mrs. Friedman for a wonderful and informative presentation!!

***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 the PTO. 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

Old Business and Ongoing Committee information will be discussed in our May meeting.

PTO Membership:

Executive Board

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

PTO Meeting Schedule:

- May 11th, 7:00pm – link to follow
June 8th, 7:00pm - link to follow
<http://www.bedminsterpto.org/meeting-dates.html>

****Please note: All meetings are subject to change at any time. All meetings will be held virtually through Google Meet until further notice.**

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Closing Notes: Danielle Fredella, PTO President

We will have information regarding the turnout of Spring Fling. We are going to have an awesome time (virtually). Thank you for joining us tonight, everyone.

Next meeting will be May 11, 2021 7:00pm

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 7:58pm

****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.***

