



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019



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Start time: 9:40 am

Welcome and Comments: Ramsey Melendez, President

- Good morning and thank you for coming.

Principal's Report: Corby Swan *minutes from November and December

- The new team Leader for Grades 5 & 6 is Ms. Mancini. If you have any questions, concerns, or praise to relay to the team please reach out to [Ms. Mancini](#).
- Stokes 6th grade trip:
 - *rescheduled* for March 16 and 17, 2020
 - thank you to The New Jersey School of Conservation and Mr Philips for working together to get this set up for us.
- School Culture and Climate Initiative:
 - working with Kathleen McClay from the College of Saint Elizabeth to review the data from the fall survey taken by students and staff.
 - This will then be reviewed with members of our School Climate team in January and continue moving forward with the process as part of our three-year partnership with the College of Saint Elizabeth.
- Homework Surveys:
 - within the next week you will be receiving a brief survey
 - Please fill it out by the deadline as the information will be extremely important in helping us move forward in that area.
 - The survey will be approximately 12 - 15 questions in length with multiple choice responses and options for brief explanation when necessary
- Boys' and girls' basketball have started; good luck to both teams
- Week 2 of concert series:
 - Mr. Lefurge and Mr. Copeland are kicking it into high gear with all of their ensembles.
 - Tomorrow night we will have our Concert Band and Jazz Band performance
 - next Wednesday December 18th we will have our Choral and Handbell Concert
 - Even if your own children are not performing in these concerts and you just want to be entertained, please feel free to attend. All concerts begin at 7pm.
 - The Orchestra and Strings Concert was amazing last week
- Handbell Ensemble:
 - December 4th the Bedminster Handbell Ensemble performed at the annual Holiday Open House in the Newark Museum of Art.
 - The students provided seasonal music for the event, which was open to all residents of the City of Newark as well as patrons of the museum.
 - Congratulations to Mr. Copeland and the Handbell Ensemble for being invited to do this performance.
- Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring the Brain Wash Game Show Assembly
- Friday, December 20 will be an early dismissal (1:30 pm)
- School closed December 23 through January 1, 2020 for Winter Recess

Teacher Representative – Chuck Hogan

No information available

Board of Education Report – Suzie Stevinson (reported by Jen Giordano and Alicia Schauer)

- Next meeting is December 12 @ 7:30pm
- Re-Org meeting will be held January 6, 2020 at 6 pm at the school in the Teacher's Lounge and a business meeting will take place immediately following
- Monthly meeting January 23 @ 7:30 am

Correspondence and Minutes – Meghan Schulze (absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- Thank you note from Ashley Isello thanking us for the Nov. Conference dinner

Treasurer's Report – Ralph Wojtech (absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- Available on tables
- Inflows: AmazonSmile and Spirit Wear
- Outflows: Prismatic, Nov Conference Dinner, Spanish grant and Bruce Blitz

New Business

HIB Presentation: Gina Infante

- All HIB information can be found [here](#)
- Please contact Mrs. Infante with any questions

Bulldog Monthly: Executive Board

- Will be looking for some to talk over the publishing of the newsletter after this school year

PTO Meeting Schedule:

- January 14 – 7 pm - Room 315
- February 11 – 7 pm - Room 315
- March 10 – 7 pm - Room 315
- April 14 – 7 pm - Room 315
- May 12 – 7 pm - Room 315
- June 9 – 7 pm - Room 315

Spring Fling: Friday, April 17th, 2020: Laura Kamrow (absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- License have been obtained for both the 50/50 and basket raffles.
- 50/50 tickets and 'save the date' mailers will be sent out to families early 2020
- Solicitation and Advertising
 - Mailings to local businesses will go out early 2020
 - If you have any connections at local golf clubs, retail locations or entertainment venues we would love to talk to you
 - Sign up sheet is now available for solicitation volunteers (callers and/or pick up help)
- Silent Auction Wine collections:
 - Sign up sheet available for wine donations to be used in Silent Auction
 - Bottles will be collected at future PTO meeting
- HR Parents are working on their class baskets
- Volunteers: whether you have 1 hour or 100, we need many volunteers. Please email Laura: LauradeZutter@yahoo.com

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 regarding 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 2 days in advance of meeting date. pto@bedminsterschool.org

- No comments or questions asked about the above covered agenda topics.

Old Business

Bedminster Charities Fall Fest (BCFF): Saturday, October 26: Tara Mulcahy & Meriah Valente

- No information available

PTO Membership: Executive Board

- \$15 per Family
- Forms can be found on website and all current Newsletters

Spirit Wear: October 28 - November 6: Jessica Pascale & Melissa Kircher (absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- Delivery prior to December break

Ongoing Committees

Assemblies: Angela Gatto, Renee Hachey & Tina Dadas (absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- Brain Wash Game Show was November 27 and a huge hit with both students and teachers
- February 21 Mobile Ed - The Spirit to Overcome (Black History Month)
- March: Researching a presenter for Women's History Month

Cub Scouts Pack #1749- Steve Frantz (absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/cub-scouts.html>
- For grades K – 5, new members are welcome at anytime
- Open to both Boys and Girls
- Pack had their Holiday Party last night
- Getting ready for the Pinewood Derby to be held in February

Box Tops: Stephanie Zultanky & Mariana Wickizer (absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- Contest coming early 2020

Bulletin Board: Faith Costabile & Danielle Fredella (absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- The new winter boards look amazing!

CIC, The HUB: Anna Spitaleri (absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- Bernard Township Municipal Alliance will be hosting "Screenagers: Next Chapter" on Thursday, January 23 at Ridge HS PAC at 6:30 pm. All are invited to attend. Free, but seats may be reserved at: <https://tinyurl.com/yy8a83of> For more info: www.bernardsalliance.org

SH Municipal Alliance: Anna Spitaleri

- No information available

Helping Hands: Linda Fragassi

- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/helping-hands.html>

Homeroom Parents: Suzie Stevinson & Jen Calpin

- No information available

Social Media/Website: Ramsey Melendez

- Please visit: www.bedminsterpto.org
- Like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

8th Grade: Karen Rosen (absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- 50/50 Raffle
 - Will be sold at both the December 11th and 18th Holiday Concerts
 - Drawing will be held at the January 14th PTO meeting (winner need not be present)
- Holiday Workshop
 - Students: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during school hours
 - Families: Wednesday 3-7 pm

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Closing Notes: Ramsey Melendez

- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 14 @ 7 pm in room 315

Meeting closed at 10:15 am

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 writing minutes and to have a factual record of the meeting once minutes are submitted recordings are deleted.

