



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

January 14 2020



www.bedminsterpto.org
pto@bedminsterschool.org

Start time: 7:08pm

Welcome and Comments – Ramsey Melendez, President

- Welcome everyone and thank you for coming.

Principal's Report: Corby Swan

- I will start off with the exciting news that this past Friday, January 10th, when I announced to our entire school that Ms. Melissa Skiba was the Bedminster Township School 2020 Governor's Educator of the Year. Ms. Skiba brings to the table the qualities of being a team player, building relationships with her students (both current and past), as well as collaboration with colleagues in researching best practices and sharing ideas to enrich the lives of our students. So, we say a big congratulations to her!
- We are reviewing survey data for our School Culture and Climate Initiative in collaboration with the College of Saint Elizabeth and will be forming a student team soon to make strides in this area.
- Thank you, Mrs. Fredella and Mrs. Costabile, for their awesome work on our bulletin boards in the main lobby.
- Please remember that we are closed for school on January 20th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- The end of second marking period has been moved from 1/17/20 to now end on 1/24/20.
- Thank you to the PTO for all that they do.

Teacher Representative – Chuck Hogan

- Thank you for Wellness Week it was a lot of fun
- Everyone is busy picking out their books from the Scholastic Book Fair.
- Thank you for the wonderful assembly on recycling
- Looking forward to spring and many more exciting things to come

Board of Education Report – Suzie Stevenson - Absent, report by Giovanna Lameria

- Next meeting is January 23rd @ 7:30pm
- Cub scouts opened the first meeting of the year
- The new members were sworn in and the new president and vice price president of the BOE where voted on and sworn in. President Jeff Reaves and Vice president Suzie Stevenson.
- It was a very brief meeting just to get all the new positions assigned and new members sworn in.

Correspondence and Minutes – Meghan Schulze

- Thank you note from Ms. Giordano for the recycling assembly

Treasurer's Report – Ralph Wojtech - Absent, reported by Ramsey Melendez

- Available on tables
- Inflows: Fall Fest and Transfer of the 50/50
- Outflows: Brainwash Assembly, postage stamps, barker bus, aquarium class grant.

New Business

8th Grade 50/50 Raffle: Marisa Austenberg

- Total raised \$6,965.00 (\$3,482.50 going to 8th grade Washington DC trip)
- First prize 25% = \$1,741.25
- Second Prize 15% = \$1044.75
- Third Prize 10%- = \$696.50

2020-2021 Executive Board: Executive Board

- All 4 Board positions will be open
 - Danielle and Meghan will be running for President and Vice President respectfully
 - Notify current Board prior to April 14th meeting if interested
 - Elections will be held at the May 12th meeting
- Editor for the Newsletter
- Social media and PR Coordinator

PTO Meeting Schedule:

- 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

- Invitations and 50/50 tickets will be mailed to all families and staff early February
- Tickets will go on sale February 14
- Solicitation letters have been sent to previous business supporters
- Sign up for solicitations calls and wine donations sheets were passed around. Please contact Laura if you would like to help
- Anyone interested in volunteering, in any way, please email 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 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 2 days in advance of meeting date. pto@bedminsterschool.org
- No comments or questions were asked.

Old Business

Bedminster Charities Fall Fest: Saturday, October 26, 2020: Tara Mulcahy & Meriah Valente –

Absent Reported by Ramsey Melendez

- Most profitable year donation totaled \$6,200.
- Admission, silent auction and beer tent were the most profitable
- 50/50 did not do as well as expected, despite selling earlier
- Social media was a great help in getting info out to other towns.
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped

PTO Membership: Executive Board

- \$15 per Family
- Forms can be found on website

Spirit Wear: October 28- November 6: Jessica Pascale & Melissa Kircher

- Looking to change things up next year
- Running the sale at a different time is possible
- Looking for a new vendor

Ongoing Committees

Assemblies: Angela Gatto, Renee Hachey & Tina Dadas

- January 3: PTO assisted The Wellness Committee and the Green Team in bringing in a recycling assembly. Grand Falloons “Professor W’s Earth Science Circus: “Garbage: What a Waste!”
- February 21: Mobil Ed - The Spirit to Overcome (Black History Month)

Cub Scouts Pack #1749 - Howard Wolkow & Steve Frantz

- For grades K – 5, new members are welcome at anytime
- Open to both Boys and Girls
- The pinewood derby is coming up February 3rd, the kids have already started working on their cars.
- An overnight trip is coming up to the Camden Aquarium
- There will be a camping trip in May, the location is still under consideration

Box Tops: Stephanie Zultanky & Mariana Wickizer

- Total box raised from last year to this year December \$1,188.00
- Flyer coming out on how the new program works
- “Spring String” contest will run March through April.

Bulletin Board: Faith Costabile & Danielle Fredella

- Winter boards are up
- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/bulletin-boards.html>

CIC, The HUB: Anna Spitalari,

- Meaningful and educational volunteer opportunities for Middle School students are offered throughout the year at Community in Crisis, The Hub; for information please email: Info@communityincrisis.org.

SH Municipal Alliance: Anna Spitaleri

- Nothing at this time

Helping Hands: Linda Fragassi

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

Homeroom Parents: Suzie Stevinson& Jen Calpin - Absent

Social Media/Website: Ramsey Melendez

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

8th Grade: Karen Rosen

- Deposits for the Washington DC trip are due by the 27th or you will not be able to go.
- February 7th is the Snowball dance for Pre-K to 4th grade
- All parent and student 8th grade volunteers’ hours should be fulfilled (school community service hours do not count towards 8th grade hours)
- Faculty and student basketball game details to come
- February 21st is Parents’ Night Out fundraiser for the drama club 6:30 -9pm

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Closing Notes: Ramsey Melendez

- Next meeting is February 11, 7 pm Room 315
- Thank you all for coming out tonight

Meeting Closed at 7:54pm

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.

