



**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL**

**Parent Teacher Organization
Meeting Minutes**

May 11, 2021



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Start time: 7:08pm

Welcome and Comments – Danielle Fredella, President

Thank you for joining this evening.

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

Principal Swan's PreK - 4 Update

I am extremely excited to announce that the district will be using a new math program in Grades K - 4 beginning next school year. The name of the program is i-Ready Classroom Mathematics and it focuses on three core beliefs: 1) Teachers use data to Differentiate Instruction 2) Students take ownership of their learning and 3) Practice matches the rigor of the standards.

I am also very excited that many of our teachers and students have already or will be doing some end of the year celebrations such as the Jenkinson's Aquarium Virtual Penguin Visit, the Mother's Day Tea, an outdoor planting project, a Poetry Picnic, a shirt tie-dying activity, a towel picnic, and even a possible PreK promotion.

Our School Family Partnership Series has been great this year. We started with Mrs. Alfieri and Ms. Spero on Helping Your Child Learn to Read, then Dr. Puglia and Ms. Skiba on Ways to maximize Digital and Virtual Learning, followed by Title Talk with Ms. Mancini, and our last one was Promoting Speech and Language in the Home by Mrs. Doorly and Mrs. Friedman. Thank you so much to these teachers for taking the time to work on these presentations, then to take a night out of their own time to present them, and of course to the PTO for supporting these efforts and giving them a platform.

Thank you for the boxed meals that you provided to our staff on National Teacher Appreciation Day!

Shoutout to Danielle Fredella & Faith Constable for all of their work on the bulletin boards. Thank you very much for what you do.

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Elizabeth Omegna

Not present. Reported by Danielle Fredella

A HUGE thanks to our amazing PTO for spoiling the staff during staff appreciation! Gift cards, yummy lunches, and a lot of love were out and about and we cannot thank you enough for the continued support!

State Testing was cancelled in grades 3-8 by the DoEd, with the exception of ELL (English Language Learner) testing which is going on in May along with 2nd and 4th-grade CoGat testing which is a measurement of reasoning and thinking that is used with other measurers for placements.

Earth Day was celebrated by our Wellness and Sustainability crew with a helping hand by our 8th graders who collected recycled water bottles in the cafe. These were repurposed/reused/recycled to plant seedlings to share with staff for staff appreciation.

Spring Sports are braving the weather and today both Lacrosse and Softball had games and we are keeping our fingers crossed for no rain during play!

With less than 30 days, we are prepping for our Promotion Ceremony (with details to follow in our May MS Newsletter coming out Friday).

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 for the Amazon gift cards distributed to teachers from our leftover homeroom parent money from last school year that couldn't be used due to covid.
- Examples of what teachers did with their gift cards: Ms. Spero purchased the supplies to create an earth day/mother's day planting project with pictures of the children on the flower pots and chalkboard stakes that the kids wrote "mom" on, dirt, seeds and other miscellaneous crafts to pull off the planting project. Mrs. Holzberger was very excited at the timing of her gc and used it to buy ingredients to make an Authentic French drink for her 7th grade students called "French Teisseire Sirop". She included the 8th graders as well as they missed out last year due to covid.
- Thank you's for the Staff Appreciation Lunch. Staff was very thankful for their grab and go meals that the PTO donated.
- Dr. O sent a beautiful card explaining how deeply touched she is by what we do for BTS and that sharing the children with her is very special. Lunch was phenomenal and she is super appreciative of our love, kindness and support to our BTS community.

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 main account:**
- Advertising for SF \$1,900.00
- Donations from BTS families \$525.00
- Transfer ('20SF 50/50) \$300.00
- **Inflows 50/50 Account:**
- 50/50 Raffle Tickets \$4,885.00
- **Total Inflows: \$7,610.00**
- **Outflows main account:**
- BHS Project Graduation Donation \$500.00
- Grade Level Grant- 4th Grade Historian Zoom \$180.00
- BTS 8th Grade Awards ceremony \$150.00
- Amazon Gift Cards (leftover 19-20 HRP \$) \$2,450.00
- **Outflows 50/50 Account:**
- Transfer (balance of '20 SF 50/50 proceeds) \$300.00
- **Total Outflows: \$3,580.00**
- Total Balance in our Main account: \$47,925.58
- Total Balance in our 50/50 Raffle Account: \$5,885.00
- **Total combined as of April 30, 2021: \$53,810.58**
- PTO will be collecting memberships via **PayPal friends and family** at btsptotreasury@gmail.com Ramsey Melendez

***New Business**

Spring Fling: Friday, April 30, 2021

Laura Kamrow

- We had a total of 100 baskets in our silent auction. All but two baskets sold.
- Total proceeds from SF (silent auction, 50/50 & advertisers) \$16,208.94
- Perspective of where we are at over the last few years: In 2017 we made around \$28,000 In 2018 we made roughly \$33,000 and in 2019 we were at about \$40,000
- 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

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

Danielle Fredella and Suzie Stevinson

- This turnout brought in \$450.00

- Scholastic gave us the opportunity to roll this over into next year so we don't have to divide up this small amount for the teachers, we can combine it with next year's profit.
- Scholastic book fair is scheduled for September 27th to October 4th 2021, upon approval of it being in the building.

Staff Appreciation Lunch: Wednesday May 4th

Melissa Kircher and Danielle Fredella

- The lunch went very well. Very happy with Kings and how they organized everything. We would definitely use them again in the future.

***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**

Nothing to report

Ongoing Committees:

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:

- 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.**

Assemblies

Sonia Marto

- None scheduled at this time. Information to follow soon.

Bulletin Boards

Danielle Fredella and Faith Constable

- Faith created her last bulletin board for BTS as she is graduating out and will no longer be on this committee.
- Danielle & Faith created and designed gorgeous spring and Graduation themed boards.

Homerom Parents

Ramsey Melendez

- Thank you to all HRP's for sending the emails needed and for all of their time and dedication to the teachers and their classrooms.
- If you are interested in becoming a Homerom Parent for next school Year, please email Ramsey.

Bedminster Charities Fall Fest

Meriah Valente, Stephanie Zultanky and Samantha D'antuono

Cancelled this year

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Closing Notes: Danielle Fredella, PTO President

We would like to schedule time to discuss back to school night and assemblies and possibly come up with something new and different to kick off an exciting new year after the hectic year that we have had.

Next meeting will be June 8, 2021 at 7:00pm

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 7:41 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.***

