



## BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

### Parent Teacher Organization

### Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020



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**Start time:** 7:06pm

**President's Welcome:** Ramsey Melendez

- Welcome everyone and thank you for coming.

**Principal's Report:** Corby Swan

- We are in the middle of Marking Period 3
- As one of his last projects as a teacher Mr. Hazen led some of our students in the Future City Competition on January 18th at Rutgers University. Future City involves 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students imagining, researching, designing, and building cities of the future that showcase their solution to a citywide sustainability issue. This year's topic was: Clean Water, Tap into Tomorrow. I had the opportunity to attend the competition and I left quite impressed with the work done by our students.
- On Tuesday, February 6th our School Climate Team met to discuss survey data as well as areas of strength and growth opportunities in our school. This is part of our three-year School Culture and Climate Initiative with the College of St. Elizabeth.
- For the past few weeks our teachers and students have been learning about NJCAP which is a Bullying Prevention Program designed to:
  - raise awareness and identify types of bullying and harassment
  - encourage anti-bully and harassment policies
  - train adults in appropriate intervention strategies
  - improve student communication, conflict resolution, problem solving and other social skills
- Our winter sports teams have completed their seasons and our Odyssey of the Mind Teams are in full swing
- Chaired by Ms. Giordano, the BTS Math Committee had their first meeting on February 6th. Made up of K-8 teaching staff representing special education, general education, intervention, technology, Math, ELA and 2 administrators. They are tasked with setting a vision for the future of our elementary programming, working together to share strengths & opportunities from past and current programming, reviewing priorities for new programs, researching new programs and coordinating a rollout and professional development for the new program. Our time frame is Feb 2020 - Sept 2022.
- Our 2nd edition of the Bulldog Brief was sent out last week. This is our way of communicating Board of Education approved district goal updates and progress to our parent community. You will find SEL and Math highlights with live links to help keep you informed. Sustainability updates will be listed within the SEL section.
- The Wellness Committee has confirmed, since May is National Allergy & Asthma Awareness Month, that our Allergy & Asthma Awareness Week will be May 18-22, 2020. More information is to come in the next couple of months.

**Teacher Representative:** Chuck Hogan

- Not present

**Board of Education Report:** Suzie Stevinson report by Giovanna Lamiera

- Next meeting is January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm
- Reviewing the start date of the new school and possible changes to the new start time
- Budget review for the next year has begun
- Robotics Team did an amazing presentation at the meeting that was very interesting and exciting
- Ms. Skiba was honored as this year's teacher of the year

## **Correspondence and Minutes** – Meghan Schulze, Secretary

- Minutes for December and January were approved by Amber and Marisa

## **Treasurer's Report** – Ralph Wojtech

- Available on tables
- Inflows: Box Tops, Display My Art, refunds-bulletin board supplies
- Outflows: Personalized Paraphernalia, Grand Fallons Assembly, Teacher of the Year, USPS (Spring Fling)

## **New Business**

### **2020-2021 Executive Board Positions:** Executive Board

- All 4 positions will be open
  - Danielle and Meghan will be running for President and Vice President respectfully
  - Notify current Board prior to April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting if interested
  - Elections will be held at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting

### **2020-2021 Open Chair Positions:** Executive Board

- Newsletter
- Social Media
- Assemblies

### **PTO Meeting Schedule:**

- 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** Laura Kamrow

- **Tickets:** on sale February 14<sup>th</sup> [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Basket Item Donations:** [MySignUp.com](#): items needed (both high end and low-ticket priced items are needed)
- **50/50 Ticket Sales:** [MySignUp.com](#): Volunteers needed to sell 50/50 tickets at local business. Locations include: King's and Gus & Bucky's. Short one-hour time slots.
- **Solicitors:** Please reach out Laura if you can help call 3 or 4 places to follow up on their donation
- **Recycled baskets:** drop off at school on cart in entry way.
- **Wine donations:** \$15-40 value. Will be included in our Silent Auction. Please bring to PTO meeting or email to set up at time to give to volunteer
- **Volunteering:** always needed and appreciated. Contact Laura [lauradezutter@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:pto@bedminsterschool.org)

- No comments or questions.

## **Old Business**

### **Bedminster Charities Fall Fest (BCFF): Saturday, October 24, 2020:** Tara Mulcahy & Meriah Valente

### **PTO Membership:** Executive Board

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

## **Ongoing Committees**

### **Assemblies:** Angela Gatto, Renee Hachey & Tina Dadas

- February 21: Mobile Ed: The Spirit to Overcome (Black History Month)

### **Bulletin Board:** Faith Costabile & Danielle Fredella

- Winter boards are up

**Box Tops:** Stephanie Zultanky & Mariana Wickizer

- 'Spring String' contest will run March 16 to April 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a first and second prize winners.

**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](mailto:Info@communityincrisis.org)

**Cub Scouts Pack #1749** - Howard Wolkow & Steve Frantz

- For grades K – 5, new members are welcome at anytime
- Open to both boys and girls
- Blue and Gold Dinner will be in May
- Three 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are moving up to Arrow of Light

**Helping Hands:** Linda Fragassi

**Homeroom Parents:** Suzie Stevinson & Jen Calpin

**PR / Social Media:** Ramsey Melendez

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**SH Municipal Alliance:** Anna Spitalari

**Social Media/Website:** Ramsey Melendez

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- Like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

**8th Grade:** Karen Rosen

- 8<sup>th</sup> vs' Faculty basketball game. Doors open at 6:30 pm and game at 7 pm
- February 21<sup>st</sup> is parents' night out fundraiser for the drama club 6:30 -9pm

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**Closing Notes:** Ramsey Melendez

- Next meeting March 10 at 7 pm, Room 315

**Meeting Closed at 7:33pm**

**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.

