



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021



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Start time: 7:04pm

President's Welcome and Comments – Danielle Fredella, President

Welcome & Thank you for joining tonight!

If anyone has any questions pertaining to something not listed in the agenda please reach out to Danielle via the PTO website. www.bedminsterpto.org

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

Since we last met we have had some exciting things happening in Elementary School here a BTS.

- We held a very successful Virtual Back To School Night on September 30th where families learned more about our Teachers, curriculum, and instructional programs. Thank you to all who attended the event.
- During the week of October 4th through 8th Bedminster Township School participated in the Week of Respect. This is annually held during the first full week in October as schools engage in activities and learning opportunities that highlight the importance of safe and respectful learning environments. Thank you to our school counselors, Ms. Deckhut and Mrs. Infante for organizing this week.
- Thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to help us with the Scholastic Book Fair during the week of October 4th through 8th.
- We have made progress in our new i-ready math program. This program is a math discourse program that focuses on the mathematical communication that occurs in a classroom prior to students solving their math problems.
- We are also planning to have our Pre-k through 4 Halloween

Parade on Friday, October 29, 2021. You should have received information regarding the Halloween parade, so please make sure that you check your email for that communication. If we have inclement weather, we will attempt to hold the parade inside. If that is the case, parents will not be allowed to attend.

- I would also like to remind everyone to please fill out the Governor's Educator of the Year form that was emailed to all BTS parents and staff members. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only honor one deserving educator but to recognize all educators for what they do on a daily basis.
- We are also extremely excited that we will continue our School-Family Partnership series in conjunction with the PTO this school year. This is an awesome opportunity for staff to highlight their knowledge skills and support families. We had so many amazing presentations last year and received wonderful feedback. For the month of November, our School Behaviorist Dr. Elena Garcia-Albea and our Director of Student Services, Mrs. Lauren Zugale will be our first presenters to kick off this effort during PTO Meetings. As always thank you very much to the PTO for all that you do for our school and community.

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Elizabeth Omega

Not present- Reported by Corby Swan

- The MS continues to welcome the positive feedback of our student body on our new schedule and pilot programs.
- The Principal's Academy team is getting ready to prepare for MS Spirit days in the months ahead to bring in school spirit. Details for the Halloween dress-up at the MS level will be in the October Newsletter coming out Friday afternoon.
- Tomorrow is PICTURE DAY FOR ALL students and staff
- Start Strong State testing, the fall snapshot window, will be sent out to all families in grades 4-8 in the next 48 hours as we will be testing next week.
- Please support the girl's FH team and soccer teams this fall! Field Hockey's Friday is a home match against Bernardsville, please come out!

Teacher Representative Patricia Leonti

Not present – nothing to report

Board of Education Report Giovanna Lamiera

Last month's meeting was about 30 minutes in length and stuck to the agenda. No further information to report.

Correspondence and Minutes Marissa Nolfi, Secretary

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Click here for September 2021 Minutes Report
[September 2021 Minutes Report](#)

No correspondence to Report.

Reporting on Wellness Committee (this was not on the agenda, it was brought to us by Ms. G the night before this PTO meeting)

Wellness Wednesday- October 20th-students and staff are encouraged to wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There is also a Breast Cancer Awareness Bulletin Board being created by the Wellness student committee outside of the gym.

Friday's are encouraged to be Bulldog Blue/Spirit Wear day!

Friday, October 29th staff and students are encouraged to wear purple and orange in honor of Halloween as kids are not allowed to wear Halloween costumes to school that day. Pre-K-4th will be dressing up later in the day for their Halloween Parade.

One of the student representatives will make an announcement regarding the spirit days, Ms. G will send a staff email and include this information in the Bulldog Bulletin.

The Wellness Children's representatives are creating paper apples that will include healthy tips written on them which will hang on the walls near the gym.

The Green Team is creating a #BryceStrong Bulletin Board.

For more information regarding the Wellness Committee and our Green Team please follow this link. [District Committees - Bedminster School](#)

Treasurer's Report Lisa Cohen, Treasurer

- Full Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- Click here to view: [October Treasurer Report](#)
- **Inflows: \$491.00**
- **Outflows: \$1,588.62**
- Main Account Balance: \$55,514.21 as of 9/30.2021
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300.00
- Total Cash Available: \$55,814.21
- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at btsptotreasury@gmail.com Lisa Cohen

New Business

PTO Membership: Donations are always welcome!

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.

Spirit Wear October 18-22nd

Jessica Pascale and Melissa Kircher

Click here for more information:

[Spirit Wear](#)

Information on how to shop will come out in Friday Folder, the Wellness committee will also help promote Spirit Wear for Bulldog Fridays. You will be able to shop online, pay online and your spirit wear will be shipped directly to your home.

Spring Fling: April 1, 2022

Laura Kamrow

Click here for more information:

[SPRING FLING 2021](#)

Volunteers are needed!

Spring Fling is the PTO's main Fundraiser! This year will be our 23rd annual Fundraiser!

Starting to get licensing applications for our 50/50 & basket raffle.

Solicitations! We need volunteers to make some phone calls to local businesses that would like to donate to our Spring Fling.

Volunteers needed for donation pickups.

Looking for new businesses in the area as well.

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available.

Anyone interested in volunteering for Spring Fling committee, please email Laura at:

LauradeZutter@yahoo.com

Homeroom Parents

Ramsey Melendez

Click here for more information:

[Homeroom Parent](#)

Thank you to Mr. Swan and Dr.O for getting the class lists out! Class Lists have been emailed to all HRP volunteers. A total of 23 Homerooms this year, 30 HRP volunteers. 9 volunteers are brand new! Thank you so much for your time!

4 classes do not have a HRP this year. We are seeking out volunteers interested in helping the following classrooms: Miss Spero's First grade, Mrs. McFarland's second grade and both 4th grade classes. It's the children that suffer! Please spread the word.

Two HRP meeting are scheduled for next week. Each meeting will have the same agenda. Tuesday the 19th and Thursday the 21st both at 7:00pm. You do not need to attend both meetings.

The most important information for HRP's this year are the guidelines. (This information was also sent out in an email from Ramsey last week) Administration has very specific guidelines set in place for all volunteers who enter the building. If you are vaccinated for COVID-19, you will need to present your Vax card which will then be copied and filed with our Admin Staff. If you are not vaccinated, you will need to have a Negative PCR test within 24 hours of being in the building to help the children. You will not be granted permission into the building without one of these pieces of information.

***Old Business**

Scholastic Book Fair: October 4th-8th.

Danielle Fredella and Suzie Stevinson

The children were so pumped up to be at book fair. A lot of children have never been to book fair with the shut down over the last two years! It was a very fun and successful week. Financial aspects will be reported next month.

Ongoing Committees:

PTO Meeting Schedule: (All meeting will be conducted virtually until further notice)

- **November 9, 2021**
- **December 14, 2021**
- **January 11, 2022**
- **February 8, 2022**

- **March 8, 2022**
- **April 5, 2022**
- **May 10, 2022**
- **June 14, 2022**

Assemblies

Sonia Marto

Nothing to report at this time.

Bulletin Boards

Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi

Hope you were able to catch a glimpse of them. Pictures are posted on social media for those who have not been in the building. They will be changing on October 15th for fall.

Click here to take a peak!

[Bulletin Boards](#)

Bedminster Charities Fall Fest

Stephanie Zultanky

Volunteers are needed! Looking to form a new group to chair this event with Stephanie. There is a meeting coming up, information to follow.

Donations & Corporate Matching

Executive Board

Still going on, reach out if your company has a match program.

Helping Hands

Suzie Stevinson

Nothing to report

PR/Social

Ramsey Melendez

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If you need any information such as PayPal, Spirit Wear information - All of this including links and QR codes will be found on our PTO website as well as Facebook and Instagram. Please follow and Like us to see all the News and gather this Information!

***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

Questions from the Public:

Steve: Question regarding ordering the package for picture day.

Ramsey will follow up with information.

Giovanna: No option to order a class photo.

Mr. Swan: Class Photos are included in each package through Lifetouch.

Marianna: Asks when to purchase the picture day picture.

Closing Notes: Danielle Fredella, PTO President

Next meeting will be November 9, 2021 at 7:00pm

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 7:42pm

****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.***

