BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

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October 9, 2018

**Start time: 7:10 pm**

**Welcome and Comments**– Ramsey Melendez, President

* Welcome everyone thank you for coming out tonight
* Reminder that the November 13 meeting will be held in the teacher lounge at 9:30 am
* The Guidance department will be giving their HIB report
* All agendas going forward will include the links to the website and tabs
* We have redone our website and make updates to it daily. Please head over there for any and all PTO info.

<http://www.bedminsterpto.org/>

**Principal’s Report** – Corby Swan

* Welcome we are now in full swing with all the new procedures
* Thank you for sponsoring the All In and Hip-Hop assemblies, both of which were outstanding.
* Thank you to the PTO for all the help with Back to School Night and the Book Fair.
* The daily announcements our now up and running on the school’s website.
* The Bedminster School Fall Sports teams are doing great, so we are wishing them good luck for their seasons.
* Fire prevention returns to Bedminster School, as the Bedminster-Far Hills Fire Department will work with our grades PreK – 2nd Grade population to educate them on various topics.
* The Principals Corner will only be going out three times this year at the end of November, February, and May. It will highlight things happening in the school, upcoming key dates, educational articles, and much more.
* I am extremely happy and excited to announce that the Principal’s Character Lunch has started for the year, with one student per week being selected for this award based on the Six Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness,Respect,Responsibility,Fairness,Caring and Citizenship). Each week the recipient will have their name read on the morning announcements as well as the pillars of character that they demonstrated along with some examples of how this was accomplished.

The student will also receive a certificate and have lunch with me in the Principal’s Office. It is an honor for me spend this time with the deserving student and get to know them better.

**Teacher Representative** – Chuck Hogan

* All In and Hip-Hop Assemblies where great
* Back to school Night was great, thank you for all the snacks
* Book Fair was wonderful the students had a great time and so did the teachers

**Board of Education Report** – Suzie Stevinson, not present: Reported by Jen Cerra-Johnson

* Nothing to report at this time
* Next Meeting is October 18 at 7:30pm in the Teacher’s Lounge

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

* Thank you, Note from Mrs. Burke for back to school lunch
* September Minutes approved by Sandy and Angela

**Treasurer’s Report** – Ralph Wojtech, Treasurer

* Inflows from memberships and magnets
* Outflows for assemblies, new sound systems, bookfair

**New Business**

**Committees and/or Chairpersons Needed: Ramsey Melendez**

* Happy to announce that all Chair positions are filled
* We are looking for a co-chair for the Barnes and Noble Book Fair in May

**PTO Membership & Directory**- Martin Johansson

* Electronic Membership & Directory
* $20 Membership **And** Directory
* $10 Membership only
* https://bedminster.planitpto.com

**PTO Meeting Schedule:**

http://www.bedminsterpto.org/meeting-dates.html

November 13: 9:30am – Teacher’sLounge

December 11: 7pm – room 315

January 8: 7pm – room 315

February 12: 7 pm – room 315

March 12: 7pm-room 315

April 9: 7pm- room 315

May 14: 7 pm – room 315

June 11: 7pm-room 315

**India Hicks:** Allison Gershon

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/india-hicks---promo.html>
* PTO fundraiser running now through October 28th
* 20% of all sales will go directly to the PTO
* Will have a table a Fall Fest for viewing merchandise in person

**Spooktacular**: October 19, 2018 5-6:30 pm Danielle Fredella & Jen Cerra-Johansson

* Pre-k to 4
* Looks to be a great time of games and fun
* Pay at the door $5 per person or $20 per family
* Please RSVP online <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/spooktacular.html>

**Trunk or Treat:** October 19, 2018 6:30 pm, Giovanna Lamiera

* We have 17-18 cars for the night
* Please bring a bag for your child to collect all the goodies
* Please if you are interested in volunteering your car contact giovannalamiera@gmail.comor

<http://www.bedminsterpto.org/trunk-or-treat.html>

**Bedminster Charities Fall Fest:** Tara Mulcahy and Meriah Valente

* October 27th, 11 – 5 pm @ River Road Park
* New events this year Halloween costume contest for kids, pets and adults
* Volunteers needed across the whole event,
* <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2384642/false#/invitation>
* PTO volunteers are needed as well for the PTO tent
* <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2467693/false#/invitation>The event benefits 7 charities in Bedminster, PTO being one of them, we need volunteers to make the day a success

**Spring Fling:** Sandy Ruzicka& Carolyn Richardson

* http://www.bedminsterpto.org/spring-fling1.html
* Trump National Golf Club on April 26, 2019
	+ Attendance at The Ryland Inn last April was down 20% from 2017.
	+ Returning to Trump National give us more flexibility, more for our money, more space and keeps the event local which aids in set up and break down.
* Main fundraiser for the PTO
* Bigger than ever as this is the 20th anniversary
* Volunteer sign up will be coming out November
* Looking for a Chair person(s) for Advertising emailing
* Any questions please email: sandy.ruzicka@gmail.com

**Old Business**

**PBA 2nd Annual Kick Ball Tournament: September 15:** Stephanie Zultanky

* Had a great time supporting our police department
* Update to come with amount raised for the Police Department

**Back to School Night Hospitality**: September 26 and 27: Kimmy Rich and Meghan Schulze

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/back-2-school-night-hospitality.html>
* We had a great time and it was a wonderful 2 nights
* Special thank you Kimmy Rich for hosting this event for multiple years, you will be missed

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Suzie Stevinson and Danielle Fredella

* October 1 – 5: http://www.bedminsterpto.org/scholastic-book-fair.html
* It was a great week, everyone kids and parents had a wonderful time
* Figures are not in yet
* Thank you to Suzie and Danielle for everything you have done

**Ongoing Committees**

**Bulldog Monthly:** Executive Board

* Hope everyone is receiving it and finding it useful
* Please email anyone on the Executive Board if there are any suggestions you have to the news letter

**Cub Scouts Pack #1749**: Howard Wolkow, not present

* Pack received a Founders Badge for establishing a new pack at the school
* Congressman Leonard Lance present an American Flag flown over the Capital in Washington D.C. to the pack
* Will be running a Rain gutter Regatta at Fall Fest for the kids at the PTO tent
* http://www.bedminsterpto.org/cub-scouts.html
* For grades K–5, new members are welcome at anytime
* Open to both Boys and Girls

**Box Tops**: Stephanie Zultanky, Lisa Cohen & Nicole Calicchio

* http://www.bedminsterpto.org/boxtops.html
* Keep saving
* Contest coming soon

**Bulletin Board**: Jodi Coleman & Faith Costabile

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/bulletin-boards.html>
* Halloween board is going up
* The boards look great, thank you Jodi and Faith

**CIC, The HUB**: Anna Spitaleri, not present: reported by Ramsey Melendez

* http://www.bedminsterpto.org/cic-the-hub.html
* The HUB Club is starting for all middle school students from 3:30-4:30 every Thursday (except school holidays)
* 7th and 8th grades will have opportunities for volunteering hours
* Friday night music night for high school students-more to come

**Helping Hands**: Linda Fragassi

* http://www.bedminsterpto.org/helping-hands.html
* No family at this time

**Homeroom Parents**: Suzie Stevinson& Jen Calpin, not present: reported by Ramsey Melendez

* http://www.bedminsterpto.org/homeroom-parent.html
* Extremely Happy to have the New homerooms parents and returning ones doing such a great job

**Social Media/Website:** Ramsey and Izzy Melendez

* Please visit:[www.bedminsterpto.org](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)
* Like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

**Programs/Assemblies**: Angela Gatto, Myla Williams & Renee Hachey

* http://www.bedminsterpto.org/programs--assemblies.html
* BMX Stunt Show, “Perfection on Wheels” is on October 15,2018
* Brain Games will be returning in November

**SHEF:** Ramsey Melendez & Marisa Austenberg

* http://www.bedminsterpto.org/shef.html
* Bernardsville Middle School and High School are hosting a townhall meeting October 24,2018 at the Performing Arts Center located at the High School doors open at 6:30pm, discussion starts at 7pm
* Topics underage drinking, substance abuse, mental health

**Spirit Wear**: Jessica Pascale & Melissa Kircher, not present: reported by Ramsey Melendez

* http://www.bedminsterpto.org/spirit-wear.html
* On-line sale will be first 2 weeks of November. Keep a look out-new styles coming!

**8th Grade:** Suzie Stevinson& Tina Costello, not present: reported by Jen Cerra-Johnson

* Far Hills Race parking at the school and old school parking lot
* Please help with all the fundraising as one day your child will also be in 8th grade
* ‘Save Around’ coupon books going on sale next week
* Hershey Chocolate – early October
* 50/50 raffle
* We will have a table at Bedminster Charities Fall Fest

**NEXT PTO MEETING**: **Tuesday November 13 @ 9:30 am ,Teacher’s Lounge**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm**

**Respectfully submitted by: Meghan Schulze – BTS PTO Secretary**

**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 may be recorded for the sole purpose of writing the minutes.**