



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021



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Start time: 7:06pm

President's Welcome and Comments – Danielle Fredella, President

Welcome & Thank you for joining tonight! New Topics on the agenda this month to go over as well as a presentation from Mrs. Zugale.

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 the last time we met we had a very spirited Halloween Parade. Thanks to the teachers, homeroom parents, as well as Mr. Lefurge and the parade band for making this an awesome event for our PreK - 4 students.

We also had very successful Parent Teacher Conferences. Hopefully parents and teachers were able to give each other some feedback that will be helpful for our students.

This week, I will start one of my favorite programs which is the Principal's Character Lunch Award. Teachers will nominate students based on their observations of students demonstrating one or more of the six pillars of character on a consistent basis. (Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship)

Reflex Math is a math fact fluency program that our students will begin using soon. Big shout out to 4th Grade teacher Mrs. Carlin who piloted this program last school year and saw some amazing results. We will use it for our Grades 2 through 4 students.

This is just a reminder that Marking Period 1 ends Friday, November 12, 2021 and Marking Period 2 begins on Monday, November 15, 2021. Our Genesis Parent Portal for grades will be unavailable from 4pm on Friday, November 12th and MP1 Report Card grades will be available to families on Wednesday, November 24th.

I am excited that we will be doing the School Family Partnership again this year and later on this evening we will have our Director of Student Services, Mrs. Lauren Zugale presenting. School will operate on an early dismissal schedule on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 and school is closed for Thanksgiving Recess on Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, 2021.

Thanks to the amazing PTO for all that you do.

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Elizabeth Omega
We want to thank you (PTO) for the awesome bulletin boards!

The MS monthly newsletter almost perfectly aligns with PTO meetings so we did not want to give up too much, but enclosed was a summary of MS MP 1 with our new schedule. We had an awesome Halloween costume contest, we have some upcoming spirit days for MS and we are working on bringing in some events (thanks again to our PTO for Mikey Fowlin) and some of the other day trips (the guest writer/reading in grade 5 would now cover grades 5-7, again, thanks to the PTO). We are looking into expanding other trips/events to include multiple grades since there were things missed.

Teacher Representative Patricia Leonti

Not present – nothing to report

Board of Education Report Giovanna Lamiera

Not present, Reported by Suzie Stevinson

There were two open seats for the election, there were two write in candidates. It is not official yet as the county has to make it official.

It appears the new Board members will be Christy Biedron and Gabriel Wickizer

Next meeting is November 18th in person.

Correspondence and Minutes Marissa Nolfi, Secretary

All PTO Meeting Minutes Reports can be found on our websites & social media

Click here for September 2021 Minutes Report

[September 2021 Minutes Report](#)

Click here for October Minutes Report

[October 2021 Minutes Report](#)

No correspondence to Report.

Motion to Approve October 2021 Minutes (Approvals cannot be from the PTO Board)

First: Jessica Pascale

Second: Ramsey Melendez

Treasurer's Report Lisa Cohen, Treasurer

- Full Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- Click here to view: [October Treasurer Report](#)
- Click here to view: [November Treasurer Report](#)

- Inflows: \$8,338.87
- Outflows: \$7,591.51
- Main Account Balance: \$56,261.57
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300.00
- Total Cash Available: \$56,561.57
- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at btsptotreasury@gmail.com Lisa Cohen

New Business

Spring Fling: April 1, 2022

Laura Kamrow

Click here for more information:

[SPRING FLING 2021](#)

Volunteers are needed!

We have a NEW Spring Fling email address: BedminsterSpringFling@gmail.com

The PTO website will be updated regularly with all info regarding SF!

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

Licensing applications for our 50/50 & basket raffle have been submitted. We should be getting those shortly.

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

Solicitation email went out to about 350 Businesses to request donations.

Laura will be reaching out to everyone who has volunteered within the week to help with calls, pickups, etc.

My sign up List went out to all of the Families.

Looking for new businesses in the area as well. Volunteers needed for donation pickups. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available.

Anyone interested in volunteering for Spring Fling committee, please email Laura at: LauradeZutter@yahoo.com

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. \$7,000 made. \$4,500 goes to the teachers to spend. We have \$4,900 to spend, we save \$100 for shipping, we save \$100 for teachers that may go over their allotted amount and then we save some money for children who cannot afford to shop the bookfair, so the PTO will purchase for those children while working directly with the teachers.

The bookfair is not a profit maker for the school or the PTO. The money comes in, gets deposited, check clears and a matching check is written out to Scholastic. We then get money back from Scholastic in "Scholastic Dollars" which is in turn turned over to our teachers to spend.

Sustainability & Wellness Committee:

Karna Johnson & Marissa Nolfi

Sustainability: Bedminster School has been working on becoming a more sustainable learning environment. Sustainable Jersey for Schools has just awarded Bedminster School with Bronze certification. There are 3 levels, Bronze, Silver & Gold. The hope is to start moving towards Silver sooner rather than later. We are working on an Innovative Biodiversity Project that would involve our retention basin which is located between the playground and the baseball field. This project would provide an outdoor space for our students, staff and community members while enhancing the eco systems that are already there. We encourage all Bedminster Families and community members to become invested in this project! There will be a lot of community service and volunteer opportunities available in hopes to get the students invested as well.

Bedminster Township School District is focused on the overall wellness of students and staff. Everyone feels pressured and/or stressed at times, as a result, our overall well-being can suffer. So, we continue to keep wellness a priority for students and staff.

Our district's Wellness Committee, composed of collaborative school community stakeholders, will bring social, emotional, behavioral, and mental mindfulness opportunities, nutrition/diet awareness, physical activity, and overall wellness to students and staff. Ad-hoc members are also included with more focused, limited tasks and will not be present at all meetings. We value your support and dedication to this initiative. If you have a wellness-centered activity that you want to share, or, if you know of someone who does, please let the committee know when we meet. Give the committee ample notice of an idea. The committee will confirm what activities will take place in the school year. Parents should email the PTO parent committee member. Teaching staff should contact the teaching staff committee members. Students can speak with their peer representatives. We look forward to another successful year of overall wellness at BTS.

Wellness Committee/Green Team:

Re-cap from the Wellness Committee Student Reps:

Wellness Wednesday- October 20th-students and staff wore Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There is also a Breast Cancer Awareness Bulletin Board that was 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 wore purple and orange in honor of Halloween

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 created a #BryceStrong Bulletin Board.

Students & Staff celebrated Red Ribbon Week Oct 25th – 29th "Drug Free looks like me"

Student Reps met with Maschio's Food Services to come up with ideas on how to incorporate Maschio's into Wellness. It was decided that they will have Wellness Wednesday Color Days beginning on November 17th. One Wellness Wednesday will be dedicated to a certain color wear the students can wear that color and Maschio's will match the food color with free food samples during lunch on those specific days.

Next meeting s December 7th, a guest speaker for the kids from the school culture & climate initiative that we are part of through College of St. Elizabeth will be joining.

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

Presentation: A Review of the Continuum of Services at BTS: Mrs. Lauren Zugale

Please follow the link to view the presentation
[A review of the Continuum of Services at BTS](#)

***Old 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](#)

Homeroom Parents

Ramsey Melendez

Click here for more information:

[Homeroom Parent](#)

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.

Thank you to all of our HRP volunteers, we are rockin and rollin!

Ongoing Committees:

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

- December 14, 2021
- January 11, 2022
- February 8, 2022
- March 8, 2022
- April 5, 2022
- May 10, 2022
- June 14, 2022

Assemblies

Sonia Marto

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

PR/Social

Ramsey Melendez

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Facebook: [Bedminster Twp School PTO Facebook Page](#)

Instagram: [Bedminster PTO \(@bedminsterpto\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Twitter: [BedminsterPTO \(@BedminsterPTO\) / Twitter](#)

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

Closing Notes: Danielle Fredella, PTO President

Next meeting will be December 14, 2021 at 7:00pm

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 8:06pm

****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.***

