# BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

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December 11, 2018

**Start time: 7:09 pm**

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

* Welcome everyone thank you for coming this evening
* Reminder that the January 8, 2019 meeting will be in room 315 @ 7pm
* We have modified 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

* Thank you all for coming this evening
* First marking period report cards have been submitted and available for you to view on Genesis. Please remember to stay in contact with your children’s teacher(s) and check Genesis consistently so you have no surprises at the end of the marking period.
* The 6th-grade students made their annual trip to “Stokes” New Jersey School of Conservation and had a wonderful time learning.  We received feedback that our school is one of the best behaved and well-mannered every year and this year’s class was no exception.
* We had two evening concerts and four school assemblies showcasing our Strings & Orchestra program as well as our Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble. Our concerts also highlight some individual performances. I want to acknowledge Mr. Lefurge and our students for a job well done.
* Tomorrow night is our Choir and Hand bell Concert beginning at 7 pm
* Congratulations to Mr. Biletski, Dr. Puglia, and the Robotic Team for their 1st place finish in the performance/programming section and the main event in the First Lego League Robotics Tournament held at Warren Hills High School on November 17th. The second-year team outperformed ten other teams at this regional event and we are all extremely proud of their performance.
* Thank you, PTO for the Brain Wash Game Show, it was tons of fun and our students learned a lot.
* Last week we held our Holiday Workshop. The students were very excited to be able to purchase items for their families. Thank you to the 8th grade group for organizing this.
* We are excited for the Bernard’s High School Performing Arts Department who will be putting on a show for our middle school students, so they can experience what will be available to them once they move up to high school.
* Thank you to Mrs. Costabile and Mrs. Coleman for taking care of the bulletin boards in our Main Lobby. They look awesome!
* Thank you to the PTO for all that you do and Happy Holidays to everyone

**Teacher Representative** – Chuck Hogan

* Thank you for the Brain Wash Game Show, it was wonderful
* Thank you for the holiday work shop and all the parents who helped wrap presents
* We have 100% teacher participation again this year in their PTO Membership
* Thank you everyone and have a great holiday season

**Board of Education Report** – Suzie Stevinson and Giovanna Lamiera

* New Board Member will be sworn in January 4th at Trump National, this will also be the township re-organization meeting, it is open to the public.
* There is an opening on the Board of Education as of the end of the year. Please visit the BOE website if you would like to apply. All applications have to be in by December 11th.
* The School’s 25th Anniversary will be held on January 8th, 2019, if you have anything from when the school first opened please let us know we would be grateful for items
* Next Meeting is December 13, at 7:30pm in the Teachers’ Lounge

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

* Nothing to report at this time

**Treasurer’s Report** – Ralph Wojtech

* Treasurer reports available on tables
* Inflows this month Spooktacular and Fall Fest Fallout Fund Drive approx. $1500
* A special thank you to Steven Brust and family, with assistance from his employer, Samsung, for his donation through his company’s matching program of $1,500! Please check with your employer to see if they offer a ‘matching program’. If you contribute to a non-profit some companies will match your donation or a certain percentage of it. Please check with your HR or Accounting Depts.
* Outflows Barker Bus, Scholastic Book Fair, Brain Wash

**New Business**

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

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/spring-fling1.html>
* Trump National Golf Club on April 26, 2019
* Main fundraiser for the PTO
* Bigger than ever as this is the 20th anniversary
* Homeroom parents ONLY sign up for class baskets please contact Sandy directly for available baskets
* Wine donation sign up is available please keep bottles in the $15-$40 range
* Solicitation sign up is out please volunteer to make calls you can make as few as 5 or as many as you are comfortable with, we will work with you, so you feel comfortable making the calls
* Tickets will be going on sale earlier this year with incentives to buy early
* We will be having a 50/50 this year instead of Bulldog Bonanza
* Any questions please email: [sandy.ruzicka@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.ruzicka@gmail.com)

**Book and Buddies:** February 5, 2019: Danielle Fredella and Ralph Wojtech

* Will be held in the Cafetorium, 6:30-7:30pm
* Mrs. Alfieri will again be asking for stuffed animal donations. Time frame is TBD
* 4th grade will be the servers and the 8th grade will be able to receive community service hours, more information to follow in the new year

**Barnes and Noble Book Fair:** May 28, 2019: **Chair needed** and Mr. Schoch

* Reach out to any Board member if you may be interested: [pto@bedminsterschool.org](mailto:pto@bedminsterschool.org)

**Old Business**

**Middle School Recess Equipment:** Meghan Schulze and Mr. St. Laurent

* Please continue to send in equipment, games, etc. there is no time limit on the donations
* Email any questions to [Meghanschulze3@gmail.com](mailto:Meghanschulze3@gmail.com)

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

* The online silent Auction went extremely well, and the PTO will receive a portion
* Numbers are being finalized and we will have more information soon

**Ongoing Committees**

**Bulldog Monthly:** Executive Board

* Hope everyone is finding it helpful and informative
* Please email the Board with suggestions

**Cub Scouts Pack #1749**: Howard Wolkow, not present Reported by Ramsey Melendez & Ralph Wojtec

* They had their 1st holiday party as a new Pack
* They will be taking part in the Pinewood Derby in February
* <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, not present, Reported by Ramsey Melendez

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/boxtops.html>
* Contest is running from December 3rd to 20th, called “Race to the Finish”
* Winning class will receive a $100 Amazon gift card to spend on their classroom
* Please send in Box Tops and remember to label with the teacher name so your child’s class gets credit
* Winner to be announced in January

**Bulletin Board**: Jodi Coleman & Faith Costabile - Not Present, Comments by Ramsey Melendez

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/bulletin-boards.html>
* The boards look great, thank you Jodi and Faith
* Such a wonderful site to see when walking into school

**CIC, The HUB**: Anna Spitaleri, Not Present

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/cic-the-hub.html>

**Helping Hands**: Linda Fragassi

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

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

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/homeroom-parent.html>
* Nothing to report currently

**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>
* 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

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

* We have over 400 followers and our posts are seen on average 500 times a week
* 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
* February-Black History month PTO will be bringing in Prismatic Laser Show
* March assembly will be KIT Interactive
* A total of 5 assemblies will be held this year

**SHEF:** Ramsey Melendez & Marisa Austenberg

* http://www.bedminsterpto.org/shef.html

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

* Shopping is closed at this time and items should be in just before the holiday break
* Possible sale will be held in the spring

**8th Grade:** Suzie Stevinson & Tina Costello

* Thank you to everyone who helped with the Holiday Workshop
* Thank you to Mr. Swan for allowing the time for the teachers to bring the kids up
* Thank you all the 8th grade parents who volunteered
* Thank you, teachers Natalie Basile and Bethany Swift, thank you to Daniella Fredella, Jessica Pascale, Caroline Fish, Howard Wolkow, and …….. for helping even though you do not have 8th grade students yet
* Scrips card are available for ordering, these are gift cards you can purchase through the school and they do not cost any additional all cards are face value, please see the 8th grade tab for more information
* Mr. Swan will be challenging the 8th grade in a basketball game. This will be held in March or April
* The 50/50 will be ending in January and the drawing will be at the January 8th PTO meeting
* Snow Ball Dance will be on February 1st, for pre-k to 4th

**NEXT PTO MEETING**: **Tuesday January 8th @ 7pm, room 315**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm**

**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.**