



## BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

### Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019



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**Start time: 7:07 pm**

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

- Welcome everyone thank you for coming this evening
- We want to extend our thanks to Mayor Parker for all he has done for the PTO over the past 8 years.
- We wish congratulations to Mayor Jacobs, the new mayor and look forward to working with him
- We welcome Sonya Marto as a new BOE member
- 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

- Not available at this time. Will be included in February 2019 minutes

#### **Teacher Representative** – Chuck Hogan

- Happy new year to everyone
- The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a lot of fun today the kids had a blast getting dressed up in 90's cloths, the show dvd from 25 years ago at lunch today and the kids had a great time watching it
- The quarter drive is going great and we are having a lot of fun
- Thank you to Mrs. Stevinson for organizing and getting all the pictures up and sharing the school's history with the students

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

- The re-organization meeting took place on January 4<sup>th</sup>, there was a tribute to Mayor Parker for all he has done over the past 8 years.
- New board member was sworn in and members re-elected were also re-sworn in
- There is still one opening available on the board all applications are due by January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
- Interviews will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> at the BOE meeting at 7pm in teacher's lounge
- At the December meeting Mr. Pan, a custodian was honored for his retirement

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

- Minutes approved from November and December, by Sandy Ruzicka and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzie Stevinson
- We received an email thank you from Mrs. Rosnell's class for all the wonderful books they received from the book fair Scholastic teachers' dollars

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

- Treasurer reports available on tables
- Inflows: Fall Fest Fundraiser, Faculty PTO membership and donations
- Outflows: Township of Bedminster (raffle license), BrainWash assembly, back to school faculty lunch, water station

#### **New Business**

##### **Fall Fest Fundraiser:** Executive Board

- Approximately \$1,900 has been raised with the fundraiser
- Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your generous donations

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Save the Date cards are coming out
- Homeroom Parents Baskets are Due No later than March 8<sup>th</sup>, new forms for donations drop off are coming out, do NOT spend money on filler or wrapping for baskets, please hang on to any extra money for spring fling we will reach out to you if we need more "stuff"
- 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
- Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for solicitations
- 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: Mrs. Alfieri, Danielle Fredella and Ralph Wojtech

- Will be held in the Cafetorium, 6:30-7:30pm
- Mrs. Alfieri will be collecting 'gently loved' stuffed animal donations for Joshua's Closet. No limit on donations. Time frame is TBD
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be the servers and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be able to receive community service hours please sign up we need 4 more <https://www.bedminsterschool.org/domain/52>

## **Kindergarten Registration:** Kimmy Rich

- Volunteers no longer need as the school has made the registration process easier for the new parents
- The PTO would like to thank Kimmy Rich for chairing this event for many years!

## **Barnes and Noble Book Fair:** May 28, 2019: Maegan Newman and Mr. Schoch

- More information to follow as the event gets closer
- More volunteers will be needed for the night of event

## **Old Business**

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

- The PTO will be receiving \$4,200 from this event!!!!
- This year's date is Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>
- **No raindate due to costs of operation**
- Thank you, Tara, and Meriah for all you have done with attending all the meeting and everything involved in Fall Fest

## **Ongoing Committees**

### **PTO Corporate Matching Program:** Executive Board

- Some companies will offer to match dollar for dollar or a portion of an employee's donation to a non-profit charity such as the PTO
- We are a registered 501(c)(3)
- Tax Id #223-828-817

### **Bulldog Monthly:** Executive Board

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

### **Cub Scouts Pack #1749:** Howard Wolkow

- They have finished the first half of the year and it has been wonderful
- Eagle Scout, Thomas Jacobs came and spoke with the kids
- 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

- 'Race to the Finish' contest has ended and we received over 1,000 box tops
- The winning class was Ms. Skiba and she will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card to be able to purchase items for her classroom
- Box Top check from last Spring came in this month for \$279.60
- You can register with your ShopRite card at [www.shoprитеformyschool.com](http://www.shoprитеformyschool.com) and they will automatically send the Box Top credit to the school and along with the ones you cut out; so double points
- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/boxtops.html>

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

- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/bulletin-boards.html>
- Winter wonderland board is up and looking wonderful

### **CIC, The HUB:** Anna Spitaleri,

- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/cic-the-hub.html>
- January 26<sup>th</sup> at The HUB , a selection of different bands will be playing doors open at 6:30.p.m, music will start at 7pm, all are welcome younger children must have a parent or adult with them, food and drinks will be available for sale, proceeds will be going to CIC and Music for Julius
- Volunteer opportunity open to all Somerset hills schools on January 27<sup>th</sup>, first come sign up, to make valentines and care packages for young moms, babies and toddlers that reside at Great Expectations a home for people suffering from substance abuse. Pizza will be served, parents to register the volunteer at the Community in Crisis website
- Somerset Hills Municipal Alliance Sponsor the 'Be Well' program run by Ms. Skiba and Mrs. Godfrey the fall session has ended and the spring session will start in April. Thank you to the teacher for running the program. The girls really do enjoy it

### **Helping Hands:** Linda Fragassi

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

### **Homeroom Parents:** Suzie Stevinson & Jen Galpin

- <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>
- 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 all grades will view this
- March assembly will be KIT's Interactive
- The PTO is hosting 5 assemblies this year; totaling \$8,500

**SHEF:** Ramsey Melendez & Marisa Austenberg

- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/shef.html>

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

- Fall sale finished and we sold over \$ 5,000 of merchandise PTO will be receiving \$275 dollars from this sale, we do not run this sale as a fundraiser, simply to support school spirit
- Looking into a spring sale TBD

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

- Snow Ball Dance will be on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 – 9 pm, Pre-k to 4<sup>th</sup>
- Bagel Breakfast is first weekend in March during the last day of the Bedminster Rec basketball season
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> , will be the 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs' faculty basketball game, snow date in April 4/5, if attending please be sure to dress in light clothing as the gym gets EXTREMELY HOT
- Scrips gift cards are on sale all year, for more information please see the 8<sup>th</sup> grade page on the website
- ~~\*\*CANCELLED\*\* Bernards High School is showing the Incredibles movie as a fundraiser on Saturday, 1/19.\$20 per family of 5 they will have food and items for sale to sponsor the choir trip to New Orleans~~
- 50/50 Raffle Drawing-Tina Costello
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner - Tina Costello- \$308.75
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner - Nicole Hanratty- \$185.25
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winner - Ron Schroder- \$123.50

**NEXT PTO MEETING:** Tuesday February 12 @ 7pm, room 315

**Meeting adjourned at 8:08 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.