#  BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

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February 19, 2019

**Start time: 7:08pm**

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

* Welcome everyone thank you for coming this evening

**Principal’s Report** – Corby Swan

**January 8,2019** \*not available when January’s minutes were distributed

* Thank you all for coming this evening, hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break
* We had our last holiday concert of the choir and handbells. Mr. Copeland and the students did a wonderful job and should be applauded for all their hard work
* The Bernard’s HS performing arts program came to our school and put on an amazing assembly. Thank you to Mr. Lefurge for organizing the program.
* We have continued with some of our activities such as Math Counts, Odyssey of the Mind, Chess Club, Future Authors Club, our sports teams and Be Well which has just ended.
* I attended the final Be Well and the girls along with Mrs. Godfrey put me through a serious physical fitness workout, and it was a lot of fun.
* We celebrated the 25th anniversary of our school by wearing 90’s clothing and playing songs from the 90’s between classes during the day
* There were pictures up of teachers who have been at the school since the 90’s and also some students who our now teachers at the school
* On Wednesday January 23rd, we will host the Junior Women’s Club of Somerset Hills, 16th Annual Spelling Bee for students in grades 4 and 5. The contest will be in the cafetorium. Parents registered their children for this event. We are the hosting school only, this is not a school run event
* Please remember that school will be closed on the 21st in observance of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
* 2nd Marking period ends on the 25th

**Principal’s Report -** Corby Swan

**February 12, 2019**

* We are now in our 4th week of marking period 3. Please continue to reach out to your children’s teacher(s) so there are no surprises when report cards come out.
* The 3rd Annual Books and Buddies event which is run extremely well by Mrs. Alfieri, with help from other teachers and the PTO, the kids had a great time.
* We had our Geography Bee and I am pleased to report that 8th grader Will Richardson was the winner. This is his 3rd time being crowned champion which is remarkable! He had fierce competition from a 7th grade student and it was great to see them both compete to win. Congratulations to Will.
* Tomorrow, Bedminster School will have our Unity Day, where we will celebrate things such as kindness, acceptance and inclusion. There will be an assembly with the George Street Playhouse preforming a play called ‘New Kid’ which addresses racism, prejudice, peer pressure, and conflict resolution. This will be for students K-6. Thank you to the PTO for their financial support of this assembly.
* This Thursday, we will have our Black History Month Assembly by Prismatic Magic. Many thanks to our assemblies’ coordinators of the PTO for sponsoring and setting that up.
* Read Across America Week is next Monday, **February 25th to Friday, March 1st**. There will be events at school every day culminating with the ‘Drop Everything and Read’ portion of our week. During this time all students and staff will align in the hallways and read together silently for 20 minutes.
* Thank you to the PTO for all that you do.

**Teacher Representative** – Chuck Hogan

* Everyone is looking forward to the Prismatic Laser Light Show coming up
* Looking forward to Teacher Appreciation luncheon
* Books and Buddies was great
* Food donation are still going on of non-perishables

**Board of Education Report** – Suzie Stevinson (reported by: Giovanna Lamiera)

* There was a report about the 25th Anniversary
* Wellness week June 3rd kick off
* Mr. Lefurge’s piano being restored
* A new member was sworn in: Sarah Nathans
* Next meeting is **February 21st** @ 7:30 pm (Executive Session at 6 pm)

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

* Thank you notes from Ms. Resotka’s class for the Scholastic Dollars they received for purchasing new books and carpet mats.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Ralph Wojtech

* Treasurer reports available on tables
* Inflows-Box Tops, Spirit Wear, Spring Fling-Advertising, Fall Fest-Fall Out, Donation-Benevity Fund, Fall Fest, 25th Anniversary Banner Reimbursement
* Outflows-Spring Fling-postage, Vista Print 25th Anniversary Banner, Decamp bus line, Amazon teacher grant

**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
* Tickets are on sale please buy early as the price does go up April 1st [CLICK HERE](http://www.bedminsterpto.org/store/c4/Spring_Fling_2019.html)
* Homeroom Parents Baskets are Due No later than **March 15th**, do **NOT** spend money on crinkle filler or cello for baskets.
* **NEW** this year: Please do **NOT** wrap your basket, our Basket Committee will do this.
* Please hang on to any extra money you collected towards your class basket. We will reach out to you if we need more “fillers items”
* If you signed up to donate a bottle of wine (or 2) please bring it to the **March 12th** PTO meeting.
* The [My SignUp](https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2184592/false#/invitation) weblink is up. Please consider signing up to donate a whole basket from your family or even just pieces that are needed to complete other already started baskets. Another idea could be going in on a higher priced basket item with friends. Everyone will be credited on the tag.
* 50/50 tickets have been delivered and whomever sells the most will receive ONE free admission ticket to Spring Fling (should you have already purchased, we will refund the price of one ticket). If you need more raffle tickets to sell, please email Sandy.
* Any questions please email: mailto:sandy.ruzicka@gmail.com

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

* Volunteers will be needed the night of for small amounts of time,
* Sign up will be available soon

**2019-2020 PTO Board Positions: Ramsey Melendez**

* All positions are open each year for anyone to run. Current Board members are happy to remain and complete their 2nd year.
* A Board member may not sit in the same position for more than 2 consecutive years.
* If you are interested, please let us know by the March 12th PTO meeting

**Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6 – 10, 2019**

* More info to follow once available

**Old Business**

**Bedminster Charities Fall Fest:** Tara Mulcahy and Meriah Valente (Reported by Ramsey Melendez)

* PTO received a donation in the amount of **$4,200** from sponsors and advertising that was received prior to the event being cancelled due to bad weather.
* Sponsors and Advertisers generously agreed to split what money was already collected between the 7 charities. The Bedminster PTO is extremely grateful for this kind gesture!
* This year’s date is **October 26th**
* No rain date due to costs of operation

**Fall Fest Fundraiser: Executive Board**

* We raised approximately **$2,160** from our families and can not thank you all enough
* We are right were we have been in prior years making it possible to sponsor more grants and programs for our teachers and students

**Books and Buddies:** Mrs. Alfieri, Danielle Fredella and Ralph Wojtech

* Mrs. Alfieri and the teachers put on a wonderful event
* The students and their families enjoyed the time together
* Thank you to all the student volunteers as well.

**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 (reported by Ramsey Melendez)

* The Pack’s first Blue and Gold Banquet is scheduled for Monday March 4th
* This will be attended by the scouts, their families and invited guests.
* Special ‘thank you’ to [Chatham Sandwich Shop](https://chathamsandwich.com/) for catering the event.
* Scouts will be recognized and receive awards for all they have accomplished this year
* First overnight trip at Liberty Science Center and the kids had a great time
* The next one is March 9th at the Battleship New Jersey. All the members will be attending and are extremely excited
* <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 (report by Ramsey Melendez)

* Spring Contest will be announced just waiting on confirmation of dates
* You can register your ShopRite Price Plus card [HERE](https://www.shopriteformyschool.com/) and receive bonus Tops automatically AND also clip the physical Top on the package. Double points!!
* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/boxtops.html>

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

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/bulletin-boards.html>
* Spring Fling board will be going up soon

**CIC, The HUB**: Anna Spitalari, not present

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

**Helping Hands**: Linda Fragassi

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/helping-hands.html>

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

* <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/homeroom-parent.html>
* Will be in touch about Teacher Appreciation Week activities

**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>
* 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 attend
* March assembly will be KIT’s 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 (reported by Ramsey Melendez)

* we are looking for a new vendor if you know anyone please reach out to the Board or Jessica or Melissa

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

* Bagel Breakfast is **March 2nd** in the Cafetorium
	+ 8:30 am during Bedminster Recreation Basketball Award Ceremony
	+ Snow Date March 9th
* **March 22nd** 8th grade faculty basketball game
	+ Doors open at 6:30pm, game time is 7pm
	+ Cost is $5 per person
	+ Snacks will be available for purchase
	+ snow date in April 5th,
	+ if attending please be sure to dress in light layers as the gym gets EXTREMELY HOT
* Scrips gift cards are on sale all year, for more information please see the 8th grade page on the website

**BHS HSA:** (Bernard’s High School and School Association)

* Open invitation from HAS president, Lisa DiScala
* Meet every other month- BHS Community room (across the hall from the PAC)
* Next meeting is March 12 @7pm and May 21st @ noon
* Looking for 9th grade class representatives, this would be for 8th grade parents only headed into the high school, questions please reach out to Mary Beth Goodman: marybeth.goodman@bayer.com

**Wellness Week Blood Drive:** we are looking into different companies to organize. Please reach out reach out to Board with information

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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.**