



**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL**

**Parent Teacher Organization
Meeting Minutes**

March 8, 2022



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Start time: 7:06pm

President's Welcome and Comments – Danielle Fredella, President

Welcome & Thank you for joining tonight! Thank you to all of the volunteers who have been helping by spending countless hours working on Spring Fling donation pickups, solicitation calls, baskets and so much more. Baskets right now are at a total of 89! We have 12 class Baskets. Ticket sales are still ongoing. Spread the word to families and teachers and staff. The PTO really needs all of the support of the community this year as we are coming out of the pandemic and kicking it back into full swing. Remember it is for the kids!

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

Good evening everyone. Since we last met we are approximately half way through Marking Period 3.

Read Across America

During the week of February 28th through March 4th, Bedminster Township School held Read Across America Week. We had daily themes, activities, and lessons ALL to promote a love of reading. Thank you to all of our guest readers including Mrs. Fredella and Mrs. Nolfi from the PTO. Big thanks to Mrs. Mowery for working together with me to organize this amazing week.

Masks are optional at BTS

Yesterday, March 7th was the first day of mask wearing being optional. On Friday, March 4th I held an impromptu assembly to speak to students about it being each family's choice and everyone showing respect to each other.

On Monday March 7th our school wore yellow and blue to show support for those affected in the Ukraine.

School Security Drill

NJ Security Drill Law - Moving forward when we have a school security

drill (not a fire drill) you will receive an email blast from the school. Please read the blast so that you can be certain it is a drill and not a real crisis.

BTS 2nd Grade Drama Production

We had a production of Alice in Wonderland by our 2nd grade drama club students. Kudos to Mrs. Rosnell and Mrs. Isello for their leadership and organization.

Genius Hour Presentations

We had six 4th Grade students present their Genius Hour projects at the February 17th Board of Education Meeting: Alex Izaguirre, Jude Lamiera, Derek Ren, Sebastian Rosales, Matias Roy, and Alex Zezas. They did an outstanding job as did all of the 4th grade students who completed Genius Hour projects. Thank you again to Ms. Brantner and Ms. McCoy for working with these students and thank you for the support of 4th Grade teachers Mrs. Carlin and Mrs. Stanek.

Parent Teacher Conferences

We will be holding VIRTUAL PreK - 4 Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences (BY TEACHER REQUEST) on Thursday, March 17 (6:00 - 8:00 pm) & Friday, March 18, 2022 (8:45 - 10:45 am). Again, please keep in mind that these conferences are by TEACHER REQUEST ONLY. Also remember that school will be operating on a delayed opening schedule during both of these days.

Thank you to the PTO for all that you do.

Myself and Mrs. Leonti will help spread the Spring Fling word. If staff cannot make it to the event, you can still make a donation to the PTO SF. I know my staff and I know how much the PTO gives back to us and our school so I am hopeful that we will have rising numbers. Thank you Mrs. Leonti for your help.

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Elizabeth Omegna

Not present this month

Teacher Representative Patricia Leonti

Let's never overlook the bulletin boards when you walk into the front doors. They just keep getting better and better. It amazing to see these beauties as soon as you walk in.

We love being involved in Wellness Wednesday, we are trying to get everyone involved in this. It is a lot of fun! Read across America was a huge success, the kids loved it and they loved dressing for Dr. Suess Day!

A few people who were not going to attend SF will now be coming, thank you Mrs. Leonti! Academic Support is going into round 2. It is going really well, very successful.

Next month there will be something for autism awareness month, I will keep you all posted when something is decided.

Board of Education Report Giovanna Lamiera

BOE meeting was on February 17th

Hours were changed, so BOE will now only be engaging in ½ hour of executive session with public session beginning at 7:00pm.

This month's meeting will be March 22nd which will be the budget adoption meeting.

Genius Hour presentations were beyond cute! The children spoke so well as if they were born naturals!

Two retirements coming up this year. Mrs. Burke & Mrs. Friedman

Added by Suzie Stevinson: There is a BOE opening as a Board member has resigned. It will become official in May. If anyone were to apply it will be from April until the end of this year. Paperwork is at the school if you are interested.

Correspondence and Minutes Marissa Nolfi, Secretary

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

No correspondence for the month.

Motion to Approve February 2022 Minutes (Approvals cannot be from the PTO Board)

First: Giovanna Lamiera

Second: Chemagne Kania

Treasurer's Report Lisa Cohen, Treasurer

- Full Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- Inflows: \$9,609.51
- Spring Fling (Admissions) \$834.46
- SF Advertisers and iPad donation: \$560.00
- Spring Fling Admissions: \$1,134.57
- Spring Fling Admissions: \$1,444.38
- SF Advertisers: \$300.00
- Spring Fling Admissions: \$1066.60
- Spring Fling Admissions: \$3,544.50
- SF Advertisers: \$725.00
- Outflows: \$679.67
- Spring Fling Fundraiser (iPad): \$350.80
- Bulletin Boards: \$46.55
- Bulletin Board Supplies: \$6.39
- SF Fundraiser (printer ink): \$23.34
- Class Grant: Grade Level 7th/8th- Science (Portable Dissolved Oxygen Meter: \$221.78

- **Square Weebly (PTO website): \$30.81**
- Main Account Balance: \$65,290.84
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300.00
- Total Cash Available: \$65,590.84
- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at btsptotreasury@gmail.com Lisa Cohen

New Business

CardMyYard

Danielle Fredella

Marisa from CardMyYard reached out to us to do the lawn sign for 100 Days of school in combination with Valentine's Day.

***Spring Fling:** April 1, 2022

Laura Kamrow

OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER & ADULT NIGHT OUT...Food, music, dancing & drinks!

Don't forget 50/50 prizes & Basket Raffles as well! Can't wait to see you all there!

****IMPORTANT FOR ALL BASKET DONATIONS****

***It is very important the basket donation form is filled out and sent in with your basket donation.**

We have 3 ½ weeks until our event.

We are primarily focused on Admissions at this point as we have roughly 2 weeks left until that sale ends.

FYI, please buy your raffle tickets in advance so your wristband number will be pre-printed on your bracelet.

You can go onto our site and buy raffle tickets alone if needed.

50/50 tickets sales will be wrapped up by March 25th, please get all of your tickets in ASAP!

The number is continuing to climb!

Baskets are targeted at around 100 plus for the basket raffle. 40 different items involved in our silent auction. Basket Committee is hoping to finish up within the next two weeks excluding stragglers that come in late. This Friday is the deadline to pick up donations. Advertising help is also needed. Following up with local businesses to see if they would be interested in advertising. If anyone is willing to donate some time to assist Laura with emails and/or calls to advertisers it will be super appreciated.

A couple volunteers will be needed the night of our event for various positions. Please email Laura if you are interested.

Added by Danielle: The MySign Up for wine will be sent out again through homeroom parents so we can get some more wine donations. Keep a lookout for this please.

I understand that there plenty of emails coming out, please be patient with all emails as well, PLEASE make sure that you read them! School important emails are coming out as well as SF emails and I understand it is a lot of information. However, if something is coming through Homeroom Parents, please understand how important it is that you, as parents read these emails and understand them. This is where there is super communication going on. Thank you so much for the help! It does not go unnoticed!

Our Family mailing has gone out to everyone, this includes an invitation to SF, information on how to purchase tickets, FAQ sheet as well as 50/50 tickets for each family to sell.

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

*Volunteers needed for the night of Spring Fling for a variety of jobs.

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

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

Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering to help with our Fundraiser.

PR/Social

Ramsey Melendez

I am looking for one or two people to shadow me and work with me next school year on social media as I will be graduating out. You do not need a marketing degree, it is very simple. The 2023/2024 school year is when this position will be needed.

A helpful bonus is if you have basic knowledge of website maintenance. We use weebly which is extremely user friendly. Please give it some thought and reach out to Ramsey with any questions you may have.

Please like out Spring Fling event tab! It has all of the information regarding Spring Fling. This is the place to look for any information you might need.

www.bedminsterpto.org

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, Spring Fling Information, etc - All of this including links and QR codes will be found on our PTO website as well as Facebook and Instagram.

Don't forget to invite your friends & Family to like our social media pages so they can follow our Spring Fling information and other community event information as well!

Sustainability & Wellness Committee:

Marissa Nolfi

Sustainability: nothing new to report

Wellness Committee/Green Team:

March 16 is Purple Day! Maschios will match the color in the cafeteria!

Students and staff wore yellow and blue on Monday in support of the Ukraine.

On February 28, Green Team Students participated in a meeting with StevieLynn Ader the Americorps NJ Watershed Ambassador for North and South Raritan watershed. Students were introduced to an Enviroscope which is a model of a watershed that shows what happens to pollution in a watershed. They also discussed composting and why it is important. You can see images on Ms. G's Twitter.

Board Elections:

Final Board for the 2022/2023 will be voted on virtually at the April 5th PTO Meeting.

Runners: Marissa Nolfi – President
Greg & Chemagne Kania – Vice President
Danielle Fredella – Secretary
Jessica Pascale – Treasurer

Please attend the PTO meeting to vote in.

Bedminster Charities Fall Fest (Not on the Agenda needs to be addressed)

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.

Fall Fest has not taken place in two years now, there has been a lot of internal struggle with the Bedminster Charities Organization.

Bedminster Charities is an organization of the seven different charities within Bedminster. PTO is one of them. Any money raised gets divided among the 7 charities. When Fall Fest originally started as an event, the Township held the event until Bedminster Charities had taken it over. Because of the internal struggle to get participation, the Township is going to be taking it over again and holding the event. There may still need to be a final vote on this,

however this is the way it is leaning. Each Representative from the Charity will have to speak with their board and decide which event we will be running to raise money for the Charity ie: 50/50, Food Trucks, Beer tents, etc. More details will be available in the coming months, please stay tuned.

Lastly, volunteers are needed to be on the Board of the Bedminster Charities.

If you have any interest in joining, please reach out to Stephanie who can direct you properly.

***Public Questions & Comments:**

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***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.

Ongoing Committees

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

- **April 5, 2022**
- **May 10, 2022**
- **June 14, 2022**

Assemblies

Sonia Marto

Brainwash will be back in June to end the year

Penguin will be here in March for 1st Grade.

Middle School assembly tbd for Middle School in May

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.

Donations & Corporate Matching

Executive Board

Still going on, reach out if your company has a match program.

Helping Hands

Suzie Stevinson

Homeroom Parents

Ramsey Melendez

Click here for more information:

[Homeroom Parent](#)

Thank you for forwarding all the emails you receive, as previously mentioned, HRP is the main bridge between the PTO and the Parents. That is where they can get the most information. It is imperative that these emails go out.

Thank you to all of our HRP volunteers!

Spirit Wear

Jessica Pascale and Melissa Kircher

8th Grade

To be announced

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Closing Notes: Danielle Fredella, PTO President

New Volunteers and Parents are needed for all aspects of the PTO. A lot of parents are graduating out this year and we need to replace all of the help we have had over the years.

See you all at Spring Fling!!

Next meeting will be April 5, 2022 at 7:00pm

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 7:41pm

****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.***