



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes April 9, 2019



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Start time: 7:09pm

Welcome and Comments – Ramsey Melendez, President

- Welcome everyone thank you for coming this evening

Principal's Report – Corby Swan

- We are at the beginning of marking period 4 and headed down the stretch of another amazing school year. Third marking period report cards will be available through Genesis at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, April 10th
- On March 13th and 14th our Drama Club performed school assemblies and evening performances of Legally Blonde the Musical, Jr. It was an amazing production and a lot of work went into this, so kudos to Mr. Lefurge, Ms. Deegan, Mrs. Hershkowitz and all of the students for their performances.
- On March 16th, three teams from Bedminster Township School competed in the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament in Flemington, New Jersey. Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program that engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment. Participants build self-confidence, develop life skills, create new friendships, and are able to recognize and explore their true potential. Odyssey of the Mind proves that students can have fun while they learn!
 - Bedminster's Division 1A team (Grades 4 & 5) - came in third place for their problem, Leonardo's Workshop, which required them to portray Leonardo DaVinci's workplace in an original, creative performance.
 - The Division 1B team (Grades 4 & 5) came in fourth place for their problem, Opposites Distract. The team created and presented a humorous performance about a sneaky character that distracted others while trying to take control.
 - Finally, the Division 2 team made up of sixth graders also created a solution for Opposites Distract and earned second place. They beat out teams comprised of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders to advance to the STATE FINALS on April 6th in Ewing, New Jersey. That same team then came in 4th place in their division at the State Finals, so congratulations to them.
 - Miss Mancini, Mrs. Ragoza, and Mrs. Velikoselskiy, the three team coaches, are very proud of all students who participated, and we congratulate all of them.
- On March 19th we held our own Unity Day which celebrated and promoted kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. The George Street Playhouse performed the play "New Kid", the story of an immigrant family from a fictitious place called "Homeland".
- On March 21st we had the Pioneer Assembly by Kits Interactive. She always does an amazing job and involves students and teachers in her shows.
- On March 22nd, the BTS Faculty defeated the students 49 to 40 in a hard-fought battle that was both fun and exciting. Hopefully, the 8th Grade raised lots of money for the Washington D.C. Trip.
- We held Spring Parent Teacher Conferences on March 27th and 28th.
- On April 4th we held International Heritage Night where we share and learn about various cultures around the world as a school community.
- This week is our first week of administering the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) formerly known as PARCC. We are two days in and I would like to thank Mr. Todd St. Laurent, Mr. Kevin Pickett, Mr. Daniel Hughes, and Mrs. Karna Johnsen for their efforts in getting the school prepared for this week and many more to come.
- Thursday, April 25th is Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day. If your child is participating in this event, you must submit a note to school on the official letterhead from your place of employment by Friday, April 26th in order for this day to be recorded as an excused absence.
- Please remember that school will be closed for Spring Recess during the days of April 15th - 19th.
- Thank you to the PTO for all that you do.

Teacher Representative – Chuck Hogan

- Thank you for the KITS assembly we had a great time
- We are looking forward to Teacher Appreciation week and lunch
- We are very excited for Principal Swan's trip to china in the exchange program
- Looking forward Spring Fling

Board of Education Report – Suzie Stevinson

- Q-Sac eval just happened
- Board approved of Principal Swan attending an exchange program in China for a week to share what he does in our school and to learn from them as well
- Next BoE meeting is 4/25.

Correspondence and Minutes – Meghan Schulze, Secretary

- Thank you notes from Mrs. Burke for the skype session for the 1st grade sea turtle project, Thank you cards from all three first grade class for the skype session on sea turtles, and a thank you note from "Kits Interactive" for our wonderful students and how much she enjoyed our school
- March Minutes approved Lisa Cohen and Suzie Stevenson

Treasurer's Report – Ralph Wojtech

- Treasurer reports available on tables
- Inflows- Spring Fling
- Outflows- Bookies and Buddies, Spring Fling supplies, sea turtles-class grant, Trump National, Prismatic Magic, W.Choroszewski-class grant

New Business

Spring Fling: April 26, 2019: Sandy Ruzicka & Carolyn Richardson

- Trump National Golf Club
- Main fundraiser for the PTO
- Bigger than ever as this is the 20th anniversary
- Tickets are on sale please purchase soon as ticket sales will be closing shortly
- NO ADMISSION TICKETS or 50/50 WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR, PLEASE PURCHASE BEFOREHAND
- 50/50 tickets will be on sale in front of Kings Supermarket April 20th. please contact Sandy there are multiple slots still available in one hour time frames
- Winner for most 50/50 tickets sold will be announced April 15th. All 50/50 tickets are to be turned in on April 19th.
- We are need of picture frames if you have any you would like to donate please drop them on the Spring Fling cart at school.
- If you would like to still donate a basket, we are only excepting complete baskets at this time please contact Sandy, Carylton, and/or Suzie
- After you have emptied your winning baskets please feel free to return the baskets, frames, card stands to the PTO as we do reuse as much as possible
- If you need more 50/50 tickets please contact Sandy, Carolyn, Danielle or Ramsey
- There will be a Putting Challenge this year as well as a Craft Beer Station

Barnes and Noble Book Fair: June 10, 2019: Laura Frantz and Mr. Schoch

- 15% of all purchases in store and online will be available to our teachers to spend
- B&N, Somerville Circle 5-8pm
- 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 May PTO meeting
- Elections for the 19-20 school year will take place at the May 14 meeting.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch: May 7, 2019: Danielle Fredella and Melissa Kircher

- Theme is summer picnic
- Sign up for volunteers and donations will be coming out after spring break through homeroom parents

Bedminster Police Kickball Tournament: June 8, 2019: Stephanie Zultanky

- PTO will be sponsoring a team again this year, to register please click here: [Register](#)
- We have 6 people registered so far, we need 14 players. Should more than 14 wishes to register, the 2nd team of 14 would split cost for registration between all 28 players, approx. \$8 a person.
- Teams are to be Co-ed
- Rain Date is June 15th
- Location is River Road Park, Bedminster

Old Business

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)

- Cub Scouts will be participating in an Earth Day clean up this weekend
- They have their first camping trip the first weekend of May
- The 4 & 5 grade scouts will be taking care of and planting the flower pots in the front of school
- For grades K – 5, new members are welcome at anytime
- Open to both Boys and Girls

Box Tops: Stephanie Zultanky

- Spring String Contest will run April 1st- April 26th winning class will get to silly string Mr. Swan
- There will be a Silent Auction for parents to Silly String Mr. Swan
- You can register your ShopRite Price Plus card [HERE](#) 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>
- Danielle Fredella will be joining the team next school year.

CIC, The HUB: Anna Spitaleri, not present (reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- Somerset Hills Municipal Alliance and Youth Services Commission: Have approved a grant of \$300 to be used for a program during Red Ribbon Week this fall
- They have also approved a grant paying for a yoga instructor at school during wellness week
- The Hub: Spring Hub Club is here: Middle school students will enjoy a fun activity(such as make your own ice cream sundaes, snuggle with a therapy dog, pop quizzes with prizes,) followed by a community service project that supports the mission of Community in Crisis... call it service with a purpose. Students are asked to put away their cell phones; hours count towards community service requirements. When: Thursday, 3:00-4:30PM, May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, June 6th and 13th

Helping Hands: Linda Fragassi

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

Homeroom Parents: Suzie Stevinson & Jen Calpin

- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/homeroom-parent.html>
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6 - 10

PTO Membership & Directory - Martin Johansson

- Membership price per family will be \$15 next school year
- We will no longer be offering the directory

PTO Meeting Schedule:

- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/meeting-dates.html>
- May 14: 7 pm – room 315
- June 11: 7pm - room 315

Social Media/Website: Ramsey Melendez

- We have over 400 followers and our posts are seen on average 500 times a week on Facebook
- Please visit: 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>
- Thank you to Angela, Myla, and Renee, for an amazing year of educational and amazing assemblies
- Tina Dadas will be joining the team for 2019-2020 school year

SHEF: Ramsey Melendez & Marisa Austenberg

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

Spirit Wear: Jessica Pascale & Melissa Kircher (reported by Ramsey Melendez)

- Next sale will be in the Fall

8th Grade: Suzie Stevinson & Tina Costello

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered, supported, and purchased to help our 8th grade get to Washington DC this June the fundraising has finished up and the kids are looking forward to a wonderful trip
- 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)
- May 21st @ noon

NEXT PTO MEETING: Tuesday May 14 @ 7pm, room 315

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

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.