



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2022



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Start time: 7:06pm

President's Welcome and Comments – Danielle Fredella, President

Welcome & Thank you for joining tonight! We have a small agenda this evening. First, I would like to mention that the PTO had the penguin, Dunlop from Jenkinson's come and visit the First graders. Each First Grader wrote and drew their own Thank you note! Our penguin is back in person! The PTO has gifted a bench in memory of Bryce Rosen, who was a big part of our community. Unfortunately, we lost him last year and as baseball was his passion, we have gifted a bench with a beautiful saying that will be placed in the baseball field.

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

International SEL Day

Students participated in a campus clean up and elementary students created a Padlet of things that linked character education traits and social-emotional learning. This year's theme for International SEL Day is Finding Common Ground, Pursuing Common Good.

Spring Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences

BTS held virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 17th and 18th. We hope that those of you who participated were able to both give and receive excellent feedback from our teachers.

Summer Academy

Our hope is to have the Summer Academy once again just as we did last summer where we help students work on improvement in the areas of target-specific gaps/comprehensive needs in all subjects: reading and phonics skills, math concepts, as well as Science and Social Studies for eligible students. More information will follow for those who are eligible.

Marking Periods

Marking Period 3 ended on April 1, 2022, and we are now into Marking Period 4. The Genesis Parent Portal is closed at this time for grades. Grades will be available at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022.

School Calendar

Just a reminder that school will not be in session between Monday, April 11th through Monday, April 18th. School will resume on Tuesday, April 19th.

Thank you to the PTO for all that they do for our school community!

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Elizabeth Omega

Thank you as always for your efforts!

Our report is that you all are AWESOME! I added in the April Newsletter all the PTO sponsored activities coming up along with our field trips, plus the bench, plus the teacher appreciation week, and the bulletin board and spring fling...you all do beautiful, soulful and meaningful work for which we are indebted to you!

Other thanks to our parent volunteers from Winter Fun Night! We had almost 200 of 250 or so students in MS attend and we got great feedback from the kiddos!

I am attaching my presentation for the website in case it is helpful for any/all families.

[Click here for slideshow](#)



Teacher Representative Patricia Leonti

Not present - nothing to report

Board of Education Report Suzie Stevinson

Nothing to report

Correspondence and Minutes Marissa Nolfi, Secretary

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

Thank you from Mrs. Lovejoy for having the penguin visit. Each of the children also made and colored their own Thank you cards for the PTO which can be viewed on the PTO's website.

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

First: Ramsey Melendez

Second: Chemagne Kania

Treasurer's Report Lisa Cohen, Treasurer

- Full Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- Inflows: \$13,232.31
- Amazon Smile: \$106.73
- Deposit: PTO Membership: \$15.00
- Spring Fling Advertisers: \$500.00
- Spring Fling Advertisers: \$1,400.00
- SF Donation: \$200.00
- Spring Fling Admissions: \$11,010.50
- Outflows: \$9,488.56
- PTO Donation – In Memory of Bryce Rosen Park Bench: \$595.00
- Square Weebly (PTO Website): \$35.00
- Spring Fling- Trump National Golf Club: \$6,250.00
- Spring Fling Supplies: \$55.41
- Accountant (2021 PTO Tax Return): \$1,500.00
- Spring Fling cash Box withdrawal: \$500.00
- First Grade Grant-Jenkinsons Aquarium-Penguin Visit: \$525.00
- Spring Fling Supplies: \$28.15
- Main Account Balance: \$69,334.59
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$5,785.00
- Total Cash Available: \$75,119.59
- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at bitsptotreasury@gmail.com Lisa Cohen

New Business

Spring Fling April 1, 2022

Laura Kamrow

Spring Fling was a success! Everyone in attendance had a nice evening.

184 attendees

12 Different Advertisers the night of the event

More than 160 different donors making 132 baskets, 44 silent auction items.

We sold 9,055 Basket Raffle tickets

We sold 1,157 of our 50/50 tickets, all of the winners were announced at the event and all were notified as well. Congratulations if you were a winner!

Based on all of those numbers and our preliminary counting, we are already at more than \$23,000 in profit. We still have money coming in from Silent Auction items that have not yet been picked up.

We are expected to be at \$24,000 in profit from the event.

Laura is still working on donor receipts as well as the reports that have to be out for the 50/50 & basket raffle. They will be out in the next month.

Great job to all who have worked so hard on putting this event together!

PLEASE spread the word that in order to come back next year, we will need help in multiple positions of Spring Fling. Positions are available in all categories of the fundraiser. You may contact any Board Member to participate as little or as much as you want. Having the community step is vital in making the Spring Fling Fundraiser a success!

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

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

Sustainability & Wellness Committee:

Marissa Nolfi

Sustainability: nothing new to report

Wellness Committee/Green Team:

Since our last meeting, the school celebrated SEL Day on March 11th. Some of the students from the Green Team and Wellness teamed up with Mr. Swan to do an outdoor cleanup of our school & facilities.

The school celebrated Purple Day on Wellness Wednesday on March 16.

Tomorrow's Wellness Wednesday will be Black and White day, Staff may wear denim if they participate in the color of the day. Maschio's will match the color of the day by matching food to the day!

Students began prepping for Earth Day which is April 22nd.

Added by Dr. O: Dr. O covered in the elementary lunchroom one day this week and would like to give the kids a huge shoutout. "The kids sometimes have extra food that they don't want or don't need and they're happy to give this away. Every Thursday of each week 4 8th Grade Boys take all of the donations to the Somerset Food Bank and they take 3-4 shopping bags of things like fruitcups, milk, cheesticks, etc. This is a really nice way of how our kids can be mindful of others. I want to give them a HUGE shoutout because it was a bunch of kids at the elementary school level and the Wellness Team and the Middle Schoolers decided they are right, let's help them out. Lots of teamwork and Leadership. It was really great to watch this happen. A great community project!"

Board Elections:

Elections for the Executive Board for the 2022/2023 has been voted on virtually at the April 5th PTO Meeting. These individuals will fulfill their roles on July 1st.

*Each position except for treasurer can have a dual role/co participants. All 4 positions are open and have volunteers.

The New Executive PTO Board has been voted upon as following:

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

PR/Social

Ramsey Melendez

Pictures of the penguin cards will be posted to social media and the website for all to see! I did have a parent volunteer to shadow me next year to eventually take over social media and the website for the PTO. She is extremely qualified and we are going to have more information about that at next months meeting.

All of our SF Advertisers have been scheduled on social media. Depending on their chosen level of advertising that their business chose. Some get mentioned on our social media or sponsored on our website or our newsletter. There will be approximately one advertisers per week between now and August. We have 12 advertisers altogether. Our Spring Fling website page on the PTO website has been updated with all of the donors, both families and businesses. All of the advertisers that chose a higher level get a link to their business website on our website so that has been all set up as well.

As a previous PTO Board Member, I know how much goes into planning a Spring Fling. It takes months to plan an event of this level. I'd like to Thank you all, Laura, the volunteers and the Board Members for bringing it back and making it amazing after a two year hiatus.

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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.

***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.

CardMyYard

Danielle Fredella

Ongoing Committees

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

- **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.

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.

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

Wishing you all a Fabulous Spring Break!

Next meeting will be May 10, 2022 at 7:00pm

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 7:49pm

****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.***