



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020



www.bedminsterpto.org
pto@bedminsterschool.org

Start time: 7:06pm

Welcome and Comments – Danielle Fredella, President

- Welcome everyone and thank you for coming.
- Introduction of the new Board members.

Superintendent's Report: Jennifer Giordano - not present

- see BOE Report; Suzie Stevinson reported

Principal's Report: Corby Swan

- Welcome back to the 2020 - 2021 school year. While students and teachers may not physically be in the same room, learning is still taking place. Our focus for the start of this virtual learning process will be to build communities and student-teacher relationships, which is a big part of the learning process. Technology issues may arise here and there, but we are doing our best to correct them.
- Thank you to the PTO for the gifts that they presented to our entire staff. It was very much appreciated and will be put to good use.
- Some exciting news...we will be having the first ever BTS Virtual Back to School Night Sessions on Wednesday, September 23rd and Thursday, September 24th. The 23rd will be for grades Pre-K - 4 and the 24th will be for grades 5 - 8. Specific details will be communicated to you prior to the event.
- Please remind and encourage your children to attend Office Hours with teachers everyday between 2:10 - 2:35. This is a way for them to review concepts, ask questions, and also connect with their teachers.
- Tuesday, September 29th will begin our Phase In Model for in-person classes beginning with our Pre-K and Language Learning Disabilities (LLD) students. This schedule is posted to our website and is called BTS Phase In Model Schedule.
- Please remember that there is no school on Monday, September 28th in observance of Yom Kippur.
- Thank you to the PTO for everything that they do and to our extra supportive school community for sticking together during this new normal.

Teacher Representative – Chuck Hogan

- Not present

Board of Education Report – Suzie Stevinson

- Virtual BOE meeting held on Thursday, September 17th, 2020
- Department of Education (DOE) meetings are virtual due to reduced capacity

Correspondence and Minutes – Marissa Nolfi, Secretary

- 8th Grade Thank you notes
- Thank you notes from teachers for beginning of year gifts
- Social Media thank yous from teachers and staff

Treasurer's Report – Amber Cross

- Available on PTO website
- Inflows: PTO computer donation, Amazon Smiles, 50/50 Raffle
- Outflows: Meghan Schultze Back to school Night 2019, Check order Harlad Clarke PPD, Ralph Wojteck teacher of the year gift card, Dunkin donuts Welcome back “Luncheon” 2020, Kings-Welcome back “Luncheon” lottery tickets 2020, Danielle Fredella Bulletin Boards.
- PTO will be collecting memberships via Paypal friends and family at btsptotreasury@gmail.com (Amber Cross)

New Business

- 2020-2021 Executive Board newly elected members
Danielle Fredella: President deefredella@yahoo.com
Meghan Schultze: Vice President meghanschultze3@gmail.com
Marissa Nolfi: Secretary marissanolfi@gmail.com
Amber Cross: Treasurer aleber1121@gmail.com
- PTO memberships are being collected virtually. Fee increase to \$15/family.

Bedminster Charities Fall Fest (BCFF): Cancelled for 2020

- 50/50 Tickets are being sold at Bedminster Farmer's Market on Saturday's
- **Volunteers Needed for the remaining weeks of Farmer's Market.**

Spirit Wear: Jessica Pascale & Melissa Kircher

- Minor modifications and changes to our logo. Approved by Mr. Swan.
- Spirit Wear will be virtual and contactless purchasing this year. Direct online purchases sent right to your home.
- Sale should be up in the beginning of October.

Halloween Events: Cancelled for 2020

- **Spooktacular:** Danielle Fredella
- **Trunk or Treat:** Giovanna Lamiera

Spring Fling: Friday, April 30, 2021: Laura DeZutter- Kamrow

- **Volunteers needed for all commitment types**
- Anyone interested in volunteering in any way, please email LauradeZutter@yahoo.com

PTO Meeting Schedule:

- **October 13th, 7:00pm - link to follow**
- **November 10th, 7:00pm - link to follow**
- **December - *no meeting***
- **January 12th, 7:00pm - link to follow**
- **February 9th, 7:00pm - link to follow**
- **March 9th, 9:30am - link to follow**
- **April 13th, 7:00pm - link to follow**
- **May 11th, 7:00pm - link to follow**

- June 8th, 7:00pm - link to follow
- Please note: ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME. ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD THROUGH GOOGLE MEET UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

<http://www.bedminsterpto.org/meeting-dates.html>

Public Questions & Comments: • This portion will be held to a 15-minute limit. We politely ask that each speaker limit his or her time to 5 minutes for comments and/or questions in regard to any Agenda point or any other topic related to the PTO. If any written documents are to be given to the PTO Executive Board, please email them to the Board Secretary 2 days in advance of the meeting date. pto@bedminsterschool.org

Old Business

- September 3rd. Teacher Welcome Back Luncheon cancelled
- PTO gave small token of acknowledgement to teachers and staff under the circumstance that we were unable to give them the luncheon they normally get at the beginning of each school year and that they highly deserve. (gift cards and scratch offs)

Ongoing Committees

Assemblies: Danielle Fredella and Meghan Schultze (Temporary Chairs)

- Chair people Needed (at least 2)
- No assemblies at this time due to COVID-19 state guidelines

Bulletin Boards: Faith Costabile & Danielle Fredella

- Back to school boards are up, Thank you Danielle & Faith!
- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/bulletin-boards.html>

Box Tops: Stephanie Zultanky

- Chairperson needed
- No information at this time.

CIC, The HUB: Anna Spitalari - not present reported by Danielle Fredella

- Diners, Demos and Donations Thursday, October 1 at 7:00pm.
- All info regarding SHYMAC/Hub will be posted via the PTO website and social media platforms.
- Meaningful and educational volunteer opportunities for Middle School students are offered throughout the year at Community in Crisis, The Hub; for information please email: Info@communityincrisis.org.
- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/cic-the-hub.html>

SH Municipal Alliance: Anna Spitalari

- nothing to report

Cub Scout Pack #1749- Steve Frantz Cub Scouts Pack #1749

- Meeting scheduled for every Monday at Pluckemin Pavillion.
- Fundraising/Popcorn sales TBD

Donations & Corporate Matching: Executive Board

- We are extremely fortunate to have a handful of families that consider us when their companies offer a corporate matching program.
- PTO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity

- Amazon Smile Program: Bedminster PTO can be chosen as your charity to receive 0.05% of qualified purchases

Helping Hands: Linda Fragassi

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

Homeroom Parents: Ramsey Melendez

- Reach out to Ramsey to become a Homeroom Parent. melendez.family07@yahoo.com
- Assignments and Meeting To be announced
- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/homeroom-parent.html>
- <https://bedminster.planitpto.com>

Social Media/Website/PR: Ramsey Melendez

- Dates & times and all information can be found on social media & website
- Facebook is our highest viewed platform
- Like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

8th Grade: Karen Rosen

- TBA

Scholastic: Danielle Fredella & Suzie Stevinson

- Postponed to April 2021

PTO Membership: 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 website and all current Newsletters

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- Scholastic postponed, link to PTO membership in comments of chat.

Closing Notes:Danielle Fredella

- Next meeting October 13th, 2020 at 7pm will be virtual. (Subject to change) Link coming soon.

Meeting Closed at 7:38pm

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 writing minutes and to have a factual record of the meeting once minutes are submitted, recordings are deleted.