

**Bedminster Township School  
Parent Teacher Organization**

**Meeting Minutes (unapproved)  
April 14th, 2105**

**Welcome Comments – Suzie Stevinson, President**

- Meeting called to order 7:10pm.

**Karna Johnson – SHEF**

3<sup>rd</sup> year of Summer Enrichment Academy

- Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> graders –rising 11<sup>th</sup> graders enhance necessary skills to go beyond High School. No credits awarded.
- Focused on critical thinking skills
  - Writing skills for young authors
  - Hands on Science – CSI forensic study
  - 4 days per week am or pm for 1 week.
- Music for all ages
  - Voices, instrumental, drama
- Gateway to HS – great for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Tours of school, familiarity with teachers, faculty, building.
- Math courses
- Opportunity to meet schoolmates and familiarize with Somerset Hills.

**Principal’s Report –Mr. Swan**

Dr. Carol Conger, BTS Interim Superintendent will attend SF.

Students successful with PARCC

Awesome job with “Guys and Dolls” production. Well done kids and Mr. LeFurge. It was a pleasure to participate.

Great fun at the Student vs. Faculty BBall game.

BOE Meeting Thursday 4/16 and Thursday 4/23. Please attend these Budget planning meetings.

Grades 5-8 enjoyed Shakespeare theater this week.

2<sup>nd</sup> round of Differentiated Instruction took place this week for select teachers.

Kindergarten Screening – 4/15 and 4/16<sup>th</sup>

Academic Achievement Night for those students in grades 4-8<sup>th</sup> who achieved Honor Roll and High Honor Roll so far 4/21

5/28 7pm – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Achievement Night

5/13 – Teacher of the Year recommendations deadline

5/29 – Teacher of the Year Assembly

Field Day 6/2 Elementary aged children

Rain date 6/4

Field Day 6/9 Middle School children

Rain date 6/16

6/15 7pm Parent Orientation for rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Monday 6/16 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade dinner dance at the Bridgewater Manor  
Graduation Friday 6/19 6pm

Mr. Swan will reach out to SH District about poss. Recess time for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Mr. Swan will look into Art for 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Homework over breaks

Quality vs. Quantity with regard to homework.

**Teacher Representative** -- Mr. Chuck Hogan

Excited for Spring Fling and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

**Board of Education Representative – Howard Wolkow**

**Budget Meeting 4/16 – share curriculum concerns, share thoughts and priorities.**

**BOE Meeting also 4/23. Dr Conger, interim Superintendent. Hope to lock down a prospective candidate in the upcoming weeks. Still negotiating.**

**Correspondence and Approval of Minutes – Anna Spitaleri**

March 2015 Minutes approved.

Kindergarten Insect Book thanking PTO for funding enrichment program in line with curriculum about insects.

**Treasurer's Report – Laura Govan**

- Total Inflows - \$9,390.00
- Outflows - \$3,331.71
- Balance \$47,698.42 as of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**New Business**

- **PTO Exec Board 2015/2016 – Approved Board**  
Suzie Stevinson, President  
Marisa Austenberg, VP  
Laura Govan, Treasurer  
Anna Spitaleri, Secretary  
Vote – 17 yes, 0 no
- **College Savings Program** – Angus Miller – awaiting date from P. Acosta
- **Family Wellness Day** – Laura DeJean, PhyZeke Fitness tbd – awaiting approval from P. Acosta
- **Staff Appreciation Day** – 5/6/15 Mimi Brown
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – May 4<sup>th</sup> [www.ptotoday.com](http://www.ptotoday.com) for ideas
- **Fall Fest Volunteers** – 9/12
- **SPRING FLING – Volunteers still needed please**

**Old Business**

**MAXX Fundraiser**

**Ongoing Committees**

- Homeroom Parents, Kim Kennedy, Mary Kessler –Thank you for the baskets.

- Programs/Assemblies/Author Visits – Faith Costablie and Lis Loeb – Thank you to Mimi Brown and Tess Johnson for help. Shakespeare program very good.
- Helping Hands, Ellen Reyda—No needs noted.
- Box Tops – Carrie Tyler
- Spring Fling 4/17/15– Gina Fernandez and Marisa Austenberg – best baskets to date. Putting Challenge 7-8pm \$5 per putt, cash only.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraising – Lisa Cunningham and Allison Rosenzweig  
May 19<sup>th</sup> at noon, Bernards High School Community Room – final HAS Meeting.  
Chance to meet the Exec. Board and Principal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.