



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2021



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Start time: 7:05pm

President's Welcome and Comments – Danielle Fredella, President

Welcome & Thank you for joining tonight!

PTO welcomed their first assembly for grades K-4 right before Thanksgiving break.

Mad Science! The kids were really engaged and loved having him. Pictures of the assembly were posted on social media. We are so thankful to have assemblies back in the building!

Spring Fling is in FULL swing. We have been working very hard on this fundraiser (and parents night out filled with fun, food, drinks, dancing and basket & raffle prizes!) Thank you for those who have reached out and are making a basket donation from your family. Thank you to all the Homeroom Parents. All HRP's have already purchased their baskets from their class. If you haven't done so yet, reach out to Jessica Pasquale to have the basket/items shipped or dropped off at her house. All baskets will start being put together right after the Holiday break.

**The My sign up still has some items needed such as basket fillers.

If anyone has any questions pertaining to something not listed in the agenda please reach out to Danielle via the PTO website. www.bedminsterpto.org

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

Mad Science Assembly! We have had a lot of happenings in the Elementary world of BTS. We had a Mad Science Assembly for grades K - 4, so thank you to the PTO for supporting it. Food Drive (Pie the Principal) Bedminster Township School will also be hosting its annual food drive for the month of December. Last year, we collected over 900 items and this year we would like to beat that number. To add a fun twist, the homeroom class with the most donations will have a student name raffled to throw a pie at Principal Swan OR Principal Omegna, respectively. There is also a list of food items currently being accepted by the Somerset County Food Bank that was emailed to our entire school community on November 22nd. The last day that items will be accepted for the count is Friday, December 17th. Boxes are located in the vestibule to drop off items, or they will be collected from homerooms. Your

child's name and grade must be on the bags dropped off or brought into school to be included in the count.

2021-2022 Governor's Educator of the Year We also named Mrs. Alfieri as our Governor's Educator of the Year. Mrs. Alfieri serves as one of our Reading Specialists and she has served the district in that role for the last 8 years. She has served on numerous committees including the School Climate Team, the Standards Based Report Card Committee, and the Professional Development Committee just to name a few. Mrs. Alfieri has also established herself in the area of leadership by leading many trainings for some of our staff. Big congratulations to her and a huge thank you to the committee which included myself, Ms. Giordano, Dr. Omega, Mrs. Zugale, Ms. Skiba, Mrs. McFarland, and Mrs. Fredella.

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Elizabeth Omega

Please refer to the monthly newsletter for all key dates and information.

We gave out shout-outs to Mr. Lefurge for the concerts, Principal's Academy for setting up spirit days, and reminded everyone that 12/23 is PJ day and a huge shout out to PTO for the new recess/lunch gear as the kids are having a blast!!

Teacher Representative Patricia Leonti

Congratulations to Mrs. Alfieri for her recent achievement of Governors Educator of the Year Award. She is a wonderful peer, person and very deserving of this award. Thank you for everything and to everyone involved in the PTO.

Board of Education Report Giovanna Lamiera

BOE meeting this Thursday the 16th. It will be in person and anyone who would like to join is welcome.

Last month's meeting was November 18th, it was a very short meeting.

Welcome to the new Science Teacher, Dr. Cooper.

Two new Board members will be sworn in next month, Christie Biedron & Gabriel Wickizer

The meeting went over some policy revisions and the new meeting dates for the 2022 year as well as a couple of curriculum revisions.

Correspondence and Minutes Marissa Nolfi, Secretary

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

Click below for previous months Minutes Reports

[September 2021 Minutes Report](#)

[October 2021 Minutes Report](#)

[November Minutes Report](#)

Motion to Approve November 2021 Minutes (Approvals cannot be from the PTO Board)

First: Ramsey Melendez

Second: Jamak Koochak

Thank you letter from Mrs. Alfieri. Mrs. Alfieri won the Governors Teacher of the year award (clap clap clap)! The PTO presented her with a \$75 gift card for her achievement. She was very grateful and super honored. The gift card will be put to great use.

Thank you from Dr. O. The PTO donated board and card games to the Middle School students for days when it's raining/snowing or just too cold to go outside. So far the children have been putting them to great use! They deserve it!

Treasurer's Report Lisa Cohen, Treasurer

- Full Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- Inflows: \$629.15
- PTO memberships: \$503.53 THANK YOU
- Amazon Smile: \$80.50 (Keep using Amazon Smile!)
- Outflows: \$183.96
- Bulletin Boards: \$15.44
- Donation to MS recess equipment: \$138.40
- Main Account Balance: \$56,706.76
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300.00
- Total Cash Available: \$57,006.76
- 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

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.**

Licensing applications for our 50/50 & basket raffle have been acquired!

Solicitations mailing have all gone out. We have already been receiving donations from a handful local businesses in addition to all of the family donations and the class baskets.

Follow up phone calls/emails will start after the New Year. We would like all of our Donations in by mid-February.

Our Family mailing will go out at the end of January which will include an invitation to SF, information on how to purchase tickets, FAQ sheet as well as 50/50 tickets for each family to sell. Keep an eye out in your mailboxes!!!!

Also going out in January are two of our advertising solicitation mailings.

1) We have our regular solicitation mailing that already went out and that is for donations as well as asking people who donate whether or not they would be interested in advertising.

2) We then have a second mailing that goes out to businesses that might not have anything that they would be able to donate such as a Lawyers Firm, however they do have the opportunity to advertise.

Solicitations...We need **volunteers** to make some phone calls and/or emails to local businesses that would like to donate to our Spring Fling.

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

My sign up List went out to all of the Families. There are still a few items needed!

Please check out the My Sign Up sheet on our website.

Volunteers needed for donation pickups. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available.

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

Spirit Wear October 18-22nd

Jessica Pascale and Melissa Kircher

Anyone who ordered Spirit Wear may have already received their Spirit Wear and/or an email that their orders are being shipped. If you haven't heard anything, please reach out to any PTO Board member.

\$561.00 raised for Spirit Wear this year. Go Bulldogs!

Reminder: Fridays are Spirit wear/**Blue** Day in the school

Homeroom Parents

Ramsey Melendez

Click here for more information:

[Homeroom Parent](#)

Thank you to all of the HRP's for your hard work. Every class has gotten all of their SF items in for you class basket donations.

If you are a Homeroom Parent and you have leftover Spring Fling basket money, please reach out to Danielle with that amount. What the PTO does with that remaining money is pooled together to purchase one more item at the end which is something the PTO is looking to add to the basket collection.

*Reminder to Pre-K – 4th grade HRP's: A portion of the money allocation that was collected in the beginning of the year goes towards a December Holiday gift for your Homeroom Teacher. That amount is \$5/student which will be presented before the Holiday Break.

Please take a photo of your Teachers gift and send it to the Class Parents so that the children and parents can see what was purchased for their teacher. Parents like to know what the money is being used for.

Lastly, to all parents (not just Homeroom parents) who would like to purchase a gift for their teacher from your family, this is perfectly fine. It is not necessary as we do send in a class gift.

The Class donation breakdown is as follows:

Pre-K – 4th Grade \$40/child

- \$15 crafts/activities usually 3 or 4 per year.
- \$10 Spring Fling class basket
- \$5 December gift for Teacher
- \$5 Teacher Appreciation week Gift for Teacher (May)
- \$5 June/End of the Year Teacher Gift

Grades 5th-8th \$30/child

- \$10 parties (Dec & June)
- \$10 Spring Fling Class Basket
- \$5 Teacher Appreciation Week Gift (May)
- \$5 June/End of the Year Teacher Gift

****Important info for HRP's entering the School Building****

The most important information for HRP's this year are the guidelines. (This information was also sent out in an email from Ramsey last week) Administration has very specific guidelines set in place for all volunteers who enter the building. If you are vaccinated for COVID-19, you will need to present your Vax card which will then be copied and filed with our Admin Staff. If you are not vaccinated, you will need to have a Negative PCR test within 24 hours of being in the building to help the children. You will not be granted permission into the building without one of these pieces of information.

Thank you to all of our HRP volunteers!

Sustainability & Wellness Committee:

Marissa Nolfi

Sustainability: nothing new to report

Wellness Committee/Green Team:

Soup Recipe contest deadline is December 15th!

Wellness Wednesday color day - **Orange** - December 15th

Principal's Academy Spirit Day for December is December 23rd - **PJ DAY!!**

The canned food drive is taking place through Friday, December 17th for the Somerset County Food Bank. See Ms. G's tweets and check the Friday Folder for more details!

Ms. Kathleen McClay from School climate & Culture Initiative at College of St. Elizabeth (SC&CI) spoke with the Wellness & Sustainability student representatives on Tuesday, 12/7 about wellness highlights at school.

The Child Assault Prevention reps are visiting K & 4 classrooms for yearly awareness programming.

For more information regarding Sustainability at Bedminster School & our Wellness Committee and Green Team please follow this link. [District Committees - Bedminster School](#)

Presentation: Promoting Positive Behavior at School, Home and in the Community: Dr. Elena Garcia-Albea

Please view the link to view the presentation on our website as well as on social media. www.bedminsterpto.org

***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)

January meeting is cancelled.

- February 8, 2022
- March 8, 2022
- April 5, 2022
- May 10, 2022
- June 14, 2022

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. They will be changing on October 15th for fall.

Click here to take a peak!

[Bulletin Boards](#)

Bedminster Charities Fall Fest

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.

Donations & Corporate Matching

Executive Board

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

PR/Social

Ramsey Melendez

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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.

Please follow and Like us to see all the Latest Bulldog News in school and around the community.

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:**

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, Marissa Nolfi, 2 days in advance of the meeting date. pto@bedminsterschool.org

Closing Notes: Danielle Fredella, PTO President

January meeting is cancelled. We will reconvene in February

Next meeting will be February 8, 2022 at 7:00pm

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 7:56pm

****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.***