

**Bedminster Township School
Parent Teacher Organization**

**Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
February 10, 2105**

Welcome Comments – Suzie Stevinson, President

- Meeting called to order 7:11pm.

Thank you Kim Rich for all help with Kindergarten Orientation.

Please consider donating a bottle of wine for the Spring Fling basket. Donations may be dropped off in the Main Office or give to Marisa or Suzie.

All classes except 5th grade have requested a PTO funded, curriculum based special program. Please reach out to 5th grade teachers to encourage them to seek a special program of their choice.

“State of the School” – Winter Update

Mr. Ron Bolandi and Miss Jennifer Giordano

Please refer to website for complete “State of the School” presentation.

Reminder of original goal of school to positively effect all children in the school.

Budget meeting in March, please attend the BOE meeting.

Mr. Bolandi expressed concern about the Somerset Hills tuition rate for BTS students to attend BHS increasing subsequently effecting BTS programming in the future. Somerset Hills currently charges BTS \$16.5K per student to attend BHS. Mr. Bolandi will recommend to the BTS BOE fostering a more meaningful relationship with the HS.

Understand cost factors to the penny. Encourage BOE to negotiate tuition rate! Perhaps a formal audit of Somerset Hills for the past 5 years. Parents should support the BOE in this effort.

Please inform Jennifer Giordano of any PARCC related assessment being administered by teachers. It is not allowed!

In order to stay educated about our school, please attend PTO, BOE meetings and or read Minutes and information provided on our website.

Principal’s Report –Mr. Swan

No Report tonight due to State of School address given by Ms. Giordano and Mr. Bolandi. All concerns, questions for Mr. Swan may always be conveyed by email or phone.

Director of Student Services—Mrs. Jessica Cohen

No Report

Teacher Representative -- Mr. Chuck Hogan

Not present / no report

Board of Education Representative—TBD (absent)

An announcement will be made regarding the Superintendent search during the Feb

meeting.

Budget meeting in March, please attend!

Correspondence and Approval of Minutes – Anna Spitaleri

January 2015 Minutes approved.

Thank you letter from Mrs. Lucy Ragoza

Treasurer's Report – Laura Govan

- Total Inflows - \$2,515.00
- Outflows - \$2,381.35
- Balance as of 2/9/2015 - \$41,214.75

New Business

- **PTO Exec Board 2015/2016** – please consider volunteering
- **Spring Fling** – See programs for ideas of local supporters where you may shop, ads for teachers to thank them for their efforts. Please shop locally at our PTO supporters. Donate baskets, gift cards, \$. \$60 per ticket.
- **Delicious Heights Fundraiser – NEW DATE 3/2/15**
- **Rutgers Basketball Game - Tess Johnson** Sunday 2/22/15 Rutgers vs. Indiana \$10 per ticket

Old Business

- **Devils Hockey Game 2/16/15 – Tess Johnson** Friday, 7pm \$55 per ticket – NJ Devils vs. Toronto Maple Leafs – We made \$130 profit. 21 people attended.

Ongoing Committees

- Homeroom Parents, Kim Kennedy, Mary Kessler – Basket ideas may be submitted. *Please support the Music fundraiser – Move, “Frozen” 2/20 7pm.*
- Programs/Assemblies/Author Visit, Faith Costabile and Lis Loeb – Thank you Mimi Brown for helping with organizing.
2/19 – K-4th grade JVH free program – historical re-enactors George and Martha.
3/2/15 Shakespeare, May author visit TBD.
- Helping Hands, Ellen Reyda—No needs noted.
Police Chief Meyers – gesture of support and card from PTO
- Box Tops – Carrie Tyler – Goal – 10,000 box tops
- Spring Fling – 4/17/2015 Trump National
- 8th Grade Fundraising – Lisa Cunningham and Allison Rosenzweig
Shoparoo sign up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.