



**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP  
SCHOOL**



**Parent Teacher Organization  
Meeting Minutes**

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**February 8, 2022**

**Start time: 7:07pm**

**President's Welcome and Comments** – Danielle Fredella, President

Welcome & Thank you for joining tonight! Tonight we will be discussing our Spring Fling Fundraiser which is in 51 days!

**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 have begun being put together!

\*\*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](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)

**Elementary Principal's Report:** Corby Swan

Good evening everyone. Happy Black History Month everyone. We have a lot of exciting things happening at this time of year.

I want to highlight Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Isello who presented at New Jersey Collaboration and Partnership Schools (NJCAPS) Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Action on Monday, January 17, 2022. Mrs. Isello led a workshop entitled Take Them Outside... Innovative Utilization of Outdoor Learning Spaces Through the Pandemic and Beyond. During the presentation she shared some outdoor lesson ideas across various subject areas and grades and highlighted some of the positive academic and social emotional impact of spending time in nature. Well done Mrs. Isello!

Big shout out to Mrs. Mowery who is in the planning stages with me for Read Across America Week which will be February 28th - March 4th.

We will be communicating more about that over the next few weeks but we are really excited to promote and celebrate reading.

On Friday, January 28th, students in Ms. Resotka's 1st grade class and Mr. Hogan's 2nd grade class successfully pied myself and Dr. Omega in the face as part of the Pie The Principal event. This event was part of our school Community donating 2,500 canned or boxed items to the Somerset County Food Bank in order to make a difference in the lives of others. Special thanks to Mrs. Zugale for organizing this and to everyone who contributed to the cause.

Big shout out to 4th Grade students who just completed our Genius Hour initiative. Students worked extremely hard and I am encouraged by the work they were able to do during Marking Periods 1 and 2. Special thanks to Ms. Brantner and Ms. McCoy who worked together with me and the students to make this happen. Thank you also for the support of 4th grade teachers, Mrs. Carlin and Ms. Stanek.

Teachers are continuously working hard with our new i-ready mathematics program. Teachers and students are really placing emphasis on math discourse, which is the mathematical communication that occurs in a classroom. We look forward to seeing students grow in math using this new program during the years that they are in Elementary School.

2022 - 2023 Kindergarten Registration has arrived. So, if you know any Bedminster families who are thinking about enrolling their child, please refer them to our website which is where they can find all of the information.

Please remember that school is closed in observance of President's Day on Monday, February 21st.

Please remember that tomorrow is Green Day, another color day in our Wellness Wednesday Series. So please remind your children to wear the color green tomorrow.

That is what's happening in Elementary School at BTS! Thank you to the PTO for all that you do.

### **Middle School Principal's Report:** Dr. Elizabeth Omega

Kudos and Congrats to all MS students who are now at their halfway point in the year. Keep up the good work, set reasonable and specific goals, and know we are all here to help you succeed. See me or Ms. Deckhut if you need help with a classmate or class, and you can also email us or stop us in the hall or lunch.

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls BBall teams for a great season, lots of hard work, and for representing BTS at the tournament games! Many thanks to our parents and coaches who worked hard, gave up their time, and for supporting the season.

Thank you to our MS students who helped us "STUFF THE BUS" for an entire busload of donations to the Somerset County Food Pantry. Lots of families are in need of your love and support and BTS represented! Thank you to all of our "littles" in grades Pk-4 for their donations and enthusiasm when they pie-d their Principals! Shout out to Ms. Zugale for her organization of the food drive.

Many thanks to the PTO and parent volunteers who are helping Principal's Academy pull off a "Winter Fun Night" on Friday, February 25th. This open gym/dance party night is open to all BTS MS students from 6:30-8:30 for \$3 (exact change is appreciated!)

Look for details in the February newsletter coming out shortly and have a great night!

### **Teacher Representative** Patricia Leonti

Everyone is very happy to be back in Full swing.

### **Board of Education Report** Giovanna Lamiera

Not present- nothing to report.

### **Correspondence and Minutes** Marissa Nolfi, Secretary

All PTO Meeting Minutes Reports can be found on our websites & social media  
No correspondence for the month.

Motion to Approve December 2021 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](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)
- Inflows: \$842.30
- PTO memberships: \$30
- Spirit Wear Deposit: \$561.00
- Box Tops Deposit: \$251.30
- Outflows: \$1,188.06
- GC/Card for Educator of the Year Award: \$78.93
- Bulletin Boards: \$72.70
- Recess games for MS: \$133.19
- Postage Stamps for SF: \$191.96
- Twp of Bedminster 50/50: \$20.00
- 50/50 Raffle (Legalized Game of chance control Commission: \$20.00
- SF Supplies: \$171.28
- Mad Science Assembly: \$500.00
- Main Account Balance: \$56,361.00
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300.00
- Total Cash Available: \$56,661.00

- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at [btsptotreasury@gmail.com](mailto:btsptotreasury@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.

We would like all of our Donations in by mid-February.

Our Family mailing has gone out to everyone, this includes an invitation to SF, information on how to purchase tickets, FAQ sheet as well as 50/50 tickets for each family to sell.

Tickets are on sale on the PTO website! So far, we are doing well selling. Get them before March 1, as the price per ticket will increase.

50/50 tickets are on sale, so far we have sold 165 tickets (\$825 in 8 days!) Great start!

Reach out to Laura or any board member for more tickets if needed.

Donations is the biggest thing we are working on right now besides admissions. We are still trying to connect with a lot of local businesses to donate items for baskets.

If anyone has any amount of time to make any calls to area businesses to follow up on the letter sent, we could use your help. We also need volunteers to pick up donations secured.

Advertising help is also needed. Following up with local businesses to see if they would be interested in advertising.

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!

Volunteers needed for the night of Spring Fling for a variety of jobs.

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

**Anyone interested in volunteering for Spring Fling committee, please email Laura at: [LauradeZutter@yahoo.com](mailto:LauradeZutter@yahoo.com)**

We have a NEW Spring Fling email address: [BedminsterSpringFling@gmail.com](mailto:BedminsterSpringFling@gmail.com)

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

## **Homerom Parents**

Ramsey Melendez

Click here for more information:

[Homerom 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.

HRP have been in charge of purchasing an item for their class basket for SF. When the item is dropped off at Jessica's house, please make sure the form is filled out. This form was in yesterday's reminder email. It is a very simple form.

### ***\*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!

## **PR/Social**

Ramsey Melendez

Please like out Spring Fling event tab! It has all of the information regarding Spring Fling. This is the place to look for any information you might need.

[www.bedminsterpto.org](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)

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!***

### **Sustainability & Wellness Committee:**

Marissa Nolfi

Sustainability: nothing new to report

Wellness Committee/Green Team:

Wear Green on Wednesday!

### **Board Elections:**

Board elections are coming up! If anyone is interesting in running for the PTO Board, please let Danielle know by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Runners will be announced at next month's meeting. Final Board will be voted on virtually at the April 5<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting.

### **\*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](mailto: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)

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

### **Assemblies**

Sonia Marto

### **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**

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.

### **Spirit Wear**

Jessica Pascale and Melissa Kircher

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**Closing Notes:** Danielle Fredella, PTO President

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

**This meeting date is subject to change.**

**Meeting Closed at 7:37pm**

***\*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.***