



# MINUTES

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## Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2025

Virtual meeting

**Start time:** 7:05 pm

**President's Welcome:** Jenn Chang

Good evening and thank you for joining us tonight. Welcome to our last virtual meeting of the year. A few things that we were showing on the screens speak to some of the things that we mentioned last month and it really takes a village for what we have been working on for our Fundraiser which is Spring Fling. We wanted to show the process along the way and show it is the culmination of a lot of work between Nadine and the solicitations crew, that has been working on securing donations from local businesses and also working with families from Bedminster and then to Danielle and Michelle on the basket committee. You can really see the hard work and fun coming together. We really appreciate all the work and look forward to the Spring Fling this year.

Another update from Mr. Mac is the brand new weather station, it took some effort to get it up and installed on our roof. Mr Mac is working on the camera portion so we look forward to an update on that in the future. It's a great example of one of the PTO's funds that contributes throughout the year.

We will be touching upon a couple other things tonight but I wanted to get it started and in the interest of time with a virtual meeting. Short and sweet tonight, thank you for joining us tonight and I wanted to pass it to Mr. Swan.

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

Since we last met, we are now in Marking Period 3. Today was our 100th Day of School and some of our classrooms worked on activities centered around the theme of being 100 days brighter! Our students are enjoying success working in their various programs i-Ready, IXL, Sound Start, and a new Benchmark ELA Pilot in Grades 2 and 4. Our 4th-grade students are in the beginning stages of their Genius Hour projects and are excited. In a few weeks, we will celebrate Read Across America Week from February 24th - 28th. The week will be filled with fostering a love for reading, guest readers, activities, and even a Reader's Theater performance by my elementary staff that we think the students will love. You will receive the themes for the week soon. Please remember that we are closed this Friday the 14th and Monday the 17th in observance of President's Day. Thank you to the PTO for all that you do, for your efforts, and your continued support of our school.

### **Middle Principal's Report: Lauren Zugale**

- We recently started Marking Period 3. Students were assessed in Math and ELA using IXL to identify areas of growth and need. Teachers are using the data to inform their instruction.
- Teachers are working with students on our district student achievement goal by increasing writing opportunities across content areas, supporting students in the skills of restating, answering, citing and explaining (RACE strategy), and encouraging students to justify ideas using text evidence. In Social Studies, students are completing Document Based Questions (DBQs) using primary and secondary

sources. In Science, students are using Newsela writing prompts. Teachers are working together on common language, rubrics, and activities to support strong writing skills.-

- Congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams on their successful seasons. Our school community cheered the boys team on as they made it to the championship round!
- Congratulations to our Mathcounts Club who competed in their first competition at the end of January and best of luck to our Robotics Team who will be competing in the VEX IQ Robotics competition on Saturday February 23rd in Livingston.

### **Student Council:**

- Winter Fun Night for MS students on Jan 29th was a HUGE success! Over 60 students participated. They danced, played nine square in the gym, enjoyed a photo booth and crafts, and enjoyed a hot cocoa bar.
- SEL Pawsitive Jars will be available for an upcoming Valentine's Day sale

### **Grade 8:**

- 8th grade scheduling meetings occurred on Feb 5th and 7th with HS staff on site in BTS
- Grade 8 events are being planned with the 8th grade committee including a trip to Hershey Park; 8th Grade Promotion scheduled for June 24th at 5:30pm
- NJSLA dates are set for this year. Please mark your calendars and try to avoid any travel or appointments during school hours on testing days.:
- NJSLA Science for grades 5 & 8 - May 5th & 6th (Makeups May 7th & 8th)
- NJSLA Math for all Middle School - May 12th, 13th & 14th
- NJSLA ELA for all Middle School - May 15th & 16th (Makeups for both May 15th - May 21st)

- School will be closed on Friday, February 14th & Monday February 17th for winter recess. Looking ahead, school will also be closed Monday, March 3rd for a staff development day.

**Teacher Representative:** Beth Rosnell

Pigging backing from Mr Swan said I don't have much to report but we did have the 100th day today which was very excited. We are in the thicke of the year and digging into the curriculum.

The BEA will be sponsoring a basket. Ms Holtzberger is incharge of collecting all the items. We are excited

**Board of Education Report:** Gabby Gomez

- Congratulations BTS BoE President, VP, and new member
- BTS Middle School top 100 schools in NJ second year in a row - US News, thanks to all of our staff PreK-8 for this accolade
- State-of-the-art technology lab underway at BTS
- NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) year for us - busy preparing
- Curriculum Tab is updated with all P-8 curriculum documents
- Chain of Command document is on the Website Home Page
- School Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) will begin in the new school year
- BTS Survey to parents for feedback- please answer
- Encourage to read the agenda of BoE meetings and attend meetings when possible to know how the school works
- Bedminster and Somerset Hills working together to align curriculum.

[Please see the Board of Education website for more information](#)

## **Vice President Report:** Kim Neuss

The next Dine and Donate event is at DIG. This is special and we named it "We DIG our Teachers". They are giving back 30% directly to our Support Dog Level for the Spring Fling which sponsors a teacher. DIG is a fast casual eatery next to the Bridgewater Mall. Please go grab a friend and get a meal.

## **Secretary's Report:** Lauren DiMeo

### **Spring Fling Sponsors as of 2/12**

#### **Top Dog**

Bernardsville Dental Group  
Janjua Facial Surgery  
Kumon of Basking Ridge  
Primrose School of Bedminster  
Vigneault Law Firm

#### **Bulldog**

Bridgewater Dental Associates  
Mathnasium - Bridgewater  
Infinite Fitness Club  
Riverwalk Physical Therapy  
Twisted Boba  
Wine Rack of Basking Ridge

#### **Support Dog Level (sponsor a teacher)**

Bedminster Family and Cosmetic Dentistry  
Colin and Wendy Hickey  
Dental Arts Vision  
Maschio Food Services  
Primrose School of Bedminster

Vigneault Law Firm

January minutes approval: Marissa Nolfi and Fareeha Rahim.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paulina Lorenz

Report is available on PTO website [www.bedminsterpto.org](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)

Inflows: **\$4,677.97**

Outflows: **\$2,097.83**

Main Account Balance: \$81,758.88

50/50 Raffle Balance: \$300.

Total Cash Available: \$82,058.88

PTO will be collecting memberships via square, apple pay and paypal this year.

**New Business**

**Spring Fling: Jenn Chang**

Exciting news, half of the seats at the Gala are sold out. This is something that we are really excited to see and that everything we are working for is well-received. You can find the link on our website to purchase tickets. A special pre gala exclusive, is the Vigneault Law Firm has generously donated VIP club seating at Prudential Center to a few events, the next event is Blake Shelton and the tickets include club access, free parking, food and drinks in the club access seat. The next is Devils vs. Canucks and then Devils vs. Rangers. All of these are open to the public and before the gala to bid on.

Last call for the basket filler and donations. You can sign up on mysignups to help fill baskets.

### **Assemblies: Fareeha Rahim**

Principles of Hip Hop for the Elementary School Students. Feb 28, 2025

Civil Right movements for the Middle School. Interactive activities and participation.

Following that the PTO has been working on a Family Science Night. It's open to everyone. We are working with an outside vendor to create a fun evening for all the BTS families. Please stay tuned on any updates. Hoping to host this at the beginning of May. We will need some volunteers for this event, we are really looking forward to this.

**50/50:** Everyone should have gotten an envelope back with their student. Each ticket is \$5 and booklets are \$25. Everything that you purchase goes back to the school.

### **Basket Update: Danielle Fredella**

Takes a village to pull this night off. Michelle and I are actively getting the baskets together. We do need a few items and a gift card. The signup will be closed at the end of next week. Pick up February 28 is the last day to get everything picked up from local businesses. Five bottles of white are still needed if anyone wants to donate. All families that donate, their names will be mentioned.

### **Closing Notes: Jenn Chang**

Thank you everyone so much for joining tonight. Next meeting is virtual on March 12, 2025, back in person. We will be resuming our family partnership series. Grab a snack or drink with us after.

**Meeting Closed at 7:39 pm**

**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.**