



# MINUTES

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## **Meeting Minutes (virtual)**

February 18, 2026

**Start time:** 7:05 pm

### **President's Welcome: Jenn Chang**

Hi Bulldog Families, hope you enjoyed the holiday weekend and we're starting to get some milder weather. We're excited to give updates about what's going on at the school, upcoming PTO assemblies and events such as Family movie night fundraiser, and some Spring Fling news.

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

It has been a vibrant few weeks in our elementary school community, filled with academic milestones and creative celebrations. Just before the President's Day break, our students in Grades K–4 worked diligently to complete their diagnostic assessments using our i-Ready, DIBELS, IXL, and Assess 360 tools. We are proud of the focus they displayed. We were also delighted to celebrate the 100th Day of School, thanks to the creativity of our Second Grade Team. They organized dynamic rotating centers where students engaged with the number 100 through probability (coin flips), prediction (estimating distance), and fun estimation challenges. It was wonderful to see them learning so actively. A sincere thank you to everyone who attended International Heritage Night. We extend our gratitude to the Green Team and Wellness Team for their hard work, with a special mention to their advisors, Mrs. Johnsen and Mrs. Gattone, for leading such a meaningful event. Looking ahead, excitement is building for Read Across America Week (March 2–6). Centered on the theme "My Favorite Things," we will be celebrating diverse readers, inclusive literature, and community building. We are especially grateful to our PTO Executive Officers for volunteering their time to serve as guest readers. Our students have also been active outside the classroom. The 4th Grade recently visited the Bedminster Township Municipal Facilities, where their

"Government in Action" unit came to life through a Q&A with Mayor Jacobs and other community Leaders. Additionally, thanks to the PTO's sponsorship, the entire school enjoyed Monday's Soul Steps assembly. Learning about the South African roots of step dancing provided a truly engaging experience for students and staff alike. Thank you to the PTO for all they do!

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

Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring a wonderful Soul Steps assembly!

- Marking Period 3 mid point is Thursday, 2/26
- Please encourage your student to monitor work completion and/or grades through Genesis and Google Classrooms
- If you have any questions, please contact the teacher directly
- Students completed IXL ELA and Math midyear testing to monitor progress and drive instruction moving forward

Testing update:

- NJSLA-A is tentatively scheduled for 5/4-5/15; awaiting more guidance from the NJDOE; this year's ELA and Math testing is computer adaptive in formatting
- Grades 3-8 ELA and Math
- Grades 5 & 8 Science
- WIDA ACCESS testing for students in our MLL program begins the week of 3/1

Reminder: Spring sports forms are due March 12th for students interested in participating in softball or lacrosse

- Congratulations to our Student Council for planning and implementing a fabulous Winter Fun Night for 5th-8th graders. More than half of the MS students attended! There was a hot cocoa bar, photo booth, DJ/dancing, crafts, and games in the gym.
- Save the date for ALL GRADES: 8th grade students versus faculty basketball game- 3/20 from 6:30-8:30pm; schoolwide event for all families and ages; tickets on sale at the door; concessions for sale in the cafe by the 8th grade committee- GO BULLDOGS!

General updates:

- 8th grade mural drawing has begun!
- 5th graders visiting the Liberty Science Center for STEM-based field trip in March
- 7th graders visiting Grounds for Sculpture for arts-based field trip in June
- 8th graders walking to town hall for Civics lessons with town officials and staff in April
- 8th grade Promotion ceremony scheduled for 6/24 at 5:30pm
- Please refer to the monthly Bulldog Bulletin for Parents shared by Mrs. Kathy Smith, which contains live links to important and timely information. Thank you parents. I appreciate your ongoing support and partnership!

### **Teacher Representatives: Patricia Leonti & Beth Rosnell**

All teachers have finished assessments and are back on track to get moving through MP 3. Also, the BEA has collected money for spring fling basket items. Ms. Skiba and Mrs. Rosnell will enjoy some shopping and picking something out that will be just perfect! We also want to thank the PTO for the really cool stepping assembly that the students and staff enjoyed at the beginning of the month. There was a lot of "stepping" in the hallways and classrooms after.

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### **Board of Education (BOE): Laurie Anderson**

Fiscal year budget Virtual mtg. Thursday February 19, 12-1 and 5:15-6:15  
Virtual Links. For more information please visit  
<https://www.bedminsterschool.org/administration/board-of-education>

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### **Vice President: Fareeha Rahim**

Assemblies went great, we have our last one coming up in March for elementary. If you have any ideas or contacts for assemblies please reach out and share for next year.

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

Getting a steady flow of spring fling sponsors which you can see on the spring fling slide and Bailey funeral home came in yesterday. Also received a few grant requests from kindergarten for Rizzo's wildlife and 5th grade to the liberty science center.

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## **September Minutes Approval**

Fareeha and Laurie Andersen

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### **Treasurer's Report: Nadine Griffiths**

The full report is available on the PTO website: [www.bedminsterpto.org](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)

- **Inflows:** \$855.18
  - **Outflows:** \$5,051
  - **Main Account Balance:** \$85,144.55
  - **50/50 Raffle Balance:** \$300
  - **Total Cash Available:** \$86,844.55
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### **New Business**

**Assemblies:** Soul Step was a huge success, the kids had a great time!

Forces in motion for the Mar 26, 2026 coming in for the elementary school students.

**Movie Night:** Mar 1, 2026 Partnership with Bernardsville Cinema to show GOAT. Please come out and support

### **Family Night – May 1, 2026**

We are excited to make this happen but need volunteers. If you are interested please reach out.

### **8th Grade Committee: Laurie Anderson**

Raise about \$3k from Holiday workshop. We are looking to continue fundraising to cover the Hershey end of the year trip.

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### **Spring Fling 2026 Updates:**

Please if you are able to donate to the mysignup link we would appreciate it to help finish out the baskets. Great baskets are coming together but we need everyone's help.

Silent Auction: Update in our March Meeting.

Ticket admissions: Half of our seats are sold. March is the last day for reserved seating and also early bird ticket prices.

50/50: Please send in your tickets. Share it with friends and family.

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### **Ongoing Committees**

- **Homeroom Parents:** Danielle / Jenn C. / Jen T.
    - Classroom and/or grade baskets should be decided and purchased. ANY leftover funds please send to Danielle for filler items.
  - **Events:** Fareeha
  - **Assemblies:** Fareeha / Krista / Sheryl R-P
  - **Spirit Wear:** Samantha / Allison / Beth / Melina
    - Exploring a Spring online store and potential participation at the Farmers Market. Suggestions welcome.
  - **PR / Social Media:** Anne / Lauren D. / Jenn
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### **Volunteers Needed**

Spring Fling and Family Night

Please contact [pto@bedminsterschool.org](mailto:pto@bedminsterschool.org)

### **PTO Meeting Schedule**

**All in-person meetings will be held in the Faculty Lounge.**

- March 18, 2026
- April – No Meeting
- May 20, 2026
- June 17, 2026

*All meetings are subject to change.*

### **Public Comments:**

3 to 4 minutes for comments and/or questions in regards 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 2 days in advance of meeting date: [pto@bedminsterschool.org](mailto:pto@bedminsterschool.org)

**New Families:** How can new families that come in throughout the year connect and be introduced to BTS and the community.

**Closing Notes: Jenn Chang**

See you in person at the March meeting.

\*Please note: ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME

**Meeting Closed at 7:40 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 and recordings are deleted.**