



## BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

### Parent Teacher Organization

### Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024



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**Start time:** 7:04

**President's Welcome:** Marissa Nolfi

Good evening everyone and welcome! I would like to start off by thanking everyone who has been helping us with Spring Fling. We have a really great group of volunteers and it has been going really well so far. We truly appreciate all the support from everyone.

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

Congratulations to the BTS Odyssey of the Mind Team under the leadership of Mrs. Ragoza who placed 3rd at the Skylands Regional Tournament and qualified for the NJ State Finals in April. This is a great accomplishment for our students!

PreK - 4 Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday, March 27th from 6 - 8 pm and on Thursday, March 28th from 8:45 - 10:45 am. These conferences are by teacher request only. By now, you should have received communication from your child's homeroom teacher if they are requesting to meet with you for a conference.

During the week of February 26th - March 1st, Bedminster School celebrated Read Across America Week. The theme was Reading Road Trip.

Big thank you to Mrs. Mowery who organized the week's activities which started with a Reader's Theater performance from the elementary staff and ended with a Drop Everything and Read session. Thank you to the many guest community readers who joined us on February 28th to celebrate their love of reading with our students.

Our elementary students and teachers continue to keep student achievement as a goal. Our 3rd and 4th grade homerooms are piloting a platform called IXL that has actionable analytics, real-time diagnostics, and individualized guidance, helping teachers target specific student learning goals.

4th grade BTS students are continuing to work on their Genius Hour projects. Students have already chosen their topic, pitched the idea to their classmates, and are now in the research and learn phase and are using their creativity to do some amazing work.

Please be reminded that school will be closed March 29th - April 5th for Spring Break. School will resume on Monday, April 8th. Thank you to the PTO for all that you do.

**Teacher Representative:** Beth Rosnell –

Hi guys! Teachers are getting ready for parent-teacher conferences.

Mr. McCoy about a month or so did a reenactment with the upper MS Grades History classes about The Revolutionary War. Second Grade is starting their book clubs. This year doing things differently by combining and mixing the second grade classes and teaching whole group lessons and then splitting up to do fiction book clubs. .  
Teachers all thank you as always for your continued support.

**Superintendent Ms. Giordano Report:** Gabriela Gomez Reporting

For those not present tonight, Superintendent Giordano will send an update to the K-8 parent community tomorrow, Wednesday, that there will be a broad initial discussion Thursday evening at the BoE meeting with the BoE, herself and Dr. Omegna about the upcoming April presentation pertaining to the status of MS Math criteria and our alignment with SHSD. The discussion about Math with the Board will be front loaded to the FIRST public session due to time and other obligations Thursday evening. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm. It is expected that this conversation would begin shortly after the pledge. Thank you.

**Board of Education Report:** Gabriela Gomez

We appreciate and value everything that the PTO does. We know how difficult it is at times get other parents to volunteer. We are doing our best to settle with the Bedminster Education Association and hopefully will put an end to the disruption to the students and the community.

**Vice President:** Jessica Pascale

**Secretary's Report–** Danielle Fredella

Motion to approve February Minutes  
First- Kim Nuess  
Second- Lauren DiMeo

**Treasurer's Report –** Aygun Gunay

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

Inflows: \$ 623.23

Outflows: \$4,095.05

Main Account Balance: \$75,504.06

50/50 Raffle Balance: \$300

Total Cash Available: \$75,804.06

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

**New Business**

**PTO Membership:** Executive Board

\$15 per Family/ \$10 Teacher-Staff

**PTO Meeting Schedule- All meetings will be held in Room 315**

**\*Please Note All Meetings Are Subject To Change \***

**Staff Appreciation Lunch:** Marissa Nolfi (Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>) We are looking for second chair person to help plan the lunch. Looking for those to help and piggy back myself to see how it is organized. The staff lunch is held in the teacher's lounge. If you are interested please let myself or a board member know.

**PR/Social Media/Website:** Anne Van Druff

Social Media is very busy at this time. If you could please just share and like posts that would be very helpful.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Danielle Fredella

Good evening everyone. Just want to mention the basketball game happening on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7p.m .

Please come out to support the 8<sup>th</sup> graders as the play against the team parents. Heros vs. Villians. Will be a fun night for the community.

**Wellness (School Sustainability):** Marissa Nolfi

Kids are working on their animal shelter donations. More information about collecting food for the Spring food drive.

**Executive Board Elections:** Marissa Nolfi

Elections will take place during our May 14<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting. Notify the Executive Board by April 15<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in running for a position.

**Nominees for the 2024-2025 School Year**

President: Jenn Chang

Vice President: Kim Neuss

Secretary: Lauren DiMeo

Treasurer: Paulina Lorenz

**Spring Fling, April, 19<sup>th</sup> 2024:** Marissa Nolfi and Aygun Gunay

**SF Solicitations:** Marianna Wickizer (**solicitors needed**)

**SF Online Solicitations:** Laura Kamrow

**SF Advertising/Social Media:** Anne Van Druff

**SF Website/Logo Design:** Steve Zacharko

**SF Admission Sales Website:** Steve Zacharko and Anne Van Druff

**SF Admissions:** Jenn Chang and Danielle Fredella

**SF 50/50 Raffle:** Fareeha Rahim

**SF Baskets:** Marissa Nolfi, Aygun Gunay, and Michelle Williams

**SF Class Baskets:** Jessica Pascale

**SF Silent Auction:** Natalia Pizarro (**second chairperson needed**)

**PR/Social Media:** Anne Van Druff and Steve Zacharko

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**Public Questions & Comments:** 4 to 5 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)

**Old Business**

**Brainwash Family Night:** Fareeha Rahim

**CardMyYard:** Marissa Nolfi

**Ongoing Committees**

**Assemblies:** Fareeha Rahim

**Bulletin Board:** Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi

**Home Room Parents:** Jen Tierney, Jenn Chang, and Danielle Fredella

**Spirit Wear:** Jessica Pascale and Kelly Lynn Barry

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Danielle Fredella

**Helping Hands:** TBD

**Wellness Committee(School Sustainability):** Marissa Nolfi

**Social Media/Website:** Anne Van Druff and Steve Zacharko

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**Closing Notes: Marissa Nolfi**

Everyone have a great night. Next Meeting April 9, 2024 in room 315

**Meeting Closed at 7:27 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.

