

**Bedminster Township School
Parent Teacher Organization**

**Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
May 11th, 2105**

Welcome Comments – Suzie Stevinson, President

- Meeting called to order 7:10pm.
- There are many questions and concerns. Jenn Giordano and Corby Swan are present but do not sit on the BOE. Please direct any letters of concern to the BOE prior to 5/18. Children are permitted to write letters to the BOE.

Principal's Report –Mr. Swan

Happy Mothers Day

Thank you for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Congratulations to Mr. LeFurge and the Jazz Band – received multiple awards at 6 Flags G.A. Max Cunningham, soloist recipient.

Successful mtg. with 7th graders in prep. For 8th grade D.C. trip and fundraising efforts.

Mimi Brown kindly will Chair fundraising for the incoming 8th grade.

Orchestra Concerts:

Tuesday 5/19 – Concert and Jazz Band

Wednesday 5/27 – Orchestra and Strings

Wednesday 6/3 – Choral and Handbell

Thank you Lis and Faith for some cool programming ideas for 15/16 school year.

Class placement survey will be posted on the website – NOT for specific teacher requests.

We are losing a gem in Mrs. DiCarlo's retirement.

No school 5/25

Teacher Representative -- Mr. Chuck Hogan

Thank you for a wonderful teacher appreciation lunch and all the PTO does for the children. Looking forward to the End of Year party and PE Day. Also having fun with worms.

**Board of Education Representative – Howard Wolkow - absent
Next BOE Meeting 5/21. Please attend and voice your concerns.**

Correspondence and Approval of Minutes – Anna Spitaleri

April 2015 Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Laura Govan

- Total Inflows - \$10,871.03
- Outflows - \$4,936.11
- Balance \$77,381.34th, 2015

- Spring Fling numbers – Partial reconciliation
 - Inflows - \$51,040.00
 - Outflows - \$19,839.44
 - Net - \$31,200.59

Supervisor of Instruction – Jennifer Giordano

Summary of the school year

With the support of the PTO and willingness of the teachers to drive initiatives, we were able to infuse all students with STEM experience.

Much liaison with Mr. Puglia, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Friedman and Mr. Hazen.

Active board for Mrs. Perry in PK which Mr. LeFurge also uses.

PK – An open house was held for local preschools in the area. K teachers presented the day in the life of a K student at BTS.

K – Lego education with Mrs. Burke – guided Math was infused.

1st – Lego education, live penguin visit (PTO funded) insect exhibit, garden center

2nd – Lego kits, Turtle tunnel field trip (PTO funded), Mr. Hogan – worm collection to aerate the soil in the garden.

3rd – Weather in house field trip funded by the PTO, Lego kits (PTO funded), enjoying laptops in the classroom.

4th – 1 full set of laptops

Middle School – Laptops in classroom, experience with Google Docs to become more savvy with tools used in HS.

Ipads to the Music Dept. World Language computer station in classroom.

Science and Tech – New interactive boards also used in the Health room.

7th grade field trip to the USGA.

Robotics Club to start this year

Grades 1-4 Lego Club established with leftover funds from Tech grant from PTO open to grades 1-2 and 3-4.

New Business

- **Fall Fest Volunteers and Chair(s) – Marisa Austenberg** – 1st Sat after school starts. Volunteer sign ups starting in June
- **Restructure of Meetings / Time of meetings – Suzie Stevinson** – Requested feedback from the membership for offering morning meetings every other month to be held off site and a slightly later meeting every other meeting which would commence at 7:30pm. Webinar was suggested for those who find it difficult to attend.
- **Bulletin Board Chair Needed – Faith and Jodi kindly volunteered**
- **Next BOE Meeting May 21 – write letters by May 17th for the May 18th Personnel and Program Meeting**
- **ByLaws -**

Old Business

Staff Appreciation Day – 5/6/15

Teacher Appreciation Week

Spring Fling Final Numbers

Ongoing Committees

- Homeroom Parents, Kim Kennedy, Mary Kessler
- Programs/Assemblies/Author Visits – Faith Costablie and Lis Loeb
- Helping Hands, Ellen Reyda—No needs noted.
- Box Tops – Carrie Tyler
- Spring Fling 4/17/15– Gina Fernandez and Marisa Austenberg
- 8th Grade Fundraising – Lisa Cunningham and Allison Rosenzweig
May 19th at noon, Bernards HS Community Room – final HAS meeting.

Next PTO Meeting and End of Year Party kindly hosted by Gina Fernandez, 34 Deerhaven Road 6/9

Mr. Shoke graciously and emotionally spoke of his appreciation for the support of Jennifer Giordano and Corby Swan.

Reminder – Please attend the next BOE Meeting and let your voices be heard. Submit letters to the BOE prior to 5/18 Personnel and Programs Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.