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Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

Start time: 7:07 pm

President's Welcome: Jenn Chang

Overview for tonight: busy with sponsoring grants- local nj historian, Rizzo's wildlife, class field trips coming up (PTO subsidizes), assemblies (Fareeha), teacher's appreciation luncheon. All of these programs are made possible by our big event of the year Spring Fling. Will be sharing the results of that later tonight.

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

It was nice to see everyone at the Spring Fling and I want to thank the PTO for their outstanding planning and the manner in which they worked with the school to disseminate the information to our school community. We had an amazing time!

Our 3rd and 4th grade students have started the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) and we wish them well.

Our 4th Grade students are hard at work on their Genius Hour projects while researching, exploring, and presenting information on a topic that they are extremely passionate about.

On Wednesday May 7th, Ms. Giordano and I attended the Somerset County Governor's Educator Recognition Awards Ceremony. This was to honor all of the Educators of the Year and Educational Service Providers in Somerset County. We were there in support of Mrs. Erin Sullivan who is the Bedminster Township School Governor's Educator of the Year and she represented Bedminster Township School extremely well.

Our grades K - 4 teachers are looking forward to using the Benchmark Advance ELA Program next school year. This is the result of a very successful pilot of the program by our grades 2 and 4 teachers this school year. Thank you to those who attended the Family Science Night. It was awesome to see so many families in attendance participating along with our students. Thank you to the PTO for the amazing luncheon provided to our staff last Friday, May 9th. It was delicious and our staff thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks to the PTO for all that you do.

Middle Principal's Report: Lauren Zugale

We are officially halfway through Marking Period 4!

- Many Upcoming Events (to name a few...):

- May 12 through 16 - NJSLA ELA & Math Testing grades 3-8 (Science testing complete)
- May 21 - Orchestra & Strings Spring Concert
- May 29 - Spring Band & Jazz Band concert
- May 30 - 6th grade trip to Stokes State Forest
- June 5 & 6- CogAT screener testing for grades 2 & 4
- June 9 - 7th Grade to Grounds for Sculpture
- June 12 - 5th Grade to Liberty Science Center

- June 16 - 8th Grade to Hershey Park
- June 18 - 8th Grade to Camp Bernie
- PE Days and Kona truck in June

- 8th Grade:

- Congratulations on a successful 8th grade versus Faculty Basketball Game event
- Our 8th grade mural is halfway completed!
- June 2- HS orientation
- June 16 - 8th Grade to Hershey Park
- June 18 - 8th Grade to Camp Bernie
- More information to come regarding 8th grade promotion, promotion practice, and awards

- Activities and Sports:

- The BTS Softball team is in the playoffs! Come cheer them on!
- Many activities are still running including, but not limited to, Computer Club, Student

Council, music groups, Be Well, Debate Club, Green Team, Wellness Team, and

Environmental Club

- Student Council sponsored a Teacher Appreciation week raffle to show support for staff

and organized creating and hanging a “surprise” banner for staff

Teacher Representative: Beth Rosnell

This time of year has been filled with field trips for a lot of the students. First grade just visited Growing stages and met Knuffle Bunny. Kindergarten went to Doyle’s farm and planted sunflower seeds, sheared sheep. Third grade visited the Great Swamp, they had a picture perfect day for it and tied in their curriculum with animals and their habitats. We also brought back the fact check challenge for the third grade which is a lot of fun for the kids. Whichever student won got a chance to put their teacher’s face in flour. Spring Fling was a huge success and a really fun night. Thank you to the PTO for the staff lunch, it was delicious and all your support and especially for listening and making it available for the teachers and staff. We really appreciate all that you do. There should be more to report in June for the end of the year.

Special Presentation from Mr. Mac:

Just wanted to say a big thank you to the PTO, you guys are awesome! Every year I put in a PTO grant and thankfully they get bigger and bigger so tonight I wanted to share a few updates from some of the things we have in the science department that the PTO’s grant money goes to.

Presentation is available [here](#)

Vice President Report: Kim Neuss

The last Dine & Donate was with Chipotle. We raised about \$30, so a small win but something is better than nothing.

Secretary’s Report: Lauren DiMeo

Sharing thank you letters from the BTS Teacher and Staff for a great Spring Fling and the continued support

March minutes approval: Sheryl Roman-Picado and Anne Van Druff

Treasurer's Report: Paulina Lorenz

Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org

Inflows: **\$24,672.09**

Outflows: **\$15,592.81**

Main Account Balance: \$103,826.71

50/50 Raffle Balance: \$300

Total Cash Available: \$104,126.71

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

New Business

Staff Appreciation luncheon: Jenn Chang

The PTO hosted a luncheon for Teachers Appreciation week. So thank you for all the volunteers

Assemblies: Fareeha Rahim

Science Night was a huge success, Thank you to all the volunteers and attendees. It would not be possible if people didn't help and be a part of it, thank you again. The kids had a great time. Our next and last assembly is the Skydome Planetarium and it's for elementary study on June 2, 2025. The students will be able to experience the solar system right here in the school. This is something that is sponsored by the PTO so it's a team effort.

Thank you everyone. We are always looking for volunteers so please reach out if you are interested.

Spring Fling Updates:

Big thank you to everyone who made it possible, from our volunteers, to donors, local businesses and the school. Got great feedback from TC members, you know it's a good party when people don't want to go home at the end. Comments about the beautiful baskets and silent auction items, dj on point. Success across the board: sold out admissions, basket raffles, 50/50 silent auction, sponsorships.

We are excited about the initiatives and programs underway that are made possible by our main fundraiser. For those of you who were at the budget meeting last year you may recall there were projected net outflows of ~\$30k. The success of the gala proceeds this year helps get us back on track. Our board is going through our budget review for the year and will be presenting next year's budget for adoption at our June meeting.

Farmer's Market: Jenn Chang, Sheryl Roman-Picado -Upcoming dates:7/12 & 8/9 and fall fest, October 11. Help needed this summer, please reach out if you are interested

Spiritwear: Samantha Gundstrom is chairing the committee and looking for co-chair. One main responsibility is inventory and making sure we have enough for the upcoming events such as kinder social, fall fest and back to school night. Please reach out if interested to volunteer.

Executive Board Elections: Anne Van Druff

Nominees for the 2025-2026 School Year:

President: Jenn Chang

Vice President: Fareeha Rahim

Secretary: Lauren DiMeo

Treasurer: Nadine Griffiths

Congrats to all 4 new members for the 2025-2026 school year.

Ongoing Committees:

8th grade: Tina Dadas

The committee is looking for volunteers from the 7th grade to set up decorations and refreshments.

Public Comments:

A parent asked about school communications and how to get more information on math updates. Principal acknowledged question and will look into what options are available within the website.

Closing Notes: Jenn Chang

Next meeting June 11, 2025, Faculty Lounge
Budget Proposal & Adoption for 2025-26

Meeting Closed at 8:10 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.