



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes



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November 15, 2022

Start time: 7:08pm

President's Welcome and Comments Marissa Nolfi

Reporting Danielle: Welcome everyone and thank you for coming tonight!

Mrs. Zugale asked us today to share some information with the families. This month our behaviorist, Dr. Elena Garcia-Albea will be presenting jointly with the Somerset Hills on November 17th @ 2:00p.m.

It is part of our Special Education Parent Advisory Group. Open to all parents of both districts. Please refer to the PTO website for more details and the link to attend.

If anyone has any questions pertaining to something not listed in the agenda please reach out to Danielle via the PTO website. www.bedminsterpto.org

Elementary Principal's Report: Principal Corby Swan

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our PreK - 4 Halloween Parade. The student and staff who participated had lots of fun. The event was well attended and we had really nice weather for it.

Thank you to those of you who attended Parent Teacher Conferences earlier this month. The turnout was excellent and I hope that all families were able to give and receive feedback to and from our teaching staff.

Marking Period 1 ended on November 9th and we are now into Marking Period 2 which started on November 14th.

Report cards will be available to parents on Wednesday, November 23rd at 4:30 pm via our Genesis Parent Portal. If you are the parent of a Kindergarten student, please remember that they will not receive a Report Card for Marking Period 1 as they are still learning foundational skills in this first year.

If you have not submitted a form for the Governor's Educator of the Year, please do so if you feel that there is a deserving educator that you would like to nominate. The deadline is Thursday, November 17, 2022.

We have a 3rd grade Drama Club Performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory that we are preparing for on November 16th and we look forward to that.

Please remember that we will operate on an Early Dismissal schedule on Wednesday, November 23rd and school will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving break.

Thank you to the PTO for all that you do!

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Elizabeth Omegna (no report)

Teacher Representative: Beth Rosnell and Melissa Davies

*Mrs. Rosnell and Mrs. Alfieri will be putting on the drama club production of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”. It’s sure to be a success!!

*From Mrs. Alfone: Her class really appreciated the 100\$ gift card donated by the PTO at the start of the curriculum. They have researched, prepped, and prepared the following recipes:
Empanadas and rice and beans for Hispanic Heritage Month
Native American Fry Bread for Native American Heritage Month

Your donations were super helpful!

*Mrs. Holzberger and Mrs. Rodriguez put up a fun bulletin board in our hall to showcase the world cup which starts this Sunday. They are talking about the languages spoken by teams, played an official song that is in French, Spanish, and English, and the students will be making predictions about which teams will win. Added bonus—getting in some extra geography practice.

*Lucy Ragoza has a garden update:

Mrs. Alfone’s class picked a large pumpkin from the Bedminster garden pumpkin patch. They carved it and toasted the pumpkin seeds, prepared some delicious recipes and completed a science experiment.

Thanks to the help of several Bedminster families, the garden has been put to bed for the winter. Families that helped were:

Colin Casey and mom, Clara Wickizer and mom, Carter Ragiel and mom

*From Mrs. Infante:

Advisory: The Kindergarten students have been learning all about different emotions. They have been discussing and sharing times they have felt that way and how to identify if others are feeling that way. They are almost done putting together a Book of Feelings! In 1st and 2nd grade Advisory, students are learning to identify a variety of emotions and how to express themselves both verbally and non verbally. They are also discussing different ways to calm down, relieve stress and be aware of themselves and others. In 3rd and 4th grade Advisory, students are learning how to collaborate and what strengths they each bring into their groups, the differences between big and small problems, and how the brain helps them to learn, act, and feel.

*From Ms. Mancini:

On October 31st, fifth grade students participated in *Inside Out* SEL Day! All classes watched and discussed the film which centers around an 11-year-old girl navigating a flurry of emotions. Afterward, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Mancini, Mr. Moreira, Mrs. Gottshalk, Mr. Patrick, Mrs. Rodriguez, and Mrs. Holzberger led various activities to help students identify the purpose of emotions, how to cope with them, and ways to show empathy towards others. It was a great day of social-emotional learning!

*From Mrs. Alfieri: The elementary staff is implementing the newest and greatest science of reading strategies to help our students be life long readers and writers. This focuses on phonics and phonemic awareness.

Board of Education Report Suzie Stevinson

Reporting Danielle: Public question to reduce board from 9 to 7 was passed. Suzie Stevinson was reelected.

Secretary's Report: Danielle Fredella, Secretary

Correspondence- none at this time

Motion to approve October's 2022 Minutes (Approvals cannot be from the PTO Board)

First: Ramsey Melendez

Second: Amanda Johnson

All PTO Meeting Minutes Reports can be found on our websites & social media

Treasurer's Report Jessica Pascale, Treasurer

Reporting Danielle

- Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- Inflows: \$4,806.30
- Outflows: \$3,416.54
- Main Account Balance: \$66,119.82
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300
- Total Cash Available: \$66,419.82
- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at btsptotreasury@gmail.com

New Business

PTO Membership: Donations are always welcome!

Executive Board

- \$15 per Family
- Memberships fees will be collected virtually through PayPal friends & family using the email btsptotreasury@gmail.com
- Forms can also be found on our website.

PTO Meeting Schedule: *All meetings will be held in room 315*

- December 13, 2022
- January 10, 2023
- February 14, 2023
- March 14, 2023
- April 11, 2023
- May 9, 2023
- June 13, 2023

Please note: All meetings are subject to change at any time.

Spring Fling: April 28, 2023 Executive Board- Danielle Fredella

We are always looking for volunteers. We are currently working on getting our solicitation information updated to go out to all of the businesses in January. We will be in touch with those volunteers that are signed up to help with the follow up calls. Gregg will be in charge of this, so please keep a look out for his email.

Reach out or email Chemagne to volunteer with your interests in helping. We will be getting ready to help in January. We would like to have master volunteer list of help.

Chair Persons Needed-Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Spring Fling committee, please contact the executive board members at pto@bedminsterschool.org

8th Grade: Suzie Stevinson, Melissa Kircher & Mimi Brown

Danielle reported –Thank you everyone for your support. The DC Trip is scheduled for June 12-14. Holiday workshop is back. This is a fun time for all the students to come and shop for their families. There will be more information to follow soon. We are still selling 50/50 tickets. If anyone is interested, Ramsey will be selling after the meeting tonight. Pie Pickup is Tuesday November 22nd 4 p.m.-6 p.m. in the school front lobby.

***Public Questions & Comments:**

This portion will be held to a 15-minute limit. We politely ask that each speaker limit his or her time to 5 minutes for comments and/or questions in regard to any agenda point or any other topic related to thePTO. If any written documents are to be given to the PTO Executive Board, please email them to the Board Secretary, Marissa Nolfi, 2 days in advance of the meeting date. pto@bedminsterschool.org

***Old Business**

Scholastic Book Fair: October 10-14: Suzie Stevinson and Danielle Fredella

We had a really amazing turn out. We made \$9,708.37 total. This gives us approx. \$5,500 to divide up among the teachers and allowing them to choose books for their classrooms. Thank you to everyone that supported the fair.

Spooktacular: October 28: Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi

The evening was a fun night for the students. I think everyone had a great time. The community service students did an amazing job with helping set up and also throughout the night playing games with the students. I am graduating out, so if anyone would like to help chair next year, please let us know.

Chemagne: See a lot of familiar faces tonight that were at the Spooktacular . I just want to say thank you for coming out and the feedback that I received was that everyone had a nice time and kids had a blast. It is an operation so if you like to help set it up next year, please let us know.

Ongoing Committees

Assemblies: Sonia Marto and Fareeha Rahim

Spirit Wear Annual Sale: Melissa Kircher and Jessica Pascale

Bulletin Boards: Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi

Homeroom Parents: Ramsey Melendez and Danielle Fredella

Please start thinking about your December gift for your teacher. The amount is designated on the money chart that was given to you in the beginning of the year.

8th Grade: Suzie Stevinson, Melissa Kircher and Mimi Brown

PR/Social: Ramsey Melendez and Ann Van Druff

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Facebook: Bedminster School PTO

Instagram: @BedminsterPTO

Twitter: coming soon!

Donations & Corporate Matching: Executive Board

Still going on, reach out if your company has a match program.

Helping Hands: Suzie Stevinson

Wellness Committee: Marissa Nolfi

Reporting Danielle: The Green Team student reps are managing food waste each day in the cafeteria by eliminating the disposal of packaged foods. They bring them to a central location daily and then we donate to the Sc food bank.

RRW chain link has been hung on the wellness/sustainability board. December will be the annual food drive. Keep a look out for more information about this.

Wellness Team this month have shared breast cancer awareness quotes on board and Twitter, and raising money from staff for pink/jean day. Please encourage your child to wear white on November 16th.

Maschios is planning a special chef day event on November 2nd. Brunch for Lunch- featuring scrambled eggs, waffles, sausage patties, breakfast potatoes, Chicken parm, and peach cobbler.

Wellness Team will also be having a winter presentation given by grade 4 reps for grades 1-2. Keep a look out.

Closing Notes: Danielle Fredella, Secretary

Thank you all for coming.

Next meeting will be December 13, 2022 at 7:00pm in Room 315

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 7:30 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 drafting a minutes report and to have a factual record of the meeting once minutes are submitted.