



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL



Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

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September 20, 2022

Start time: 7:20pm

President's Welcome and Comments: Marissa Nolfi

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming tonight!

Introduction of the new PTO Board. Chemagne & Greg Kania, co-VP's. Danielle Fredella, Secretary. Jessica Pascale, Treasurer. It's so nice to see so many new faces!

We would like to keep the minutes to an hour as it has worked out in the past.

Recap on what the PTO Board has worked on over the summer.

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

Superintendent's Report: Jennifer Giordano

2022-2023 September Meeting

- **Welcome & welcome back!**
- New: thank you for choosing BTS
- BoE -meetings 3rd Thurs 7pm, no Aug Mtg, Reorg Mtg- 1st week Jan & annual board retreat-spring
- **Familiarize yourself w/website (Information Tab)**
- Safe Return to School Plan & Virtual Remote Learning Plan on homepage
- **Sports/clubs/activities in full swing/monitor child's health/symptoms**
- Summer projects: tiling of all classrooms, paved b-ball court (thanks Mr. Fredella-backboard input*)
- **Student remediation sessions due to learning loss - will continue through summer 2023, recommended [ESSR funds]**
- Reminder to follow the Chain of Command - Info Tab
- **Wellness & Sustainability Committees: 14 on Green Team & 10 on Wellness for ES & MS**
- -Green: Kaia, Annabelle, Fisher, Massimo, Keylee, Reed, Carter, Gemma, Mira, Riley, Dania, Ivanka, Sofia C., Colin

- **-Wellness: Willa, Annabelle, Bella, Sofia M., Keylee, Leila, Mia R-C, Ivanka, Elana, MengChen**
- Thx, PTO board, past pres. Danielle & welcome, new pres. Marisa, excited about a new start & a new year, please keep in mind those that we lost this summer and last year, we have a duty to support those kids & families through some really tough times.

Go bulldogs, here's to a successful year for all of your children!

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

Today, September 20th, was our 10th day of school and we are very excited about the start of the school year.

Thank you to the PTO for their support and assistance with our Kindergarten and New Student Orientations as well as the Ice Cream Social. We had excellent turnouts for both Orientations and we also had Middle School volunteers who assisted as well.

We are in Year 2 of using the i-ready math program and we are striving to make more progress in Mathematics this year via the use of this program.

We are using a new science program this year called TCI Science. Last year our third-grade teachers did a pilot of this program and we know that this program will benefit our students and teachers.

Back to School Night for grades PreK - 4 is Wednesday, September 28th. The program begins at 6:30. Doors will open at 6:20 for seating.

We have had upgrades to our playground and to a multipurpose space in order to keep student safety and FUN a priority. Students are absolutely loving it thus far.

On Monday, October 3rd we will have Staff Development and operate on an Early Dismissal Schedule with dismissal being at 1:30 pm.

School is closed on September 26th and October 5th in observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur respectively.

Thanks so much to the PTO for all that you do!

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Elizabeth Omega

– Not present - nothing to report

Teacher Representative: Madame Holzberger

I will be your liaison for tonight's PTO meeting. I am a Middle School French Teacher for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade. I walked around the school today to see what kind of fun tidbit's I can share with you tonight:

Mrs. Resotka in 3rd grade thanks the PTO for the "Welcome Back" sign in front of the building. She got a picture with her class!

Coach Biletski reports first soccer match but did not know the outcome yet.

Dr. Cooper, 8th Grade Science has a skeleton named Lucy, which she poses to demonstrate what NOT to do with lab experiments! Talk about FUN!

Mr. Mac had the 7th graders out on walking tours doing water sampling, checking out crayfish, a lot of fun things for the kids to experience in a small school!

Mr. Moriera who teaches science as well as Spanish for the little ones reports that when the kids get enough points he takes them outside and they can do a vocabulary scavenger hunt.

The student council is back and Mr. McCoy and I will be the advisors, which was just approved last week! More info coming up!

I will be collecting PTO memberships from the teachers this year as well as keeping a signup sheet for teachers to choose a date to represent the teaching staff at PTO meetings.

We have a lot of new colleagues in the buildings this year. Nice energetic, young staff who bring great positivity. Thank you for the delicious luncheon provided by the PTO Exec Board.

Board of Education Report Suzie Stevinson

–not present, nothing to report

Secretary's Report: Danielle Fredella, Secretary

Correspondence- from Mrs. Isello thanking everyone for the help at the kindergarten orientation. She also appreciated the extra help during drop off and dismissal. Volunteers were calm and patient.

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

www.bedminsterpto.org

Treasurer's Report Jessica Pascale, Treasurer

- Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- Inflows: \$0.00
- Outflows: \$7,885.45
- Main Account Balance: \$67,616.17
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300
- Total Cash Available: \$67,916.17
- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal
- [Membership - Bedminster Twp School PTO \(bedminsterpto.org\)](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)

New Business

PTO Membership: Donations are always welcome!

Executive Board

- \$15 per Family
- Memberships fees will be collected virtually through PayPal: Digital payment to PayPal, search pto@bedminsterschool.org or @bedminsterPTO
- Forms can also be found on our website.

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

- **October 11, 2022**
- **November 15, 2022**
- **December 13, 2022**
- **January 10, 2023**
- **February 14, 2023**
- **March 14, 2023**
- **April 11, 2023**
- **May 9, 2023**
- **June 13, 2023**

8th Grade: Suzie Stevinson, Melissa Kircher & Mimi Brown
Melissa reported - Upcoming fundraiser information to follow!

Spirit Wear Jessica Pascale and Melissa Kircher

September 27 – October 7th

Sale opens on September 27th until Oct 7th. Samples as well as water bottles will be available at BTSN.

Scholastic Book Fair: Danielle Fredella and Suzie Stevinson

October 10th – October 14th

BF Will be held in the library during your child's library period or ELA class. Parent shopping night will be on October 12th from 4:00-8:00. We also will be using e-wallet again so parents can create an account ahead of time.

You can pay with cash or check at the book fair. Checks can be made out to Bedminster School PTO or Cash.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE CHECKS OUT TO SCHOLASTIC

Spooktacular: Danielle Fredella & Marissa Nolfi

October 28th

Please come and enjoy the fun. Grades pk-4th, we will have Pizza, games, prizes and more!
Wear your Halloween costume! Flyer coming soon

Spring Fling: April 28, 2023

CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED

Spring Fling is the PTO's main Fundraiser! We are keeping our fingers crossed that we can proceed normally with this event this year. This year will be our 24th annual Fundraiser!

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available.

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

PBA Annual Kickball Tournament: Stephanie Zultanky – not present

October 1, 2022

Ramsey reporting- flyer has been distributed. Rain date of October 8th.

Players Needed!!

***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 the PTO. 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

Wellness Committee: Marissa Nolfi

School Spirit Days & Wellness Wednesday

School spirit days and wellness Wednesday's began with red and yellow on Sept 21st.

Sept 30th –wear blue, beige, or a football/baseball jersey in honor of former BTS students; Bryce (Mets fan) & Justin (football player)

Environmental Club: Lucy Ragoza

The garden in the back of school was expanded. Fencing was placed around and mulch was donated. Parents came during the summer to help water. This club is seeking help from parent volunteers to maintain and care for the garden throughout the year. Keep a look out for a flyer with more information. Mrs. Ragoza shared some items from the garden. Flyers will be sent out and more info to follow.

***Old Business**

PTO 2021-2022 end of year gift: Executive Board

PTO gifted the school Put-In-Cups. Check out the softball field to see the amazing bulldog display!

Bulletin Boards: Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi
Make sure you check out the 2 main boards in the lobby!

Welcome Back Staff Lunch: Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi
Luncheon was a success!

Kindergarten/New Student Ice Cream Social: Executive Board
Wonderful turnout, thank you to all the volunteers and community service students.

CardMyYard: Marissa Hovanec and Executive Board
Welcome Back sign was on display for the first two days of school!

Ongoing Committees:

Assemblies

Sonia Marto: **SECOND CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**
More info to follow

Homeroom Parents

Ramsey Melendez / Danielle Fredella

Meeting was held at 6:15p.m. All HRP were explained their responsibilities for the school year in the classroom.

All volunteers will be receiving information on BTSN to hand out to the parents in their class. Communicate with your teacher to do activities in the classroom with the students.

PR/Social

Ramsey Melendez and Ann Van Druff

www.bedminsterpto.org

Facebook: Bedminster School PTO

Instagram: @BedminsterPTO

Twitter: coming soon!

September has had so much going on; social media has been very busy. You can find any information such as PayPal, Spirit Wear information, eWallet for Scholastic- All of this including links and QR codes will be found on our PTO website as well as Facebook and Instagram.

Please follow and Like us to see all the news and gather this Information.

Donations & Corporate Matching

Executive Board

Ongoing; Please reach out if your company has a match program.

Helping Hands

Suzie Stevinson

Closing Notes: Marissa Nolfi, PTO President

Thank you all for coming. Thank you to all of the volunteers and new HRP's. We look forward to seeing you next month!

Next meeting will be October 11, 2022 at 7:00pm in room 315

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 8:31 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.***