

**Bedminster Township School
Parent Teacher Organization**

**Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
November 11, 2014**

Welcome Comments – Suzie Stevinson, President

- Meeting called to order 7:14 pm.
- Introduction of board; thank you to membership for attending.

Principal's Report – Mr. Corby Swan

Thank you to Suzie Stevinson for attending the Faculty Meeting. Very positive feedback and teachers are excited to approach the PTO with new ideas for curricular enhancement. MP 2 has begun. Report cards will be available 11/17. K-2 in backpacks and 3-8 via HomeLogic. November 18th, 19th and 20th will be delayed openings for Parent Teacher Conferences. Wednesday 11/26 will be early dismissal. Thank you Faith and Lis for Sleep Hollow / CSI assemblies. 4 additional concert seats will be added to the silent auction for Spring Fling.

Director of Student Services—Mrs. Jessica Cohen

Game Night 11/21/14 – visit www.gamewright.com to view games available for purchase and to play on the night. Teachers may create a wish list of games to purchase. Grades K-8 can play during their lunch period. Cash or check only to purchase games.

Teacher Representative -- Mr. Chuck Hogan (not present)

Board of Education Representative--TBD

Marisa Austenberg attended the meeting and reported that discussion of the Superintendent search will commence during the next BOE meeting on 11/20 at 7:30pm. See school website for a list of criteria for the new Superintendent. Summer Rec program will run M-F for 6 weeks instead of 7.

Correspondence and Approval of Minutes – Anna Spitaleri

October 2014 Minutes approved.

Thank you letters from Miss Valentine and her class for the Sleepy Hollow assembly.

Treasurer's Report – Laura Govan

- Total Inflows - \$1,004.00
- Outflows - \$2,135.91
- Balance - \$39,158.85

New Business

- **Membership Drive – Suzie Stevinson** – Congratulations Miss Collins Kindergarten class for achieving the most PTO memberships!
- **International Night – Sra Griffiths and Mrs Sandoval** – 12/4 6-8pm 1st official year of offering this at BTS. K-8 welcome to attend. K-5 displaying work.

Dance companies coming to perform. 16 families participating so far. Still need USA family representation. Need help with set up / clean up. Opportunity for 8th grade community service hours. Will need drinks and snacks for performers during the afternoon / evening.

- **Spirit Wear, Anna Spitaleri**—Spirit wear will be available for the holidays.
- **Game Night – Laura Govan, Rebecca Casey, Jessica Cohen** – 11/21 7-9pm in the Cafetorium. 8th graders will be game gurus. Go on website, www.gamewright.com to check out games available. All are welcome. All ages can enjoy.
- **Hospitality for Conferences** – Instead of the holiday tea this year, the PTO will provide snacks and drinks for the teachers on 11/18.
- **Field Day** – The P.E. Department will be organizing Field Day on 6/12, rain date 6/15. PTO liaisons will be needed to assist as well as volunteers. Mark your calendars.

Old Business

Halloween – Susan Corbett – Thank you for a wonderful event.

Ongoing Committees

- *Homeroom Parents*, Kim Kennedy, Mary Kessler – Please ensure correspondence between HR Parents and class.
- *Programs/Assemblies/Author Visit*, Faith Costabile and Lis Loeb - Shakespeare Theatre will be here in March. We are looking to do more programs with the grade levels; to be determined. Programs and assemblies will resume in the New Year.
- *Helping Hands*, Ellen Reyda—No needs noted.
- *Box Tops – Carrie Tyler kindly offered to Chair*
- *Spring Fling*, Marisa Austenberg & Gina Fernandez—To be held on Friday, April 17th at Trump National. We need many volunteers to make it a success. Any connections to famous people / businesses, please reach out for donations to the silent auction for SF. Artists, pro athletes, connections to Jets / Giants. Glassworks project to be donated to the silent auction.
- *8th Grade Fundraising* – Lisa Cunningham

50/50 Raffle tickets will be sold during all events between now and 12/17 (Choral and Handbell Concert). Holiday workshop will be held 12/9-12/11 and will offer extended hours. Coupon books will be sold. Scrips cards will be sold through the 8th grade students and teachers. More information will be provided in the Friday Folder. Any questions, please email Lisa – lisacunningham.nj@gmail.com

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.