



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020



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Start time: 7:03pm

Welcome and Comments – Danielle Fredella, President

- Welcome everyone and thank you for coming.

Principal's Report: Corby Swan

- We have three days remaining in Marking Period 1 which will end on Friday, November 13, 2020. Marking Period 2 will begin on Monday, November 16, 2020. This will also be the start of full day sessions every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please remember that on Wednesdays we will use an early dismissal schedule and teachers will be planning from 1:20 - 3:35 so they may not be available during those times.
- On Monday, November 16th, the gradebook section of the Genesis Parent Portal will be closed and it will open back up on Wednesday, November 25th which is when Report Card Grades will be available to parents and students.
- Thank you to the many families of all virtual students who completed the Google Form regarding switching from virtual to in-person instruction. The deadline to switch was last Friday, November 6th. For anyone who is switching, we are in the process of communicating with those families about their schedules, changes, and procedures for in-person instruction.
- I am still in the process of working together with the admin team to secure dates and the structure for Parent-Teacher Conferences. As soon as I have that information I will communicate it with sufficient notice.
- Today, I had the pleasure of spending some time with Dr. Elizabeth Omegna who will be the new Middle School Principal. I am excited to have her join our team and be the newest Bedminster Bulldog.
- Please remember that school is closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving. Thank you to the PTO for all that you do.

Teacher Representative – Chuck Hogan

- Thank you PTO for your continued support and for assigning Homeroom Parents
- In the process of collecting PTO memberships and fees.

Board of Education Report – Suzie Stevinson- not present. Reported by Giovanna Lamiera

- BOE Meeting scheduled for November 19th.
- Dr. Elizabeth Omegna is our new Middle School Principal.
- Air purifiers have been delivered to the school.
- Mask reminder for students. Masks must be worn appropriately over the mouth and nose unless given permission to do otherwise. Daily reminders will take place for the students.

Correspondence and Minutes – Marissa Nolfi, Secretary

- Thank you letter from Miss. Mancini for PTO's continued support and dedication to the children and staff.
- More Social Media thank yous from teachers and staff!

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

Treasurer's Report – Amber Cross, Treasurer

- Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- Inflows: PTO memberships, Membership dues paypal, Spirit Wear sales.
- Outflows: Bulletin Board Supplies
- So far everyone seems to really like using Paypal to purchase their memberships.
- PTO will be collecting memberships via **Paypal friends and family** at btspotreasury@gmail.com (Amber Cross)

New Business

Box Tops: Danielle Fredella

- Ramsey counted and submitted 571 Box Tops. \$57.10 check to the PTO
- Box Tops has been discontinued.

Homerom Parents: Ramsey Melendez

- Reach out to Ramsey to become a Homerom Parent
- HRP is up & running for the 20-21 school year! Class Lists have been received and HRP's notified.
- Teachers have sent out information on behalf of all HRP's to students' parents for gathering information.
- Main responsibility for this year, due to COVID circumstances and no parents being allowed into the building, is to collect parent information, generate a contact list and send it out to each parent in the class as well as share any PTO information as given by Danielle, the PTO President.
- HRP's will not be asking for donations at this point this year (again due to COVID circumstances) which is usually collected at B2SN. We will revisit this in January 2021. Donations will be used for Teacher Appreciation week and End of Year Gifts to teachers.
- Pre-K HRP volunteer is needed.
- Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to the teachers and children!
- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/homerom-parent.html>

Winter Clothing Collection: Anna Spitaleri- not present. Reported by Danielle Fredella

- Bin is located outside of the school for drop off of donations. Collecting winter items at this time. Must be labeled by size.
- No deadline as to when the bin will be removed, at this time donations will continue to be accepted.

Spirit Wear: Jessica Pasquale & Melissa Kircher

- A very great response this year with a profit of \$984.00
- Minor modifications and changes to our logo. Approved by Mr. Swan. The new design is similar to a Varsity "B" which ties in and leads onto Bernards High School.
- All purchases were shipped on November 6th.

Spring Fling: Friday, April 30, 2021: Laura Kamrow

- **Volunteers needed for all commitment types**
- **Currently working on getting our 50/50 license.**
- **Basket Raffle license will carry over from last year.**
- Anyone interested in volunteering in any way, please email LauradeZutter@yahoo.com

Reading Presentation: Mrs. Alfieri & Ms. Spero

- Link to this presentation can be found on our websites and on our social media platforms.
- Link to Google Slideshow:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L76GY9ERoxrJZJnpexoMkauzsoLS7sawDV2Z07blAbU/edit>

Huge Thank you to Mrs. Alfieri & Ms. Spero for this amazing slideshow Presentation!

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

Old Business

CardMyYard: Danielle Fredella

- Contact Info: Marisa & Corey Hovanec (908) 336-2626 baskingridge@cardmyyard.com
- Facebook: @cardmyyardbaskingridge Instagram: @cardmyyard_baskingridge
- Marisa reached out to Danielle to provide BTS with a complimentary “Welcome Back Bulldogs” sign to display in the front of the building for the students, teachers and staff to enjoy.
- Company is highly recommended for anyone in need of a lawn sign to this extent.

Bedminster Charities Fall Fest (BCFF): Meriah Valente

- **Chair People needed.**
- **Cancelled for 2020**
- **Seven local charities benefit from the proceeds and the PTO is one of them!**

Ongoing Committees

PTO Membership: Executive Board

- \$15 per Family
- Memberships fees will be collected virtually through Paypal friends & family using the email bsptotreasury@gmail.com
- Forms can also be found on website and all current Newsletters

PTO Meeting Schedule:

- **December - *no meeting***
- **January 12th, 7:00pm - link to follow**
- **February 9th, 7:00pm - link to follow**
- **March 9th, 9:30am - link to follow**
- **April 13th, 7:00pm - link to follow**
- **May 11th, 7:00pm - link to follow**
- **June 8th, 7:00pm - link to follow**

<http://www.bedminsterpto.org/meeting-dates.html>

****Please note: All meetings are subject to change at any time. All meetings until further notice will be held virtually through Google Meet.**

Assemblies: Chairperson Needed to keep assemblies up and running!

- Chair people Needed (at least 2) Reach out to any member of the Executive PTO Board to volunteer.
- No assemblies at this time due to COVID-19 state guidelines

Bulletin Boards: Faith Costabile & Danielle Fredella

- Hoping to get into the school before the Holidays to change the boards
- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/bulletin-boards.html>

CIC, The HUB: Anna Spitalari - not present reported by Danielle Fredella

- Meaningful and educational volunteer opportunities for Middle School students are offered throughout the year at Community in Crisis, The Hub; for information please email: Info@communityincrisis.org.
- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/cic-the-hub.html>

SH Municipal Alliance: Anna Spitaleri- not present

- nothing to report

Cub Scouts Pack #1749: Steve Frantz

- Contact Cub Scout leader directly at: stevefranz@gmail.com
- Meeting monthly both in person and virtually for some of the younger scouts.
- Popcorn sales are currently running.
- Hoping the sales remain strong to offset the cost of scout memberships which have gone up.

Donations & Corporate Matching: Executive Board

- We are extremely fortunate to have a handful of families that consider us when their companies offer a corporate matching program.
- PTO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity
- Amazon Smile Program: Bedminster PTO can be chosen as your charity to receive 0.05% of qualified purchases

Helping Hands: Suzie Stevinson

- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/helping-hands.html>

PR/Social Media/Website: Ramsey Melendez

- Communication is always on Social Media. All platforms have been very busy to keep our Bulldogs/Bulldog Families well informed.
- www.bedminsterpto.org
- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Dates & times and all information can be found on social media
- Facebook is our highest viewed platform
- Like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

8th Grade:

- TBA

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Closing Notes: Danielle Fredella

*If any Family is willing to temporarily donate an American Girl Doll to the School Library for a presentation, please contact Maria at the library or an Executive Board Member for more information.

Thank you all for joining us tonight.

Next meeting on January 12th at 7pm will be virtual. Subject to change. Link coming soon.

Meeting Closed at 8:02pm

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.