



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023



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Start time: 7:05

President's Welcome: Marissa Nolfi

Hi friends and good evening everybody. We are going to move quick as we have the Thrive Presentation this evening. Few things since we last met. We had Halloween and the Spooktacular, which was a success. Everyone had teacher conferences as well. I have been working with Marianna on Spring Fling stuff. There are packets on the tables that everyone can take a look at if you would like to help and volunteer. We are still collecting PTO Membership as well. We also have a sign up for anyone interested in donating red/white wine for the Spring Fling. We will come up with a location drop off TBD, **as we cannot have that dropped off at school.**

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

Thank you to all of you who attended our annual Halloween parade last month. It was a lot of fun for our students, staff, and families.

Our 3rd Grade Drama Club will perform Cinderella this week with assistance from some 4th grade students, so we are looking forward to that.

Thank you to all who participated in Parent Teacher Conferences. We welcome the family engagement and the opportunity to receive and give feedback on student's academic, social, and emotional growth.

We are now into Marking Period 2. Marking Period 1 grades will be available next week on Monday, November 20th at 4:30 pm.

The deadline to nominate a teacher for Governor's Educator of the Year is this Thursday, November 16th at 4 pm. This is a tremendous opportunity to nominate someone who you feel is deserving of this honor. Send your nominations to educatoroftheyear@bedminsterschool.org

We continue to support identified students who are in our Before and After School Academic Support Program. We are still in Session 1 of the program and will move to Session 2 following Winter break as we look to add more students who are in need of improvement.

We are excited about the addition of Mrs. Victoria Kelley who will be joining the elementary staff in January. Mrs. Kelley worked here in Bedminster a few years ago and is eager to become a Bedminster Bulldog again bringing a wealth of experience along with her.

School will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th in observance of Thanksgiving recess.

Thank you to the PTO for all that you do.

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Omega (School Family Partnership Series)
Topic: Middle School Social Media Presentation by Thrive and Dr.Omega

Teacher Representative: Beth Rosnell (no report)

Board of Education Report: Suzie Stevinson

Meeting is Thursday

Majority of the meeting was the Presentation of standardized test scores was done by Dr. O. Available on the website. Upward trends were predominant. Detailed analysis continues to be done and assessed by admin and teaching staff.

Math continues to be discussed, including ways to improve the program, and address Honors math placement. Was also discussed at the retreat in July – which is always a great time for parents to bring thoughts to the board because that is when we address board goals for the year.

Vice President: Jessica Pascale

Secretary's Report– Danielle Fredella
Motion to approve October Minutes
First-Anne Van Druff
Second- Amanda Johnson

Treasurer's Report – Aygun Gunay
Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
Inflows: \$ 9,480.90
Outflows: \$4,304.46
Main Account Balance: \$87,323.52
50/50 Raffle Balance: \$300
Total Cash Available: \$87,623.52
PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at btsptotreasury@gmail.com

New Business

PTO Membership: Executive Board
\$15 per Family/ \$10 Teacher-Staff

PTO Meeting Schedule- All meetings will be held in Room 315

***Please Note All Meetings Are Subject To Change ***

Spring Fling, April, 19th 2024: Executive Board/ Marianna Wickizer This is a call for volunteers to participate in solicitations. We will be reaching out to the community businesses that would be interested in donating so we can create the baskets. The work for solicitations starts in January with a follow up call to the businesses to see if they are interested. We provide the script for you to follow when you call. Approx 10-15 businesses will be asked to be made. The papers will be emailed/ mailed to businesses so they should already know about the Spring Fling. Please let me know if you are interested in making calls or have any more questions.

Scholastic Book Fair: Danielle Fredella

I just finished up the financial reports. We had another successful fair raising over \$9000, which gives us about \$4,500 to give back in Scholastic Dollars to our teachers. This enables them to expand their library in their classrooms. Thank you to all that gave their children money to come and shop and we look forward to next years.

8th Grade: Danielle Fredella Holiday Workshop December 4th -8th Please help support the 8th grade Thank you to all that have signed up to help that week. It's a really fun time of year especially for the littles. They love coming with their lists to shop for everyone in their family. Thank you for supporting the 8th grade.

Spirit Wear: Jessica Pascale and Kelly Lynn Barry Sale begins **November 1st -29th**

We sold some merchandise totaling \$1500 at Fall Fest. We did really well and will continue to sell throughout the year at certain events with merchandise on hand so people can see it . Company was nice to do a flat rate of \$5.00 for shipping so take advantage of that. We have some pink added this year. People were pretty excited for that.

Homeroom Parents: Jen Tierney, Jenn Chang, and Danielle Fredella

We appreciate those that are rotating and also copying us on the email distribution to your classes. We have a lot of stuff right now that needs to be sent out and communicated to your families. If you haven't had a chance to let me know how much your class currently has allocated for your Spring Fling Class Basket, please get that to us. We are working on getting that information out by the Holiday break. Thank you again for volunteering

Green and Wellness Committee: Marissa Nolfi (reporting for Ms Giordano)

November update : This month the K-4 Green and Wellness Students spearheaded Letters to the Military during their two lunch periods. They managed the process in its entirety from setting out materials, helping students with ideas, collecting their finished cards and organizing the process for the next group of committee reps. Over 150 cards were made.

Middle School reps came up with a color of the month and themed schedule for the rest of the year.

Tulip bulbs and garlic bulbs were planted in the garden. When the garlic is harvested next summer, Maschios will be able to use in the student and staff lunches in September.

School Family Partnership Series: Dr Omegna and Thrive

Topic: Middle School Social Media

Please refer to our PTO website for presentation and details

PR/Social Media: Anne Van Druff and Steve Zacharko

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Public Questions & Comments: 4 to 5 minutes for comments and/or questions in regards 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 2 days in advance of meeting date: pto@bedminsterschool.org

Old Business

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Spooktacular: Marissa Nolfi, Aygun Gunay, Anita Gandulfo

Assemblies: Fareeha Rahim

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Ongoing Committees

Assemblies: Fareeha Rahim

Bulletin Board: Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi

Home Room Parents: Jen Tierney, Jenn Chang, and Danielle Fredella

Spirit Wear : Jessica Pascale and Kelly Lynn Barry

8th Grade: TBD

Helping Hands: TBD

Wellness Committee(School Sustainability): Marissa Nolfi

Social Media/Website: Anne Van Druff and Steve Zacharko

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Closing Notes: Marissa Nolfi

Everyone have a great night. Next Meeting January 9th in room 315

Meeting Closed at 7:45 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.

