

**Bedminster Township School
Parent teacher Organization**

**Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
October 14, 2014**

Welcome Comments – Suzie Stevinson, President

- Meeting called to order 7:12 pm.
- Introduction of board; thank you to membership for attending and to Administration, Mr. Swan, Ms. Giordano, Mrs. Cohen and Interim Superintendent, Mr. Bolandi as well as temporary BOE representative, Mr. Haggerty

Principal’s Report – Mr. Corby Swan

School wide Anti Violence awareness week will begin during the week of October 20th. Students will learn how to keep safe from violence and bullying. The following week will celebrate “Love Yourself, Be Drug Free”. Thank you to Faith and Liz for lining up some excellent assemblies including “All In” which was very well received. PK-4 will attend the Sleepy Hollow assembly / M5-8 will attend the Crime Scene Science Program. 10/31, Halloween at 3:05pm will be the Halloween parade, instructions to follow in this Friday Principals Corner. Structure is necessary. Pure Leadership program will highlight 10 7-8th grade students in positions of leadership. More details to follow. Thursday, 12/4 is International Night 6-8pm. K-5 families given the opportunity to share their heritage. Organized by Sra. Griffiths and Mrs. Sandoval. Marking period will end 11/5. No school Thursday and Friday, Nov 6th and 7th for Teachers Convention. Thank you to the PTO for a very successful BTSN and Book Fair, both seamless affairs. A question from the membership regarding numbered parking spots in front of the school. Mr. Swan said that those numbered spots will be allocated to staff by seniority.

Director of Student Services—Mrs. Jessica Cohen

Student Service Announcement. If your child has an IEP / 504 or eligible for services, there is a Parent Advisory Meeting on Tuesday 10/21 at 6:30pm at the Olcott Building in Bernardsville.

Teacher Representative -- Mr. Chuck Hogan

- Thank you for the “All In” assembly and Book Fair. Teachers should have 100% PTO participation from the teachers.
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Board of Education Representative--TBD

Mr Haggerty kindly attended as a temporary BOE rep. Next BOE meeting Thursday 10/23/14

Correspondence and Approval of Minutes – Marisa Austenberg
September 2014 Minutes approved.

1 Thank you form BEA for support and confirming 100% participation from the BEA

Treasurer's Report – Laura Govan

- Sept / Oct Inflows--\$10,736.73
- \$8500 – Book Fair
- \$2200 – Membership
- \$558 – Magnets
- Outflows - \$14, 273.19 (assemblies and book fair)
- Balance - \$50, 376.52

8th Grade Report – Lisa Cunningham

50/50 Raffle tickets will be sold during all events between now and 12/17 (Choral and Handbell Concert). Far Hills Race Meeting Parking \$20 per car, \$100 per bus to use school parking lot and old school lot. 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

New Business

- **Food Drive**—8th grade Community Service project run by Mrs. Arnowitz. PTO provides the incentive of a pizza or ice cream party to the winning elementary and MS homerooms.
- **PTO Membership contest**—homeroom with most PTO membership will win a party for their homeroom. Memberships due by October 15.
- **Fall Fest, Jenn McAdoo**—Thank you to Jenn McAdoo and Marisa Austenberg for a great success. \$42K was raised and we are a recipient charity. 15% increase from previous year.
- **Book Fair, Marisa Austenberg**—Big success! Thank you Board, 8th graders, volunteers and Miss Lawson. Total sales \$10, 861.00. We convert profit into scholastic dollars. For 2014, we earned \$5,430.00. Bonuses \$1,086. \$6,500 to offer to 27 teachers to build their classroom libraries.
- **Back to School Nights, Kim Rich** – Thank you all volunteers
- **Halloween, Susan Corbett**—Change of date Fri 10/24, 5-7pm. Need volunteers please. Any questions, please refer to Suzie or Susan.
- **“Buddy Families”**—partnership with Mrs. Sandoval to connect ESL families with English speaking families within the school community. More info to come at next meeting.
- **Box Tops**—looking for a volunteer to coordinate the box tops program.
- **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.

Old Business

Ongoing Committees

- Homeroom Parents, Kim Kennedy, Mary Kessler – Please ensure correspondence between HR Parents and class.
- Programs/Assemblies/Author Visit, Faith Costabile and Lis Clark—K-4, Sleepy Hollow Assembly / M5-8, CSI Assembly. 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.
- 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. We need a person to do the program, who has a background in graphic design; Marisa needs help with updating the database. We need a Chair for solicitations and help for Jodi Coleman with Baskets.
- Addendum: NJ Devils game night out will be on Friday, February 6 vs. Toronto at 7pm. Tickets will be about \$50 and we will all be seated together in a section. Flyers will be coming soon. Please encourage families to join the PTO and volunteer for any upcoming events.

State of School Address – Mr. Ron Bolandi and Ms. Jennifer Giordano

Please see school website, October 14th presentation by Jennifer Giordano and Ron Bolandi.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.