



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP S
Parent Teacher Organization
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020



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Start time: 7:06pm

Welcome and Comments – Danielle Fredella, President

- Welcome everyone and thank you for coming.

Superintendent's Report: Jennifer Giordano - not present

- Nothing to Report

Principal's Report: Corby Swan

- Good evening everyone. Since we met last month, we had a very successful Back to School Night and rolled our entire Phase In Model. Today was the final day of the Phase In and I am happy to say that it was a thrill for me to see most of my students in the building. This week I used lunch as a time to connect with them because it was the one time where I could see their full faces and their smiles, which is something that I definitely miss. Our custodial staff has done an excellent job of getting the building ready for this Phase In model and beyond, so we thank them.

- Please remind your children that they have the opportunity to attend Office Hours between 2:10 and 2:35 each day. I do realize that that school ends at 1:20, however this is an opportunity for them to connect with their teachers and perhaps ask questions about some things that were covered in class earlier that day or that week.

- This year we will not be having a Halloween Parade, however, I have decided that I would still like to give students and staff the opportunity to come to school dressed in a costume if they so choose. Cohort A students will have this opportunity on Thursday, October 29th and Cohort B students on Friday, October 30th. All virtual students can of course dress in a costume as they attend classes virtually if they wish as well. I will send communication out this week to families regarding Halloween.

- Today we had our first day of school pictures where students who are in Cohort B and some virtual students took their school picture with Lifetouch. It was very organized and we are looking for the same results on Thursday when students from Cohort A and other virtual students take their school pictures.

- Also, you should have received information this week

regarding the Governor's Educator of the Year Nominations. Our teachers give their all on a daily basis and this is one way to honor them. If you feel that there is a deserving educator, then please take the time to nominate them. The deadline to submit a nomination form is 4:00 PM on Friday, November 13, 2020.

- Last but certainly not least, we are proud and excited to finally be able to call ourselves a 1 to 1 school with our students now having the opportunity to each have their own device. It is very nice to see students logging on and using these tools in the classrooms.
- Thank you to the PTO for all that you do.

Teacher Representative – Chuck Hogan

- Thank you PTO for your continued support and for the welcome back gift.
- Great to see all the kids back in the building & adjusting well.
- In the process of collecting PTO memberships and fees.

Board of Education Report – Suzie Stevinson

- Nothing to report (in a holding pattern due to COVID-19) - BOE Meeting scheduled for Thursday October 15, 2020
- Thank you to Mr. Swan, Miss G. as well as the teachers and staff for holding down the fort during this new normal.

Correspondence and Minutes – Marissa Nolfi, Secretary

- Thank you note from Mrs. Godfrey for welcome back gift
- Thank you card from Third grade “team awesome” Miss Skiba, Mr. O, Mrs. Rosnell & Mrs. Alfieri
- More Social Media thank yous from teachers and staff!

Treasurer's Report – Amber Cross

- Available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- Inflows: PTO memberships, Membership dues paypal
- Outflows: none to report
- So far everyone seems to really like using Paypal to purchase their memberships.
- PTO will be collecting memberships via **Paypal friends and family** at bsptotreasury@gmail.com (Amber Cross)

New 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. (at least 2) Responsibilities will be divided up.**
- **Volunteers Needed for the remaining weeks of Farmer's Market.**
- **Cancelled for 2020**
- 50/50 Raffle Tickets are being sold at Bedminster Farmer's Market on Saturday's with each organization

- 50/50 Raffle Tickets can also be picked up at Town Hall TO SELL to friends and family. Contact Janine Deleon: JDeleon@Bedminster.us or (908) 212-7000 ext. 427
- Push through social media to have people purchase 50/50 tickets at the Farmer's Market.
- 50/50 Raffle Drawing will be held at the Farmers Market at noon on Saturday, October 31st, 2020
- **Seven local charities benefit from the proceeds and the PTO is one of them!**

Spirit Wear: Jessica Pasquale & Melissa Kircher

- A very great response so far.
- 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.
- To promote contactless order and delivery of Spirit Wear, we are using a new company.
- Spirit Wear will be virtual and contactless purchasing this year. Direct online purchases sent right to your home.
- See Social Media, Website and emails for information on how to order.

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

- **Volunteers needed for all commitment types**
- Anyone interested in volunteering in any way, please email LauradeZutter@yahoo.com

Public Questions & Comments:

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Old Business

- Teacher Welcome Back Luncheon cancelled September 3: Executive Board
- PTO gave small token of acknowledgement to teachers and staff under the circumstance that we were unable to give them the luncheon they normally get at the beginning of each school year and that they highly deserve.

Ongoing Committees

PTO Membership: Executive Board

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

PTO Meeting Schedule: **ALL PTO meetings will be virtual until further notice**

- ***November 10th, 7:00pm - This meeting is subject to change.**
- **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>

Assemblies: Danielle Fredella and Meghan Schultze (Temporary Chairs)

- **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.
- Currently have our Welcome Back boards up.
- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/bulletin-boards.html>

Box Tops: Stephanie Zultanky

- No information at this time.
- May discontinue Box Tops.

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.
- Received a great deal of sales at the Farmers Market this past weekend.
- 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

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

Homeroom Parents: Ramsey Melendez

- Reach out to Ramsey to become a Homeroom Parent
- Assignments and Meeting To be announced
- Keep your eye on Social Media for news TBA
- <http://www.bedminsterpto.org/homeroom-parent.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

Next meeting on November 10, 2020 at 7pm will be virtual. Subject to change. Link coming soon.

Meeting Closed at 7:36pm

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.