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Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

Start time: 7:10pm

President's Welcome: Jenn Chang

Thank you to Mrs. Zugale who presented the Lifeline program and how we can stay educated as a community and support our students regarding suicide and mental health. The fall fest is October 12, the PTO will have a tent there and we will be selling spirit wear. We will also be kicking off our Spring Fling Community Sponsorship with local businesses.

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

This week we are having the Scholastic Book Fair so many thanks to the PTO for organizing this event to focus on a love of reading.

Thank you to all of you who attended our PreK - 4th Grade Back to School Night. From the feedback I received, it was extremely successful and now that you have a better understanding of some of our instructional programs, the next big event will be Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. Here you will receive an in depth summary of your child's growth and will be given an opportunity to also give teachers feedback. Fall Conferences will be held on November 4th, 5th, and 6th and all three of those days will operate on a Delayed opening Schedule. Please make sure that you have signed up for a conference with your child's homeroom teacher.

We are approximately three weeks away from one of the highlights to our Fall season and that is our PreK - 4 Halloween Parade which will be held on October 31, 2024 from 2 - 2:25 pm. Instructions for parents and students will be communicated next week. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher.

Next Monday, October 14th, we will operate on an Early Dismissal Schedule for Staff Development.

Please remember that school is closed on Thursday and Friday, November 7th and 8th due to the New Jersey Education Association Teachers Convention.

Thank you to the PTO for all that you do!

Middle School Principal: Lauren Zugale

- Great start to the school year!
- At the mid marking period point- check your child's Genesis portal
- Continue supporting positive attendance and timeliness- doors close at 8:55 for morning drop off
- Winter Sports form deadline- November 4th- boys and girls basketball
- Get involved- be on the lookout for clubs and activities which are in full swing
- Thank you to PTO for Mykee Fowlin assembly focusing on kindness and embracing student diversity
- Community Service website has been updated
- Halloween upcoming- MS students can dress up- school appropriate, must be able to safely walk the hallways and sit in seats (ex: inflatable costumes are discouraged)

Teacher Representative: Beth Rosnell

Ms. Holtzberger is using AI to create french songs with the 5th graders. Ms. Leonti is working on a stem project with the preschoolers to create a scarecrow and her name is Frederika. Also, we are proud to present just

about 100% participation from the teachers in support of the PTO, thank you and we are excited for this year.

Board of Education Report: Gaby Gomez

I shared that we are working on the rod grant to get the chillers ready hopefully for next summer.

Bedminster Alumni Francisco Escobar Castro received the National Hispanic Recognition Award. A program celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcases their strong academic performance.

This week is the BOE meeting on October 17 and Mrs. Zugale is going to present the NJSLA results.

Please see the BOE website for more information.

Vice President Report - Kim Neuss

Dine and Donate at Delicious Heights is tonight, carry out is included as well. Next dine and donate event is at Shake Shack Wednesday December 4 and the promo code is donate chicken, 25% goes back to the Bedminster PTO. January's is potentially Jersey Mikes in Bernardsville and then Starbucks is in the works. Info will be posted on social media so stay tuned.

Secretary's Report– Lauren DiMeo

The PTO received \$500 from Community in Crisis as a Spring Fling sponsor. Community in Crisis is located in Bernardsville and they are an organization of volunteers that helps support individuals and families facing struggles with the opioid epidemic. They also provide workshops and resources for individuals in post-acute care recovery and their families as

they integrate back into their environment and support system. We really appreciate their support.

September minutes approval: Fareeha Rahim and Chemagne Karna

Treasurer's Report – Paulina Lorenz

Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org

Inflows: \$4,455.70

Outflows: \$5,968.21

Main Account Balance: \$78,918.27

50/50 Raffle Balance: \$300

Total Cash Available: \$78,618.27

PTO will be collecting memberships via square, apple pay and paypal this year. Some clarification that the google form contains a link to pay so its a 2 step process.

New Business

PTO Membership: Executive Board

Fee: \$15 per family \$10 per teacher/staff/admin. Continuing to collect donations and areas of interest to volunteer.

Spring Fling Community Sponsorship Program is kicking off and will be debuting information at the Fall fest at the PTO tent. It's a great way to have local business be a part of the gala and be a part of a fundraiser.

Volunteers for Fall Spooktacular: 10/25

The list of volunteers that we got last meeting Kim will be reaching out the week of to touchbase and see if anyone is available to set up.

Ongoing Committees

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

Assemblies: Fareeha Rahim

September 23 was a Middle school assembly from motivational speaker Mikey Fallon was a huge success. Talks about inclusivity and how to cope with and create a safe community to share.

Next assembly is the Ultimate Human Board game, Oct 14, 2024. Lots of teamwork between grades and working together to solve challenges.

Other assemblies info to come

Scholastic Book Fair: Danielle Fredella, Amanda Johnson

More information from Danielle at the next meeting on how we did.

Fall Fest: Jenn Chang

The fall fest is October 12, the PTO will have a tent there and we will be selling spirit wear. We will also be kicking off our Spring Fling Community Sponsorship with local businesses. Really great way to connect with other families and local businesses.

Spirit Wear: Jessica Pascale and Kelly Lynn Barry

The online store has been previewed and a few changes are being made but we are hoping to get it open in the next few weeks. Please stay tuned.

Items are going to be shipped to Jess and Kelly, with the child's name on it and 2 days will be set up to pick up ordered items. Shipping cost is built into the price of each item.

8th Grade: Kelly Lynn Barry

Getting ready for the Holiday Workshop, getting volunteers together. Help with wrapping and help with the kids

Spring Fling: Jenn Chang

Save the Date, April 11, 2025. It's the 26th Anniversary, it's our biggest fundraiser of the year. You get a nice night out with dinner, dancing and basket raffles. There is some help needed. The Spring Fling committee has been meeting and we still need volunteers in Admissions, spreadsheets, community relations, baskets, signage, raffles and auctions. We are trying to match people's strengths or interests on where people can help out. There is something for everyone.

Old Business

Homeroom Parents: Jenn Chang

Hopefully you are getting good traction on communications and contact information and first donations. Some questions that came up that PTO general school and all grade levels, and the classroom funds are the basis funds for classroom activities and teacher gifts. One parent asked if Zelle was available and is it ok to reach out to the HR parents to make that another option.

Bulletin Board: Jenn Chang update

More info to come next meeting from Danielle Fredella

Helping Hands: Jenn Chang

We need volunteers to be the point person to organize needs for the family. Mrs. G would reach out to the PTO if there is a family in need and we need

Closing Notes: Jenn Chang

Next meeting is November 20, 2024. Any questions or comments.

Meeting Closed at 7:55 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.