



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023



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Start time: 7:05

President's Welcome: Marissa Nolfi

Good evening and welcome. Just a few things that PTO did over the summer we gifted a Bulldog rug for the front entrance of the school. We have been working on getting things ready and planned for the school year, some of which are on the agenda for tonight. Spring Fling is booked for 2024.

Superintendent's Report: Jennifer Giordano

Good evening and welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. We are glad that you chose Bedminster School to provide a supportive and engaging learning environment for your children. I am looking forward to working with our students and staff this year. Please be patient, we have changes to staffing in the office/board office but we continue to put the safety of students and staff first.

We will continue to be guided by assessments and recommendations and will make decisions that are in the best interest of kids. Our district goals continue to evolve with social-emotional wellbeing and math as our focus. Based on our standardized testing at a glance results, our ELA and Math scores are trending up with 84% of students either approaching, meeting, or exceeding the performance standards in ELA grades 3-8 and 82% of students either approaching, meeting, or exceeding the performance standards in Math grades 3-8.

Students in need of additional support who did not yet meet or partially met the standards can receive additional support through literacy support and remediation after/before school. A full testing presentation will be available most likely at the October BoE meeting since the Individual Score Reports were just sent to us this week. Board meetings are typically the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., but please check on our website for exact dates. Thank you.

We also achieved silver-certified status from Sustainable Jersey for Schools based on our collective work as a community to build a better future through sustainable initiatives. Of 1,135 NJ registered schools, we are one of 44 to attain silver status this year. Again, welcome, and thank you for entrusting us with your children, and here's to a great year for all of our bulldogs.

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

Communication

In terms of communications, we have the Friday Folder. If you are not signed up for this, please go to our website as there are instructions on how to do so.

This will include school and community information.

Once per month, you will also receive my newsletter, The Swan Snapshot. This will typically have some elementary highlights, reminders, articles, and videos for families. If you have Twitter, you can also follow me on Twitter and see some school highlights and important announcements using @CorbySwan.

If you ever need to contact anyone at the school, please use our chain of command/communication protocol so that you are contacting the correct person and in the correct order so that we can help you.

Instruction

Academically, our teachers are building their classroom communities, learning about their new students, where their strengths and growth opportunities are, who works well together, etc. We are continuing to grow using our Ready Mathematics Program and i-ready tools as well as our TCI Science Program.

Reminder

School is closed on Monday, September 25th in observance of Yom Kippur.

Acknowledgments

Thank you to the PTO for the Ice Cream Social, the Staff Luncheon, for coordinating the programs and assemblies for this school year, for working tirelessly to coordinate homeroom parents, and for giving a PTO introduction to parents at Kindergarten and New Student Orientations. Thank you for ALL that you do for our school community!

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Omega

Welcome to all of our BTS families!

If you are joining or returning to Middle School we welcome you!

We thank our PTO for our constant sponsorship of programs for the students of BTS and know we are all here to help as students progress and grow year to year.

As a middle school team, we work hard to provide information proactively and partner with parents. To that end, each student has a Chromebook device and their own access to a student Genesis account. Parents have Genesis access to monitor grades, conduct, and classes, to post absences. Our district site has resources for MS students and families on our Advisory and IC classes, study habits our code of conduct and community service. There is also key information on the nursing and athletic tabs as well as our Principal page which house our monthly newsletter.

As a MS Parent, please note each month around the 15th of the month in your email you will receive a newsletter of important dates, happenings and sign ups. Please enable @bedminsterschool.org so you receive these monthly correspondences and if you miss one, they are archived on the Principal page.

We are looking forward to an amazing year and hope to see you at BTSN.

Teacher Representative: Beth Rosnell

Madame Holzeberger and I will be liaison for teacher representation. She will be collecting teacher membership as well as coordinating the basket for Spring Fling. I will be reporting on what is going on in the classrooms.

4th grade – Math using the number 4, connect 4 tournament, Scoot Math, ect, 3rd grade- All About Me , Science unit “ Forces in Motion”, Carnival games doing observations, PTO thank you for the luncheon, Instrumental classes have begun, Hispanic Heritage Month- Senora Rodriguez has her students share facts and information on the morning announcements, Madame Holzeberger doing the countdown to Olympics France 2024, thank you also for supporting all us teachers.

Please refer to the PTO website to view the slide show presentation for more details.

Board of Education Report: Suzie Stevinson

No report, not present

Vice President: Jessica Pascale

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

Treasurer's Report – Aygun Gunay
Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
Inflows: \$ 40.00
Outflows: \$8,393.45
Main Account Balance: \$84,394.71
50/50 Raffle Balance: \$300
Total Cash Available: \$84,694.71
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 ***

Homeroom Parents: Jen Tierney, Jenn Chang, and Danielle Fredella
Home Room Parents will be chosen on Friday, and we will be having a zoom call to explain all the details. We had many new parents show interest this year.

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

Scholastic Book Fair: Danielle Fredella **October 9th-13th**
I encourage parents to create an e-wallet so they don't have carry money with them.

Spooktacular: Marissa Nolfi, Aygun Gunay, and Anita Gandulfo **Monday, October 30th**
Pre K- 4th grade Fun night filled with pizza, games, and music.

Spring Fling: Executive Board- April 19, 2024 **Volunteers Needed**
We are looking for people to chair baskets. If interested please let us know.

Assemblies: Fareeha Rahim
We have a great lineup planned for both Elementary and Middle School. Some of the shows are new this year and will a new experience for all. We are starting the year off with an interactive multicultural assembly called "Gather Here" for Elementary students in October.

8th Grade: TBD

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

Kindergarten & New Student Ice Cream Social: Executive Board
Staff Welcome Back Luncheon: Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi
Bulletin Boards: Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi
CardMyYard: Executive Board
PTO Welcome Back Gift: Executive Board

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 and thank you. Next Meeting October 17th in room 315

Meeting Closed at 8:04 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.

