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Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

Start time: 8:05 pm

President's Welcome: Jenn Chang

-Spring Fling: Sold out seating capacity. Floored by the community response to the PTO's mission this year. Many thanks to our Social Media volunteers with the marketing strategy and communication and our local sponsorship outreach team. Waitlist open

-Teacher's - 2 tables of teachers attending the gala. We are excited to announce that, thanks to the generosity of our local community, we have just enough to cover the cost of all teacher RSVP's for Spring Fling 2025!!

-BOE message from Superintendent: The annual budget meeting this year is May 1, 2025 at 7 pm in the Faculty Lounge. Would encourage parents to participate.

Elementary Principal's Report: Corby Swan

Middle Principal's Report: Lauren Zugale

Staff PD day: While the students enjoyed last Monday off, staff had a professional development

day. Exciting learning took place including IXL student data analysis, No Red Ink training to

support writing across the curriculum, CPR/First Aid training for our coaches, administration, and

safety teams, and presentations by the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education regarding

differentiation within the classroom.

- The Middle School was treated to an AMAZING assembly on Hip Hop and the Civil Rights

Movement. The show used dance, audience participation, and a variety of activities to explore

the social conditions that gave rise to the movement and the heroic work necessary to end

segregation. Many thanks to our PTO for sponsoring this wonderful program which all the

students really seemed to enjoy.

- The Criteria for Middle School Math Placement will have slight changes for the 2025-2026

school year to account for students moving into the district without certain measures to review.

The majority of the criteria will be staying the same and has been shared with the P&P committee

of the BOE.

- 8th Grade:

- 8th Graders have chosen “Candy Crush” as their Class of 2025 mural theme. Mrs.

Herskowitz will begin working with the students on drawing and painting the mural in

March and April so the class will have time to enjoy their artwork before the end of the

year.

- A BHS Athletics representative was here this week to discuss all HS Sports and fall

activities with all 8th graders. We are in the process of planning the visit to the high

school in June.

- Friday, March 21st is the highly anticipated 8th Grade vs. Faculty Basketball game.

Doors open at 6:00pm and the game starts at 7:00pm.

- Student Council:

- Our BTS Student Council created and sold Social Emotional Learning “Pawsitive” Jars

during lunch last month

- They are in the process of planning another evening event based on student feedback

from the Winter Fun Night!

- Activities and Sports:

- Good luck to our Robotics Team as they advance to the next level of competition - state

championship- on March 16th

- Softball season is starting...tryouts begin on March 18th

- NJSLA dates are set for this year. Please mark your calendars and try to avoid any travel or

appointments during school hours on testing days.:

- NJSLA Science for grades 5 & 8 - May 5th & 6th (Makeups May 7th & 8th)

- NJSLA Math for all Middle School - May 12th, 13th & 14th

- NJSLA ELA for all Middle School - May 15th & 16th (Makeups for both May 15th -

May 21st)

Teacher Representative: Beth Rosnell

There is an overwhelming amount of gratitude from the teachers with this year's spring fling tickets being 100% covered. Your ongoing generosity does not go unnoticed and we appreciate all the efforts and support you have shown the teachers.

Vice President Report: Kim Neuss

The last Dine & Donate was with DIG, it successfully secured one teacher ticket for Spring Fling. Next one is after Spring Fling with Chipotle, Monday 5-9pm. A special promo code will be posted on social media or bring in the flyer. We are on track to report that by the end of the year the Dine & Donates will be close to $1,000, which is a huge success.

Secretary's Report: Lauren DiMeo

Thank you letters from 1st grade for the Penguin Visit.

Spring Fling Sponsors as of 3/12

Top Dog
Bernardsville Dental Group
Gus & Bucky's Car Wash- Bedminster
Janjua Facial Surgery
Kumon of Basking Ridge
Primrose School of Bedminster
Vigneault Law Firm

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Kesler Family
Maschio Food Services
Primrose School of Bedminster
Vigneault Law Firm

February minutes approval: February minute approval Danielle Fredella and Fareeha Rahim

Treasurer's Report: Paulina Lorenz

Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org

Inflows: **$3,267.53**

Outflows: **$175.95**

Main Account Balance: $84,850.46

50/50 Raffle Balance: $300.

Total Cash Available: $85,150.46

PTO will be collecting memberships via square, apple pay and paypal this year.

New Business

Assemblies: Fareeha Rahim

Hip Hop Fundamentals assembly came in for Black History Month which was a huge success. It was really well done and they did a great job interacting with middle and elementary students and THE STAFF. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed themselves while learning about the history of hip hop. The next assembly will be in June with the Planetarium and geared toward the elementary students. On another note, we are having our first family science night, it will be hosted by MadScience and the PTO will be sponsoring the event, May 9 from 6pm-9pm. There's a chemistry booth, dry ice, airplane station and more. The event will be broken into two segments which you can sign up for. We will be needing volunteers as well and middle school students can volunteer.

Spring Fling Updates:

Basket Update: Danielle Fredella & Michelle Williams

You can still buy Raffle tickets on the website. A list of the baskets will be distributed soon and they are being posted on social media. We have 2 more baskets which will bring us to a total of 119 in general baskets, 11 in class baskets, 30 in silent auction items. We are ahead of schedule and looking to tag them and then we are done, Ready to go! Thank you to Nadine and her team for solicitations.

50/50 tickets: Samantha & Fareeha:

We are up to $1,070 (about 215 tickets). You don't have to be there to win so please share with family and friends.
Deadline is April 4.

Silent Auction: Sherri-Pesce:

This is the first year that everything is online. There were three pre-event items that were released, the first event was Blake Shelton and now the two hockey games are next so get ready. On April 11, the day of the gala, the open items for silent auction will be open to bid on online and in person.

<u>Ongoing Committees:</u>

Spirit Wear: We are looking for a new committee. We are going to align with the farmers market. Please reach out

8th grade: Tina Dadas

Next Friday is the Basketball Game. It opens at 6pm, tip off at 7pm. Ironing out the details for the field trip, currently we are booked for Hershey and the others are still. June 12 is the banquet which will be at the Bridgewater Manor.

Supervisor of student services: Kelly Gutiereze

•Taking over the role from Mrs. Zugale. I mostly work with the child study team but wear a lot of different hats so please reach out.

•SEPAG meeting, March 27, 2025 at 11am, for anyone that wants to get involved in special education and 504 communities, there will be a meeting to find out more information, a flyer will be sent out with more information.

• Math Parent partnership that parents can use at home. IXCEL aligns with our standards and targets their specific skills. Prodigy is for students k-4, free. Reflex and FRACS k-4. Number Rock k-4 base. Khan Academy for middle school, Boddle k-6 based, free.

<u>Closing Notes:</u> Jenn Chang

Thank you everyone so much for joining tonight. The next PTO will be April 9 in person. Looking ahead, Tuesday, May 13 meeting is our only meeting on Tuesday. The PTO board election will be voted on at that May meeting, candidates are in place but it's open to the public so please reach out to the PTO by the end March if anyone is interested in running.

Meeting Closed at 8:00 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.