



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2022



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Start time: 7:07pm

President's Welcome and Comments Marissa Nolfi

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming tonight!

Mrs. Zugale will be presenting tonight. We have Ms. Spero and Ms. Resotka representing for the teachers .

If anyone has any questions pertaining to something not listed in the agenda please reach out to Danielle via the PTO website. www.bedminsterpto.org

Elementary Principal's Report: Principal Corby Swan

We have had some exciting things going on here at Bedminster School!

Pie The Principal Food Drive

Bedminster Township School is hosting its annual food drive for the month of December. Last year, we collected over 1,000 items. This year we want to try to beat that number! To add a fun twist, the homeroom class with the most donations will have a student name raffled to throw a pie at Principal Swan AND Principal Omega, respectively. You should have received an email with acceptable items.

Beginning Monday, 11/28 and ending on Friday 12/23, items will be accepted for the count. Boxes will be in our main office vestibule to drop off items, or they will be collected from homerooms. Your child's name and grade must be on the bags dropped off or brought into school to be included in the count. Together we CAN help to end hunger and have some holiday fun!

Winter Concert Series

We have held two out of our three events for our Winter Concert Series. Thank you to Mr. Lefurge and Mr. Copeland for all of their hard work in leading our talented students.

Sustainability

We held planning days for our possible biodiversity detention basin this week with parent community members and local forester Heather Gracie. We are working towards silver certification in the area of Sustainability. Thank you to our parents, teachers, and office staff for helping us work toward that goal. A special shout-out to Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Johnsen for all of their hard work.

Maschio's Soup Recipe Contest

Maschio's Food Services is once again holding a Soup Recipe Contest.

Show off your creativity and create a healthy soup recipe!

You can use any ingredients for the recipe with the exception of peanuts or tree nuts. The completed form must be submitted to the student's homeroom teacher by January 6, 2023. The winning recipe will be served in the school cafeteria on January 25th, 2023!

Governor's Educator Of The Year

On Friday, December 23rd, we will have our Governor's Educator of the Year Assembly and I will be announcing this year's recipient to our school community.

Instructional Programs

Our students and teachers continue to make steady progress in the second year of our Ready Mathematics program as well as Year 1 of our new TCI Science Alive Program.

School Calendar

Please keep in mind that next Friday, December 23rd we will operate on an early dismissal schedule. School will be closed from December 26th through December 30th for Winter Break. School will be back in session on Monday, January 2nd.

Thank you to the PTO for all that they do.

Middle School Principal's Report: Dr. Elizabeth Omegna

Thank you to the PTO and HR families for supporting students, staff, and programs! We are very fortunate for all that you do!

We want to thank all students and families contributing to the Pie the Principal drive to support the Somerset Food Bank! The deadline is extended to the 23rd! Help the MS beat the ES in total cans and enjoy Dr. O's "burrito whack" of Mr. Swan!

Thank you to those who were able to attend on-site and virtually the DC Planning Meeting. All information from the session is [posted to the website](#) and linked in the December newsletter.

Save the date for the 8th/9th grade BTS/BHS articulation meeting noted on the web calendar and Friday Folder. A reminder eblast will go out on 12/23 and again on 1/6.

Happy Holidays to all and a Healthy 2023.

Teacher Representative: Carolyn Spero and Lauren Resotka

- THANK YOU to the PTO for the book fair money!
- First grade Thanksgiving show was at the end of November for the first time since 2019.
- Green Team students had an opportunity to learn more about biodiversity and invasive species on December 8th and December 12th.
- All Grade 6 ELA classes will be participating in Flashlight Friday this Friday, December 16th! These are fun reading days in ELA in which the students read their independent reading books by flashlight in comfy places around the room.
- Domanski/Fasano 8th grade ELA classes will be putting on performances of A Christmas Carol for their peers next week before the Winter Break.
- Ms. Alfone's class - collecting, counting and reporting on the food drive! They are doing AWESOME and the students love to look at the bulletin board to see who is in the lead!

- Holiday workshop Day 1 - success! The little ones need help with math - adding items up - maybe student volunteers to help next year.
- Ugly sweater contest for teachers Tuesday, December 20th - students can wear ugly sweaters.
- Chorus and handbell concert - on December 21st
- First Grade is doing Grinch Day

Board of Education Report Suzie Stevinson (no report)

Secretary's Report: Danielle Fredella, Secretary

Correspondence- none at this time

Motion to approve November's 2022 Minutes (Approvals cannot be from the PTO Board)

First: Ramsey Melendez

Second: Fareeha Rahim

All PTO Meeting Minutes Reports can be found on our websites & social media

Treasurer's Report Jessica Pascale, Treasurer

- Report is available on PTO website www.bedminsterpto.org
- **Inflows: \$8,298.25**
- **Outflows: \$8,185.03**
- Main Account Balance: \$66,233.04
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300
- Total Cash Available: \$66,533.04
- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at btsptotreasury@gmail.com

New Business

PTO Membership: Donations are always welcome!

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 our website.

PTO Meeting Schedule: *All meetings will be held in room 315*

- January 10, 2023
- February 14, 2023
- March 14, 2023
- April 11, 2023

- May 9, 2023
- June 13, 2023

Please note: All meetings are subject to change at any time.

Spring Fling: April 28, 2023 Executive Board- Danielle Fredella

We are always looking for volunteers. The executive Board is currently preparing on getting our solicitation information ready to go out to all of the businesses in January. Gregg will be in touch with those volunteers that are signed up to help with the follow up calls. If you have already purchased your class basket, thank you. Please let us know if you have any money left over so we can put with another class.

Chair Persons Needed-Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Spring Fling committee, please contact the executive board members at pto@bedminsterschool.org

8th Grade: Suzie Stevinson, Melissa Kircher & Mimi Brown

Ramsey reported –The 50/50 raffle will be drawn at the January PTO meeting. Holiday workshop is currently going on for students to purchase something for their family. The 8th grade faculty basketball game date TBD. Bagel breakfast will be held on a Saturday. There will be more information to follow.

Presentation: A Review of the Continuum of Services at BTS: Mrs. Lauren Zugale

[Review of the Continuum of Services at BTS](#)

*Public Questions & Comments:

This portion will be held to a 15-minute limit. We politely ask that each speaker limit his or her time to 5 minutes for comments and/or questions in regard 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, Marissa Nolfi, 2 days in advance of the meeting date. pto@bedminsterschool.org

***Old Business**

Scholastic Book Fair: Suzie Stevinson and Danielle Fredella

Spooktacular: Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi

Ongoing Committees

Assemblies: Sonia Marto and Fareeha Rahim

Spirit Wear Annual Sale: Melissa Kircher and Jessica Pascale

Bulletin Boards: Danielle Fredella and Marissa Nolfi

Homeroom Parents: Ramsey Melendez and Danielle Fredella

Homeroom parents should be using money collected from parents to purchase a gift for your teacher for the holiday. Please take a picture of what you buy and send to your parents. It is always nice for them to see what they gave the teacher.

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PR/Social: Ramsey Melendez and Ann Van Druff

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Instagram: @BedminsterPTO

Twitter: coming soon!

Donations & Corporate Matching: Executive Board

Still going on, reach out if your company has a match program.

Helping Hands: Suzie Stevinson

Wellness Committee: Marissa Nolfi

Closing Notes: Marissa Nolfi, President

Thank you all for coming.

Next meeting will be January 10, 2022 at 7:00pm in Room 315

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 7:46 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 drafting a minutes report and to have a factual record of the meeting once minutes are submitted.***