



## BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

### Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes



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January 10, 2023

**Start time: 7:09pm**

#### **President's Welcome and Comments** Marissa Nolfi

Happy New Year everyone and thank you for being here tonight. Some of the things that have been going on since our last meeting we had the Hand Bell and Chorus Concert which was amazing. The Governor Educator of the Year Award. Winner was Miss Spero First Grade. Congratulations again from the PTO. Spring Fling is rolling. Family Night Brainwash assembly is coming in on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and enjoy the night. February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be canceled. We will probably schedule a separate Spring Fling meeting for all the volunteers.

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](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)

#### **Elementary Principal's Report:** Principal Corby Swan

##### **Pie the Principal**

We have completed our 3rd annual "Pie Your Principal" food drive. Our elementary homerooms collected a total of 2770 items. Our middle school homeroom collected a total of 1043 items. This tripled our collection from last year to a grand total of 3213 donations. We are so proud of the students, families, and staff of BTS! And for the news you've been waiting to hear...the elementary homeroom with the most donations with a come-from-behind win was Mr. Olivieri's homeroom with a whopping 632 items donated. Our middle school homeroom with the most donations, also with a come-from-behind win was Ms. Alfone's homeroom with 390 items donated. Last week, our students "stuffed the bus". Milton from Barker Bus volunteered his time to drive a bus to the school and, with the students, load the bus with all of the donations which he then drove to the Somerset County Food Pantry. The pie-throwing event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 20th. We are making efforts to take photos and record portions of the event.

##### **Instructional Programs**

We continue to move forward with our i-ready Mathematics and TCI Science programs. We are encouraging families to ask their children for specifics when asking them about school. We want them to build in the area of using academic language when explaining concepts and retaining information.

##### **Key Dates**

School is closed on January 16th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

PreK and Kindergarten Registration will be available sometime next week. You will find this information on our school website.

**Middle School Principal's Report:** Dr. Elizabeth Omegna (no report)

**Teacher Representative:** Sue Evans

Jen H. French Teacher:

The Eighth-grade French classes are creating "sapeurs" - drawings of a fashion trend that started in the Congo after World War II. The goal is to write a detailed paragraph describing all of the clothing, accessories, and French designers. Next up - hey you fashion shows!

Jon N. - ESL Teacher:

ESL students decorated the door with happy New Year and multiple languages. the kids love it when they see their native language on display.

**Board of Education Report** Suzie Stevinson (no report)

**Secretary's Report:** Danielle Fredella, Secretary

Correspondence- none at this time

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

First: Anne Van Druff

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](http://www.bedminsterpto.org)
- Inflows: \$0.00
- Outflows: \$385.27
- Main Account Balance: \$65,847.77
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300
- Total Cash Available: \$66,147.77
- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at [btsptotreasury@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:btsptotreasury@gmail.com)
- Forms can also be found on our website.

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

- February 14, 2023 (canceled)
- 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

The Executive Board is in a process of getting everything up and going. This year we will be doing everything electronically as we are now Bronze level sustainability. Within the next few weeks, can you please keep a look out for a letter from the executive board with all information pertaining to Spring Fling. Tickets will be going on sale February 15<sup>th</sup>. All 50/50 tickets will be coming home with your child prior to the tickets going on sale. Please check your child/children backpack. Please mail and return to the person the envelope is addressed to and **DO NOT SEND BACK INTO SCHOOL!** All envelopes left in the PTO mailbox this year will not be accounted for. We are looking for continuous help. Please get the word out. This event cannot continue to take place next year if we don't start getting volunteers. This is to benefit everyone's child and the executive board can no longer have all responsibility. Thank you for those that are helping already in giving your time to make this night successful .

Chair Persons Needed-Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Spring Fling committee, please contact the executive board members at [pto@bedminsterschool.org](mailto:pto@bedminsterschool.org)

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Suzie Stevinson, Melissa Kircher & Mimi Brown

Danielle reported –The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 50/50 raffle drawn.

Total collected: \$4,995

First Winner: DD \$1,248.75

Second Winner: BV \$749.25

Third Winner: PS \$499.50

\*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 thePTO. 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](mailto:pto@bedminsterschool.org)

## **\*Old Business**

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

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

## **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

**8th Grade:** Suzie Stevinson, Melissa Kircher and Mimi Brown

**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 March 14, 2023 at 7:00pm in Room 315**

**This meeting date is subject to change.**

**Meeting Closed at 7:52 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.***