



BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes



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March 14, 2023

Start time: 7:09pm

President's Welcome and Comments Marissa Nolfi

Hi friends we are going to begin. Welcome back it has been a while since we have seen each other and we have had a lot going on. Just a quick recap we had Brain Wash Game show and I have to say we had so much fun and are hoping to bring it back again next year. We celebrated a 100 days of school .CardMyYard came a put a sign up. We know the kids as well as teachers really enjoy that. We also had Read Across America week and I was honored along with others to come in and read. We have spirit week coming up!

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

The Brainwash Trivia assembly was a BIG hit for our students and staff as always. This year we added the Majority Rules game show at night for families to attend together and it was very successful.

Our Kind Hearts Committee organized a Mix It Up Day where students were able to sit with other people from their grade at lunch. The Kind Hearts Committee gave students questions that each table could ask peers to get to know them better.

With the help of Mrs. Mowery and our amazing staff, we held Read Across America Week just a few weeks ago. We had themes that used different colors each day and celebrated the love of reading all week. Thank you to the community readers that included members of the PTO Executive Board, the Board of Education, our police department, as well as BTS administrators and Main Office Staff.

The 8th-grade vs Faculty Basketball Game was awesome, fun, and provided funds to help support the 8th-grade class. Thanks to all who came out to support the event. The faculty won the game by a score of 43 - 38.

Tonight, ESL Teacher, Mr. Jon Nyerges will be presenting on our English Language Learner Program as part of our School Family Partnership Series.

Our 4th Grade students will once again be participating in Genius Hour, which allows students the opportunity to study and research a topic that they are passionate about. They will be working on their Genius Hour projects in Marking Periods 3 and 4 and will present them to their classmates near the end of the school year.

Please remember that next week we will have Spring Parent Teacher Conferences which are done by teacher request only. These will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd from 6 - 8 pm and Thursday, March 23rd from 8:45 - 10:45 am. School is closed the following day, Friday, March 24th for Staff Development and Spring Break will be from April 3rd - 7th.

Thank you as always to the PTO for your continued support of our school.

Teacher Representative: Scott LeFurge

Mrs Davies 2nd grade : students created nonfiction research slides during ELA . The students researched their topics and created amazing presentations using Google slides.

Mrs Domanski 8th grade: Classes are currently writing and creating their Career research Projects. They will have the opportunity to share with their peers prior to Spring Break! If you have a child in 8th grade, be sure to ask him/her about what career he/she may be researching, why it is of interest, and the steps needed to pursue his career path.

Mrs. McFarland and Ms Evans 2nd grade: ELA classes presented their nonfiction research slides to Miss Spero and Miss Resotka's class. The students worked very hard researching their topics using a graphic organizer, transferring the collected information onto Google slides, rehearsing their presentation, and finally presenting to their peers.

Mr. LeFurge/ Library Dedication Ceremony March 3rd : We honored the memory and legacy of former beloved substitute teacher and Bedminster Township resident, Mrs. Mitzi Piller! Thank you to Jack and Gretchen Piller, Mitzi's children and their families for their amazing gift to the children of BTS! Their generosity enabled our instrumental Music Program to purchase a Vibraphone and our Library to purchase kid sized seating and additional library book displays and carts. Megan O'Brien a family friend donated 14 brand new books to our school library for the "Mitzi Piller Storytime Collection" to honor her memory and her love for reading. Thank you also to Jack for reading "Oh the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Suess at our Dedication Ceremony during Read Across America week!

Winter Fun Night: Friday March 3rd sponsored by Student Council, advisors Madame Holzberger and Mr. McCoy, and Principal's Academy Dr. Omega. Dancing and snacks in the cafetorium. Volleyball and Basketball in the gym.

Madame Holzberger/ middle school French: Playing March Madness and being creative using French music to see whom will win in the brackets.

Bedminster Robotics Club: Robotics Day Tournament Friday Marc 17th 1:16-3:25.

Crimson Café-Jazz Concert at BHS- Saturday , April 29th -7:00pm

Orchestra and Strings Concert: Wednesday, May 10th -7:00 pm

Band and Jazz Band Concert : Wednesday, May 24th -7:00 pm

Bedminster Township Memorial Parade: Monday, May 29th -10:00 am

Choral and Hand Bell Concert: Wednesday, June 7th -7:00pm

Board of Education Report Suzie Stevinson

Hi everyone. Meeting will be this Thursday, March 16Th. We will be discussing the budget. Please come out and join us.

Secretary's Report Danielle Fredella

Correspondence- none at this time

Motion to approve January's 2023 Minutes (Approvals cannot be from the PTO Board)

First: Ramsey Melendez

Second: Suzie Stevinson

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: \$3,735.32**
- **Outflows: \$157.26**
- Main Account Balance: \$63,249.06
- 50/50 Raffle Account Balance: \$300
- Total Cash Available: \$66,827.12
- PTO will be collecting memberships via PayPal friends and family at btsptotreasury@gmail.com

New Business

Assemblies: Fareeha Rahim

January we welcomed back Brain Wash for their performances for elementary grades and middle school. We had them for the first time host families to come out and have some fun playing along in a Family Game Show . The night was so much fun and a great night for all.

February we had Bright Star Theater come to our school. They performed “Heroes of The Underground Railroad” for Elementary which was about slavery and how they escaped during that period of history and “Let It Shine” for MS which was about The Civil Rights Movement. Both shows were amazing and filled with information for the students to learn.

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

Thank you everyone that helped support the holiday workshop. All the money raised helps towards the DC trip. We just had the eighth grade/ faculty basketball game. Hopefully you were able to come out and watch. Some fun fundraisers coming up to support the eighth grade: On April 14th will be movie night at school. Also on April 22nd go to Gus and Bucky's Car Wash. They will be donating a percentage back to the eighth grade. June 6th will be the eighth grade dance at the Bridgewater Manor.

Homeroom Parents: Ramsey Melendez and Danielle Fredella Homeroom parents are kind of quiet right now. All the class baskets are in for Spring Fling. Email went out today to try and boost attendance and also basket donations. Email contained links to everything .

PR/Social: Ramsey Melendez and Ann Van Druff

Amazon smile program has come to an end. We have Spring Fling posts scheduled from now until April 28th. We will start posting pictures of baskets as teasers starting on April 1st. The assemblies we have shared on all our social media pages. Family partnership presentations are also on our website a day or two after our meeting so those that need more information can get it.

Wellness Committee: Marissa Nolfi

Grade 3 wellness reps announced Silver Day - 100th day of school, Feb 9th [if no snow days]

Upcoming events: 1/31 BryceStrong orange & blue day; 2/15 favorite color day

Wellness is currently planning events for Teacher Appreciation Week, Asthma & Allergy Awareness & a spring animal shelter drive

[Beacon, a therapy dog in training](#) made a visit to a Kindergarten, two 1st grade, a 2nd grade and to Mrs. Kolodziejcki's class on the 100th day of school. Students were so happy to see and hug him. He even listened with students to a book read.

Chef's day [Maschios] is coming! Wellness reps will gather ideas from students.

MS & ES wellness reps updated the [bulletin board](#) to show Valentine's love & spirit day updates [we have them every month, usually Wellness Wednesdays], helpful safety tips when eating candy, and other fun messages on the candy hearts!

The majority of students requested a spicy food day and frushi experience with Maschios. Our chef day will be a Ramen Bar with options that the kids can choose from. They will also have a Frushi Bar one day!

Middle school reps are underway with a surprise for our educators come Educator Appreciation Week, so that is fun.

Both Green & Wellness kids have been making more AM announcements to students & staff.

Tomorrow is Tie Dye Day!

Spring Fling: April 28, 2023 Suzie Stevinson

Spring Fling is in progress. Thank you for those that helped with participating already in donating either a basket or an item off of the SignUp . If you would like to donate a basket or may have an idea of your own , please reach out to Marissa or one of us. Please come out and support the PTO, as this is our only fundraiser throughout the school that we run. All proceeds go right back into things for the students.

Board Elections: Marissa Nolfi May 9,2023

Notify the Executive Board by April 15th if you are interested in running for a position. Elections will be held at the May PTO meeting.

Presentation: Supporting English Language Acquisition: Mr. Jon Nyerges

*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**

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.

Ongoing Committees

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

- April 11, 2023
- May 9, 2023
- June 13, 2023

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

Assemblies: 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

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Facebook: Bedminster School PTO

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 April 11, 2023 at 7:00pm in Room 315

This meeting date is subject to change.

Meeting Closed at 8:23 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.***