



Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm Monday, February 5, 2024

- I. **Call to Order 7:05 pm**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Co-Presidents' Report**
 - a. Discuss Committee Openings
 - Co-President
 - Treasurer
 - Birthday Recognition-Rebecca Foster
 - Newsletter -1 position
 - Holiday Shop
 - Kindergarten Playdate-Jo Farrow volunteered
 - Fundraising
 - Mini Fundraising- 1 position
 - Plant Sale 1 position
 - b. Virtual Backpack (Tuesday Before to be included in Thursday Email)
- IV. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Balances
 - i. Account Balances:
 - ii. Main Checking: \$61,932.13
 - iii. Savings: \$25,603.14
 - iv. LGCCC/Raffle Acct: \$1,750
 - v. Playground Savings: \$25,526.48
 - b. Treasurer Position Open for next year
 - c. Class Party Reimbursement
 - d. Grade Level Budget
- V. **Secretary's Report**
 - a. Building Use Forms
 - b. Email committee updates/agenda items before HSA meetings every month
 - a. Virtual Link can be found in Thursday's Virtual Backpack
- VI. **Board of Education Representative's Report-**
 - **District News**
 - 2/1/24 kicks off our District Wide celebration of Black History Month.
 - Please check school websites and social media accounts for districtwide activities.
 - ECC Registration
 - Early Childhood Center Applications for the 2024-2025 school year will be open soon. Be on the lookout...
 - On January 23, 2024, the Bloomfield Board of Education recognized the Bloomfield Educational Foundation (BEF) for their tireless work and contributions to the Bloomfield education community. This group raises funds to support large and small grants that benefit students. The BEF was honored this evening for their donations to the BHS Esports arena, VEST program uniforms, and BMS Bengalthon. The community is grateful for your support!
 - The 35th Annual Ted Jasieniecki Alumni Basketball Game was held on Friday, January 12, 2024 at 7:00PM at Bloomfield High School. Thank you to the alumni



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who came out to play and the 6th grade teams who participated in the pregame activities.

○ Elementary News

- Congratulations to Berkeley School for hosting a very successful summer camp fair. It was very well attended and our students have many options for summertime activities.
- Bloomfield Civil Rights Commission Essay Contest winners.
 - 1st place-Sophia Price; Essay Title: "See My Hands, Feel My Words"; Carteret School
 - 2nd place-Victoria Febus; Essay Title: Each Day Means More Discrimination; Berkeley School
 - 3rd place-Kaylee Toribio; Essay Title: For Our Community To Change; Berkeley School
 - Honorable Mentions:
 - Mathyo Abdalla; Essay Title: "Change"; Carteret School
 - Ismael Lopez; Essay Title: Understanding Bullying; Berkeley School
 - Robyn Patterson; Essay Title: "My Dream for Change"; Carteret School

○ Important Dates

- Please check the [website link](#) for all the upcoming events across the district
- 2/6/24 BOE Meeting
- 2/19/24 Schools Closed Presidents Day
- 2/20/24 BOE Meeting

VII. A- Principal's Report

Spring will be here soon!

Demarest is celebrating Black History Month there will be a Black History Hall of Fame Assembly on 2/22

Kindergarten had visits from Jenkinson's Aquarium and a very special Penguin friend named Elmer. Kindergarten students enjoyed the program.

Random Act of Kindness is coming up Feb 12-16

3rd Graders have a Forces and motion Fair coming up

B- Teachers' Report

March 19 Townwide Music Assembly

16th Chorus show at 2:00 pm

6th Grade Legacy Tile Winner was chosen- they will begin to work on the design soon and it will be presented at graduation to the class.

DARE to begin soon

Mrs. LaBataggia thanks the HSA for her name plaque.

VIII. Committee Chairperson's Reports

a. Fundraising

- i. **Mini Fundraising** Town Pub made roughly \$300, Tottie Cookies will be available for pick up 2/14 after school. In March look out for our Bella Napoli Fundraiser.
- ii. **Major Events**-Gertrude Hawk ends 2/16 items will be delivered 3/18.



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- b. **SEPAC-virtual meeting** 2/29 with SEPAC Board
- c. **Newsletter**-Our February newsletter went out successfully, as planned and on time! Thank you to Nicole Dyer for the layout and for Jen Revello for getting the Spanish translation done so quickly. We've been able to streamline the process, so I hope to get these newsletters out regularly for the rest of the school year. Part of this will be a quicker turnaround for getting info submitted. For the March newsletter, please have your information to me no later than February 13, next Tuesday, so we can send out the March edition in the Virtual Backpack on February 28. Thanks in advance for your contributions!
- d. **Talent Show**- 3/1 Show-Participants need to practice on their own and volunteers will be needed
- e. **HSA Basketball**-Season is halfway through
- f. **Spirit Wear**- Order forms will be coming home soon! Delivery will be 3/10
- g. **Membership**- Team is working on getting updates to the teachers as class trips are being planned.
Still accepting memberships especially for 6th grade families
- h. **Class Parents**-Valentines Day Parties are coming up, please get approval for all snacks from the nurse and approve time and activities with your child's teacher
- i. **6th Grade Raffle**
Must submit building use form ASAP and those students who have not received their packets will receive them soon
- j. **6th Grade Committee**-Raffle Drawing will be live 2/15 on Facebook they are scheduling Yearbook Pictures and there will be a sweatshirt purchase for 6th graders that will be optional
- l. **Purse Bingo**- Tickets are on sale now
- m. **Tricky Tray**-Tickets on sale now, accepting donations for classroom baskets as well as grade level baskets- it was requested that a line be made available for those needing assistance to enter the building and the HSA will ensure entry is smooth for those needing assistance.
- n. **Community Support Committee**- The Demarest School community will partner with the Manna Depot on an ongoing basis to allow Demarest families to volunteer at the local food pantry who provides food and basic necessities to those in need. It operates out of the basement of the Park United Methodist Church located at 12 Park Street, Bloomfield. The Manna Depot is open to setting aside specific days for Demarest families based on the response of the February volunteer dates.

Thursday, February 8th and Thursday February 29th

· 5:30 arrival

· 10 slots total per date (children and parents)

· Closed-toe boots or sneakers required

· Sign up using sign-up genius for February 29th. Due to the limited time to utilize sign up genius for February 8th, the committee anticipates that a few interested families at the February meeting can fill the slots.



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IX. Old Business

- X. New Business-**Ms. Gilker requested assistance purchasing a new piano-Mr. Sullivan reported he will discuss with her

Nomination Committee will be reinstated with Eileen Marri as a participant

Red Bulls Game Details will be sent out soon-there will be a Red Zone Experience Available for the first 50 People that sign up Game May 29th.

XI. Announcements

- a. Next HSA Meeting: March 4, 2024

XII. Adjournment

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