



**Meeting Minutes**  
7:00 pm Monday, April 7th,, 2025

- I. Call to Order 7:10 pm**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Co-Presidents Report**

- a. Committee Openings
- b. Open Board positions available for 2025-2026
  - Co Presidents
  - Secretary
- c. Sign Up Genius is up with all volunteer opportunities
- e. Gotham family Night will be Friday May 16th @630 pm Gotham FC vs San Diego Wave-Flyer at Sports Illustrated Stadium in Harison. Tickets are \$24 and flyers will be coming home this week.
- f. Thank you to The Bloomfield Soccer Club who donated soccer equipment to Demarest Elementary School and we are still looking for coaches to run the 2nd and 3rd Clinics-Person must be of legal age- questions regarding how to background check non parents of Demarest Volunteers were brought up.
- g. Beautification- There will be a Plant sale 5/9 and the Town WideCleanup Day is April 26th.
- h. Treasurer amendments made to the position were voted on during this time-All Committee Chairs were called to vote

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

**a. Account Balances**

- 1. Main Checking : \$55,450.28
- 2. Savings: \$25,610.09 (gained .43c on interest)
- 3. LGCCC/Raffle Account : \$28,998.13
- 4. Playground Savings : \$26,470.50
- 5. Reminder to please submit all forms and receipts in a timely fashion
- 6. Budgeting for next year will begin soon

**V. Secretary's Report**

- a. Building Use Forms as well as the custodial forms must be filled out PRIOR TO EVERY EVENT
- b. Reminder that committees must send updates/agenda items prior to the HSA meeting in order for items to be included in the Agenda. The HSA secretary will send reminders to committee members a week before the meeting.
- c. Remember all flyers must be translated-can send them to [translation@demaresthsa.org](mailto:translation@demaresthsa.org) for review
- d. Position is open for 2025-2026 School Year

**VI. Board of Education Representative's Report**

- Congratulations to Superintendent Goncalves
- Superintendent Goncalves was honored by Montclair State University College for Education and Engaged Learning! The Agenda for Education in Democracy recognized his



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unwavering commitment to children's stewardship and his powerful advocacy for social justice and equity in public schools.

- Mrs. Chern Is the District Teacher of the Year
- Mairead Chern from Fairview School has been named our Bloomfield Public School District Teacher of the Year.
- Congratulations to Athletic Director Mr. Steve Jenkins for being recognized for outstanding service to the Basketball Officials Association.

### ● DISTRICT

- Bloomfield Schools Were Awarded \$2000 By Sustainable New Jersey For Schools
- Bloomfield Schools celebrated SEL Day on March 3. Students participated in various activities, lessons and activities throughout the day.
- All Bloomfield schools participated in the Sandy Hook Promise initiative, Say Something Week, the week of March 3-7.
- The district held a very successful Kindergarten Registration Informational session that was attended by many people.
- We look forward to meeting and welcoming all of our newest Bengals this Fall.
- Bloomfield Schools celebrated Pi Day on 3/14.
- Bloomfield Schools celebrate Women's History Month through various lessons, activities and celebrations.
- Fine Arts students participated in the Town wide Music Festival at BHS on March 19.
- Spring Concerts are happening soon, please check the website for dates for your school date and time.
- Bloomfield Schools kicked off Autism Acceptance/Awareness Month at all schools.

### ● Middle School News

- BMS held a very successful Orientation that was attended by future BMS students and parents.

### ● Elementary News

- Bloomfield Schools celebrated our annual One Book Initiative this past month (The Lemonade War). It was a fun learning experience for our students and we thank the teachers and parents for their support.
- Fairview Student Takes USAW Girls Bantam Championship



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- A huge THANK YOU to Professor Kazoun and the College of Education at William Paterson University for sharing incredible artifacts with us to create an interactive museum in honor of the Negro Baseball League at Berkeley School.
- A very special book was released this past month! Franklin math interventionist, Tracy Costanza, has published her first children's book, Sunday Dinner. Be sure to check it out!
- All schools celebrated Read Across America Week earlier in March. Thank you to all school media specialists who made this an enjoyable week for the whole school community.
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- Berkeley hosted our Family Math Nights! March Madness-themed activities were a huge success as we concluded the month of March as a basketball-themed school! Students and parents wore basketball jerseys to our event!
- Brookdale. Our Diversity Committee planned Spirit Week leading up to our HSA Small World Night. Throughout the week, students celebrated their backgrounds and heritage. On Friday, the HSA held their Small World Night in which members of our school community celebrated their cultures represented at Brookdale.
- Carteret The Carteret Center Stage Players proudly presented The Little Mermaid by Hans Christian Anderson. This year is Carteret's 10th annual production! Students in grades 4, 5, 6 have been in rehearsal since December to bring the classic story of The Little Mermaid to life.
- Demarest- The HSA Tricky Tray was a success and raised funds to support our Demarest students.
- ECC- On Friday, March 21st, the HSA treated the staff and students to coffee and treats in celebration of National Preschool Teacher Day.
- Franklin held their One Book Community Night. Parents and students enjoyed many fun activities. Our third-grade teacher Mr. Prais made an actual lemonade stand which will be raffled off on Friday to one lucky student.
- Oakview-Our HSA Basketball Awards Night was held on Friday. Our Tiger athletes were recognized for their hard work and achievements on the basketball court. It was also a great way to celebrate the dedication of parent coaches and volunteers.
- Watsessing-have two exciting events for our school community. On Thursday, we will host our One Book Community Night featuring The Lemonade War. This event will provide an engaging opportunity for families to come together, participate in activities, and discuss the



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themes of the book.

● **Important Dates**

- Please check the website link for all the upcoming events across the district
- 4/8/2025 BOE Meeting
- 4/22/25 Special Board Meeting
- 4/29/25 Board Meeting (Public Hearing of the Budget)
- 6:30 PM Executive Session/7:30 PM Public Session
- Board Meetings will remain in the Conference Room of the Administration Building.
- 5/13/25 BOE Meeting
- 5/27/25 BOE Meeting

**VII. Principal's Report**

Thank you to everyone for a Wonderful Tricky Tray.

April is Autism Awareness Month and Schools will be distributing Lights to Light up Bloomfield on April 30th. Demarest will also be celebrating Autism Awareness with a Spirit Week. Ms. Hunt is reading facts about Autism and People with Disabilities over the loudspeaker each morning and she is decorating School Doors throughout the Building to bring awareness.

4/8 Demarest will have our Spring Concert

4/11 Musiquita Assembly

This month the 2nd Grade Dance Program begins.

Spring Break will be 4/14-4/18

April 24th is Take Your Kid to Work Day, Please inform the school if your child will be absent.

April 25th is the Rock the Test Pep Rally as well as Talk a Walk with a Police Officer Day

**Teachers' Report-**

Thank you to everyone for helping bring together the 1 Book Initiative. Students and families had a great time with this.

Thank you HSA for running another successful Tricky Tray.

Mr. Fries is running a recycling program of used CLEAN bags. School must collect 1,000lbs and there will be 3 bins throughout the school.

**VIII. Committee Chairperson's Reports**

- A. **Fundraising**-Gertrude Hawk delivery occurred 4/7 **Minis**- Town Pub Made \$89 and Angelos on Tricky Tray Night made \$150 - Shoot Picture Fundraiser is coming up 5/3
- B. **Basketball** -Thank you to all the coaches that volunteered, we are still collecting uniforms and COngratulations to all our Winners and Undefeated Teams. This month 2nd and 3rd grade clinics will end.
- C. **Spiritwear**- Thank you for all your support during the Spring Sale. We raised 403.55.



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- D. **Hospitality**-April 4th -we are honoring our Media Specialist Mrs. LaBattaglia  
April 22nd we honor our office support staff-Ms. Getic and Ms. Salgado  
We are preparing for Teachers Appreciation the week of 5/5 and are looking for connections to restaurants that may be willing to donate to the teacher's lunch.
- E. **Programs**-April 11 Musiquita-a husband and wife musical duo combining Spanish language and music in an interactive bilingual musical experience. The second grade dance program with Shooting Star begins this month. We are still looking for another volunteer to join this committee.
- F. **Rock the Test Pep Rally**- Date is Thursday Friday April 25th students are learning new chants this month
- G. **Social Media Posts**- Social media - Please use a square format when sending social media requests. Be sure to include the English AND Spanish version in one email. Using Canva can make posts easier for everyone. You can find videos online on how to use Canva
- H. **Tricky Tray**-Thank you to all those that volunteered and Donated to the event. Final numbers are still being tallied.
- I. **Book Fair**-Set up begins 4/11 and the Book Fair begins 4/21
- J. **Demarest School Community Support Committee Read Across America**-Thank you to the Demarest Community for the gently used books. Approximately 100 books were donated to Manna Depot in March. The books will be given to children in need that visit the pantry.

Manna Depot continues to request volunteers to assist with food distribution on Thursday's. Individuals and families must register at Manna Food Depot Volunteer Sign Up. Visit Group Page: Manna Food Depot Volunteer Sign-up | SignUp.com

If you want to participate on the committee or if there are matters relevant to the Community Service Committee, please email at: [community@demarest.org](mailto:community@demarest.org)

- K. **Beautification**- On 4/26 K Kids will help with Town Wide Clean up
- L. **6Th Grade**-Lawn Sign Flyers went home and orders are due this Friday 4/11/2025. We are planning to have another car wash fundraiser in May. The date and details will be announced soon.

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**IX. Old Business-**

**X. New Business-**

The Amendment to the treasure Position Passed Unanimously

6th Grade Co-Ed Soccer Tournament -May 15th Foley Field and Treasure Amendment results

Questions were raised regarding how schools are graded and one can leave reviews for schools, BOE representative Mrs. Green mentioned reviewing <https://www.niche.com> and <https://www.greatschools.org/> . It was also mentioned if perhaps the link to review schools should and can be made available on our website during the year for families.



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**XI. Announcements**

- a. Next HSA Meeting: In Person Meeting Monday May 5th, 2025 7:00pm

**XII. Adjournment: 8:21pm**



**SIGN UP GENIUS LINK**  
**For all your Volunteering Needs**

