



Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm, Monday, December 8, 2025

- I. **Call to Order**-7:07 pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Co-Presidents Report** - We will discuss tonight how we want to address the diversity issues & comments from last meeting ...
 2. Sign Up Genius - check for new volunteer opportunities (Holiday Shop, Paint Night, Zumba Moms night out, etc.)
 3. Virtual Backpack - items need to be sent to Ms. Getic by Tuesday to be in the VB on Thursday.
 4. Open Committee Positions & Board Positions (co-president) - reach out to the co-presidents for opportunities to step into these roles
Playground Committee - looking to schedule a meeting this month to identify other funding sources. Penny Wars is under way - still currently counting coins from Friday.
 5. Community Events - we will be hosting a Zumba Moms night out Fundraiser on January 16th. Flyer to be sent out this week. Trying to have a post Zumba Hang Out at Town Pub - further info to follow!
- IV. **Treasurer's Report**
Account Balances:
 - a. LGCCC: \$2670.00
 - b. Primary Checking: \$64,978.09
 - c. HSA Savings: \$25,613.52
 - d. Playground Savings: \$32,908.78
- V. **Secretary's Report**-None
- VI. **Board of Education Representative's Report**-Mrs. Greene (*attached*)
- VII. **Principal's Report**-Mr. Sullivan
 - a. Report cards will be emailed with the exception 6th graders.
 - b. Holiday Shop ongoing. Thank you to the volunteers.
 - c. Winter Concert-December 9, 2025
 - d. December 23rd is a 12:30 dismissal. Break begins on December 24th.
- VIII. **Teacher's Report**

K-Kids Food Drive: Huge success: Shout out to Ms. Favato & HSA for supporting the K-Kids and her initiatives.

Link-It: All accounts created, logins emailed to all families.

 - a. Any help needed, contact Mrs. LaBattaglia
 - b. Portal for checking benchmark assessments.

UPDATE POWERSCHOOL: Me
Computer Science Month/Week: Coding Unit
Coding Club: Grade 4 in session now, Coding Club Grade 3 coming
Follow our social media@07003demarest.
- IX. **Committee Chairperson's Reports**
 - a. 6th Grade we will be sending out our off premise 50/50 tickets on or around 12/19. The raffle will run until the 3/2/26 HSA Meeting. Tickets are \$5 and we are asking that 6th grade families help by selling a book of ten tickets. Those who do not wish to participate or have unused tickets, we ask that the tickets be returned to the HSA no later than 2/20/26 via the office mailbox so that they can be redistributed and sold. If anyone has any questions, they can reach out to the committee. Also, remember to continue sending in dues and pictures. Legacy tile deadline is December 12th.
 - b. Basketball-Games start January 10th. The 2nd -3rd grade clinic is looking for volunteers.
 - c. Class Parents-Coordinate with other parents and the teacher to plan the parties.



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- d. Community Service-Placemats were made by students and provided to the Recreation Thanksgiving lunch for seniors. In addition to Aldi's gift cards and Bengals Bucks to support Thanksgiving for Demarest families. Holiday cards were colored by Demarest students for the St. Thomas seniors. "Bengals Bucks" were given to assist some students purchase gifts for their parents at the Holiday Shop.
 - e. Designer Bag Bingo-\$808.64 was raised.
 - f. Fundraising
 - i. Harlem Wizards-It was an amazing night. Thank you to everyone who helped and came to the event.
 - ii. Ashley Farms-\$1451 raised.
 - g. Mini Fundraising-Town Pub brought in \$150 for November. January 21st will be Chipotle in Bloomfield with 25% given back to HSA.
 - h. Paint Night-Friday, December 19th. So far 36 students have signed up to paint, and we have room for 80. We have confirmed volunteers for a Hanukkah table as well as the Black student union from BHS to talk about Kwanzaa. We have Girl Scout volunteers who will be assisting with setting up and cleaning up and could always use more adult helpers as well as snacks to sell.
 - i. Pep Squad-The team did receive their jackets. The next activity is the Basketball Pep Rally which is scheduled on January 9th at 2:00.
 - j. Program-AAPI meeting on Indian culture. Mad Science team with students Chinese dance and lunar new year.
 - k. SEPAC-There is a virtual meeting on December 17th at 7pm to discuss the survey results and planning for the year. A link will go out in the virtual backpack, or you can email Nicole Dyer.
 - l. Playground -The committee is still working on fundraising and finding a vendor. Meeting will be scheduled to discuss options and grant writing. Penny Wars goes directly towards the Playground and runs through month of December.
 - m. Hospitality-Gifts for the music teacher and the teacher's holiday breakfast.
 - n. Holiday Shop-Thank you for all the volunteers.
- X. Old Business**
- XI. New Business**
- XII. Announcements** -January 12, 2026, Virtual meeting
- XIII. Adjournment**-8:10 pm



District News

- The Board of Education extends its sincere gratitude to all Bloomfield Schools HSA Organizations for the various drives and generous donations made during this holiday season. Your hard work and devotion are deeply appreciated.
- On-site book fairs are happening now at many of our schools. Don't miss this opportunity to complete your holiday shopping while directly supporting your local school.
- Friday 12/5 HSA is sponsoring the 3rd annual Harlem Wizards basketball game 6pm at BHS School Gymnasium.

In the Schools

- Kudos to Bloomfield Middle School for hosting another spectacular Turkey Shootout. This annual event was a success and truly enjoyed by all. Be sure to check our various social media platforms for some great pictures of the fun.
- Congratulations to everyone involved in the 2025 BHS Fall Play (Fahrenheit 451). Kudos to Mr. Brandon Doemling and Supervisor of Fine Arts, Michelle Lampert, for yet another successful high school production.
- A sincere thank you to all community members who supported the annual Bloomfield Kiwanis Club Thanksgiving Dinner @BHS. The immense generosity of the Bloomfield community ensured that many families benefited from this vital effort.
- Bloomfield Schools collectively observed Veterans Day in early November. Across the entire district, students and staff engaged in a variety of meaningful activities, lessons, and projects to honor our veterans.
- "Bengal Talks" are back at BHS. This popular program features BHS alumni returning to campus to share insights about their specific professions with current students. Please check our social media channels for details.
- The Black Student Union @BHS recently attended the highly successful HBCU College Fair at Kean University, which featured over 40 Historically Black Colleges and



Universities. Our students explored academic requirements and gained valuable insights into campus life and culture. Impressively, the event resulted in a ton of instant decision acceptances for our students!

- Superintendent Goncalves and Athletic Director Steve Jenkins continued the tradition of hosting the annual Fall Sports Captain's Breakfast at the State Street Diner. Congratulations to all our fall sports teams on a tremendously successful season. Collectively, their performance marks the most successful fall sports period in decades!
- Bloomfield Winter Concert season is here. Please check the school websites for information on attending.
- The first elementary school trimester ends on December 5th. Report cards will follow on December 12th.
- We are proud to continue our district-wide initiative with Table to Table, repurposing unused food to support families in need. This impactful achievement was recently highlighted in a News12 NJ clip.
- Congratulations to BHS football coach, Michael Carter for being named SFC Freedom Red Division Coach of the Year! Job well done.
- Congratulations to Ms. Jessica Barton, 6th Grade Teacher at Demarest Elementary, for completing the 2025 New York Marathon. We are incredibly proud of this outstanding achievement.

Schools Closed

- December 23rd is a district-wide half day.
- December 24th - January 4th, reopening on January 5th.

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- Please ensure that all your contact information is up-to-date and accurate. This is essential for both emergencies and all district-wide communications.



On behalf of the Board of Education and the Administration, we wish everyone a joyful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.