



Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm, Monday, March 2, 2026

I. Call to Order: 7:05 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Co-Presidents Report:

1. Sign Up Genius is up to date for all events
2. Virtual Backpack Submissions due to Ms. Getic by the Tuesday before to be included in that week's backpack.
3. Open Committee Positions:
 - a. Co-President and Secretary position is vacant for next year, please reach out if interested.
 - b. Open Committee Positions include:
 - Programs
 - Playground
 - Recess Activity
 - Special Services (SEPAC Rep)
 - Demarest Community Service
 - Book Fair
 - Fall Social
 - Talent Show
 - Holiday Shop
 - Plant Sale
 - Beautification
 - Kids Tricky Tray

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances:

- a. LGCCC: \$2670.00
- b. Primary Checking: \$70,323.03
- c. HSA Savings: \$25,614.39
- d. Playground Savings: \$32,911.58

IV. Secretary's Report-No report

V. Board of Education Representative's Report-Mrs. Greene (*Attached*)

VI. Principal's Report-Mr. Sullivan

March is Women's History Month, and we look forward to daily announcements and lessons across grade levels and content areas. We are also excited about our tradition of the students voting for an inspirational woman who will be memorialized in a banner to be hung at Demarest to provide inspiration for future generations.

We are also celebrating Read Across America Week with our Readathon, One Book Initiative and Assembly, guest readers, and so much more!

The students are already excited, thinking about the Green Bagels on St. Patrick's Day, provided by the HSA!

Thank you, the HSA, for sponsoring the incredible HairStory play this month. We look forward to our Women in Music School of Rock Assembly and our Montclair State University's Children's Theatre Performance later in the month.

We have some very special news regarding two of our Demarest staff members.

Congratulations to Ms. Jessica Barton, who has been honored as not only the Demarest Teacher of the Year, but also the Bloomfield School District Teacher of the Year!



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Congratulations also to our very own, Mr. Jason Galioto, who has been honored as the Bloomfield School District Coach of the Year!

VII. Teacher's Report -Mrs. LaBattaglia (*Attached*)

VIII. Committee Chairperson's Reports

a. 6th Grade- **6th Grade Dance Update**

* Theme has been chosen: City Lights

* Date (there may be an update on the date of the dance)

6th Grade Hoodies

* Order was placed the week of 2/23. We will notify parents when the hoodies come in.

Yearbook Photos

* Individual photos were taken. (NOTE: We are trying to finish up this Saturday, 2/28, but will announce at the meeting if we need to use March 7). All photos are being taken by a Demarest parent and will only be used for the yearbook.

* We still need baby photos from two families and will follow up individually.

* Work will begin on the yearbook soon.

Fundraising

* As of today, we have raised \$2,960.45 (this amount will likely change before the meeting due to 50-50 sales continuing through Friday). Goal: \$3,500.

* 50-50 drawing will be held during the 3/2 HSA meeting-Winner \$1833 Stephanie Stabin

Lawn Signs

* Information will be coming soon for lawn sign orders

HSA Dues

* 14 families have not yet paid their HSA dues. Reminder that 6th grade dues include 6th grade t-shirt, yearbook, and all 6th grade end of year activities. Please pay asap, either by cash/check or via Cheddar Up.

b. HSA Basketball-Volunteers needed for March 14th

i. Three more weeks continuing

ii. 6th grade girls are currently undefeated.

c. Community Service-Read Across America Gently Used Book Donations. The organization to benefit is pending.

d. Fundraising-Gertrude Hawk earned approximately \$2300.

e. Mini Fundraising

i. Chipotle fundraiser raised-\$162.90

ii. Dine to donate-March 11th will be ZiZia

iii. April we will try to set up Angelo's again and have it for the night of the tricky tray!

f. Beautification-SAVE THE DATE-Townwide Clean Up, Saturday, April 25th

g. SEPAC-Meeting scheduled for March 17th at 7pm. We will have a virtual presentation from Hinkle Attorney Group. The topic is: Advocating for An Appropriate School Placement and Related Services.

h. Talent Show-Demarest School 2026 TALENT SHOW

Who Can Audition:

Musicians, Poets, Dancers, Gymnasts, Rappers, Artists, Singers, Jugglers, Comedians, Martial Artists, Lip Syncers, Ventriloquists — any talent! Group or Solo acts welcome!

Why Audition:



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Showcase your talents in a supportive, non-competitive environment!

Open to Grades K–6th

Mandatory Dates:

• Form Deadline Submission:

March 10th, 2026

• Dress Rehearsal at Demarest:

3/19/26 5pm–7pm

• Evening Performance at Demarest:

3/20/26 at 6:30 PM

Performer sign up:

Scan QR code or go to: <https://cleanuri.com/JW13Br>

Not performing? Join the Crew!

Positions include: stage team, talent wranglers, front of house, program design, and more!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxE7US4zzN4apQGdz51xiGD2OKEp9hgrEj9W48AtNbDxtU1A/viewform>

Any questions call or email Shelly Hutchinson 917-570-8785
talentshow@demarestschool.org

- IX. **Old Business**
- X. **New Business**-Book Fair scheduled after Spring Break
- XI. **Announcements**-Next meeting April 13th
- XII. **Adjournment**-7:35 p.m.

March 2026 HSA Talking Points



Literacy Focus:

- We are currently celebrating Read Across America Week, fostering a love of literacy across all grade levels. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this week so memorable! Be sure to visit our district website and social media pages for all the highlights.
- Our district-wide One Book Initiative featuring *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold has been a wonderful success! We encourage families to keep the conversation going at home and follow our social media platforms for ongoing updates.

Early Childhood Education:

- Early Childhood Center applications for the 2026-2027 school year are currently open. Please note that a paper application is required for this program.
- Kindergarten registration for the 2026-2027 school year will open on March 16th, 2026.

School Highlights:

- Athletic Achievements:
 - Congratulations to our Bloomfield wrestlers who have moved on and qualified for advanced region and state tournaments. Best of luck to them on their road to Atlantic City!
 - We are thrilled to announce that Boys Basketball junior Sean Perrotta has officially reached his 1,000th career point. This remarkable accomplishment is a testament to his hard work and dedication. Congratulations to Sean and the entire team on a fantastic season!

- Congratulations to Demarest PE instructor and BHS Head Girls Wrestling Coach, Jason Galimoto, on being named District Coach of the Year! A District Champion Wrestler when a student at BHS, and now a District Wrestling Coach of the Year!
- We congratulate all our winter sports teams on their dedication and hard work throughout the season.
- The BHS Black Student Union extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our second annual Cultural Cuisine Night. With hundreds of guests in attendance, the evening was a vibrant celebration of diverse cultures, delicious food, and great music, all centered around the spirit of Black History Month. A special thank you to the dedicated staff whose hard work ensured the night ran smoothly. Your support is deeply appreciated!
- Congratulations to our 13 BHS Region Choir singers on their recent performance. Special shoutout to Marley Dennis, who was a featured soloist with the Treble Choir. Thank you NJSMA for making this performance possible!
- Our primary grade students reached a major milestone this week: the 100th day of school! This day is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their academic growth and the progress they've made since September. Be sure to visit our district website and social platforms to catch all the highlights from the day's festivities.
- A huge congratulations to all Bloomfield Schools for an incredible month of reflection and celebration! Throughout February, our students engaged in a wide array of Black History Month activities, from guest speaker assemblies to immersive classroom lessons. These experiences allowed students across all grade levels to honor the past, celebrate the present, and gain a deeper understanding of the vital contributions made by Black Americans. Thank you to our educators and staff for bringing these meaningful lessons to life!

Arts and Culture:

- The BHS Thespian Society takes the stage March 5–8 in their rendition of *Chicago*. We want to recognize Mr. Doemling and the

entire production team for their tireless work in bringing this classic to life. Be sure to check it out and support our students.

Community:

- Save the date: The Bloomfield Educational Foundation Gala will take place on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, starting at 5:30 PM at the beautiful Nanina's In the Park. We invite our entire community to join us in supporting this vital event and the incredible work of the BEF.
- We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Barton, Demarest's Teacher of the Year, has officially been named the District Educator of the Year for Bloomfield. This is a remarkable achievement that reflects her dedication to our school community. Congratulations, Mrs. Barton, we are so proud to have you on our team!

Important Dates:

- Please refer to the district website for a comprehensive calendar of upcoming events.
 - BOE Meetings: March 10th and March 24th, 2026.
 - March 16th, 2026, Kindergarten registration opens.
 - March 26th, 2026, Half day students only (Staff in service).

Teacher's Report 3-2-26

One Book Kick-Off

- Reading begins tonight (March 2-20th)
- Activities in Media
- One Book Masked Reader Assembly on Monday
- One Book Family Night March 24th 4-6:00 (on social)
 - Station style (bingo, sensory station, yoga/breathing area in hallway, art station, literacy station with free books, chalk the wall station, door prizes, K-Kids Bloomfield Animal Shelter station with info./donations, all sponsored by the BEA

Read-a-Thon

- March 2-20th to coincide with One Book
- Top 3 Earners and top 3 earning classes will win prizes
- Morning announcements, daily social posts
- Skunk stuffed animal in leading class: Fries
- Daily Social Updates
- So far raised: \$3,454, minutes read: 2,021, 125 activated accounts (goal is 400 out of 481 students this year)
- Messenger blast today and posted on social media

Read Across America

- Spirit Week this week!
- Guest and Mystery readers
- One book kick-off/theme "Our Uniqueness is our Superpower"

Women's History Month

- March Madness WHM Picture Book Edition (16 picture books K-3)