



**Meeting Minutes**  
**7:00 pm, Monday, May 4, 2026**

- I. Call to Order-7:09 pm**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Co-Presidents Report**
  1. Open Positions: secretary and co-president role are open for next year. Committee positions need to be filled for next year for events to run successfully. A flyer was sent home with available committee positions that need to be filled - please reach out to the co-presidents to volunteer for a committee or if you have any questions.
  2. Sign Up Genius is up to date, please check it out for upcoming volunteer opportunities.
  3. Virtual Backpack: please have all flyers submitted to Ms. Getic by the Tuesday before to be included in that week's backpack.
  4. Tricky Tray: tricky tray was a big success; we were able to raise over \$16,000. Big thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, donated or attended! It was a successful night to support our budget for next year!
  5. Clothing Drive Fundraiser: Bring your used clothes, shoes, bags, towels etc. on Friday May 15th or Saturday May 16th. Tables will be positioned by the Pilch St Gym Doors on Friday after school and before the drama club performance & Saturday morning in the teachers parking lot.
  6. Budget Planning: Committees, please send your budget updates to the board for next school year no later than May 15th - as we begin budget planning for 26-27 school year.
- IV. Treasurer's Report**

Account Balances:

  - a) LGCCC: \$ 2,641.44
  - b) Primary Checking: \$ 103,396.58
  - c) HSA Savings: \$25,615.64
  - d) Playground Savings: \$32,915.59
- V. Secretary's Report**-Correspondence from Carol Getic-Thank you for secretary's day breakfast.
- VI. Board of Education Representative's Report**-Mrs. Greene provided a budget recap and attendees asked questions. Talking Points attached.
- VII. Principal's Report**-Attached.
- VIII. Teacher's Report -AAPI**

Library: AAPI Authors and Illustrators (virtual author visits)

  - Kelly Yang
  - Jason Chin
  - Dan Santat
  - Kay Zhang
  - a. The teachers thank you for Treats for Teachers Appreciation Week, the coffee was a hit! Testing was long and we needed it today!
  - b. Mrs. LaBattaglia offered to partner with HSA to run the Book Fair.
  - c. Chromebook Classroom Carts for K-4. Grades 5-6 Chromebooks will go back and forth with the student.
- IX. Committee Chairperson's Reports**
  1. 6th Grade-Sweatshirts and tee shirts ordered. Lawn signs are getting done.
  2. Fundraising
    - i. Popcorn-7-day fundraiser. Flyer coming out soon.
  3. Community Service-Reminder that assistance for class trips is available. Note on permission slip.
  4. Mini Fundraising



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- i. Waiting for Zizia check and Angelo's update from Tricky Tray.
  - ii. Dine to donate for June is still pending. The committee is trying for Jersey Mike's.
- X. Pep Squad- Thank you to the Demarest community and staff for another great year!
  - We had our last Rally in April for Rock the Test!
  - The last event for Pep Squad will be the 6th grade clap out- All Peppers grade 5 and below will clap out the outgoing Graduates.
  - We have begun collecting our jackets for next year and are almost done- all items will continue to be housed in the Cage- Thank you Mr. Sullivan for that very convenient location.
  - Our End of Year Pizza Party will be on Friday May 29th.
  - We want to welcome Karen Bram and Ana Reyes to the Pep Squad team they will be taking over for Maria Collado and Eniara Brown.
  - Information for next year's 26-27 Pep Squad will be out End of Summer so look out for information about registration then.
- XI. Programs
  1. May 14<sup>th</sup>, Master Cho's Ta Kwon Do in Cedar Grove confirmed for one assembly.
  2. June 15<sup>th</sup>-Birds of Prey assembly.
  3. New chair for Programs for the upcoming school year.
- XII. Beautification-Spring Beautification rescheduled to 9-12, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to stop by any time during this period. The K Kids will be helping and running a lemonade stand.
- XIII. SEPAC-Date of next meeting pending.
- XIV. Plant Sale- The plant sale will be held Friday, May 8, during the school day. Plants have been ordered and will be delivered in the afternoon of May 7, around 3:30 p.m. If you are volunteering to help set up, please bring scissors. We will have flowering plants in two sizes, plus succulents (new this year!). Cost of all plants is \$2-\$5. Please send in a box with your child for transporting plants home.
- XV. Movie Night-Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>-Doors open at 7:30 pm., Showing the SpongeBob Movie-Search for SquarePants.
- XVI. Hospitality- Hospitality has been busy the past few months. In February we celebrated crossing guard and school counselor appreciation. In March we showed appreciation for our music teachers at the Spring Concert. In April we celebrated librarian and Administrative Assistant days. In May celebrated principal appreciation and are planning a gift for school nurse appreciation. This week we have a menu of daily goodies planned to celebrate teacher appreciation week.
- XVII. **Old Business**
- XVIII. **New Business-** Proposed fundraiser for kindergarten graduation photos.
  - Announcements**
    - Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at Foley Field, 6<sup>th</sup> grade co ed soccer tournament,
    - 7 pm Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for proposed budget meeting-Standing Committee meeting
    - Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>-Next meeting
- XIX. **Adjournment: 8:16 pm**

## May 2026 HSA Talking Points

### Kindergarten Registration- now available online.

- [Kindergarten Registration Information](#)
- [2026-2027 School Calendars](#)

### Miscellaneous

- TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (May 4-8)
- NJSLA testing has begun across the district. Please visit your school's website or follow their social media channels for specific schedules and important updates.
- A huge thank you to everyone in the Bloomfield Schools community who participated in our "Night of Lights" on April 30! Your vibrant displays of red and blue showed incredible support for Autism Acceptance and Awareness. We are so proud of our inclusive community!
- [Tom Fleming Sunset Classic](#)-information for sign up on the website.
  - June 25th will be the 36th running of this race.
- Congratulations to the Bloomfield High School Theater Department on receiving nominations for the Montclair State University Foxy Awards.
- Bravo to our elementary school musicians and their directors on a series of spectacular Spring Concerts! We also extend a huge thank you to our art teachers for the beautiful decorations that made the performances even more special.
- On April 23, Bloomfield Schools proudly celebrated "Take Your Child to Work Day." It was a joy to welcome so many young visitors, and we hope every child enjoyed being an honorary Bengal for the day!
- NJSLA IS NOW UNDERWAY
  - PLEASE BE SURE STUDENT DEVICES ARE CHARGED DAILY!
- The Bloomfield Education Foundation will celebrate their annual Gala on 05/06.
  - Be sure to follow their Instagram page @BloomfieldEdFoundation
- All Bloomfield Schools observed Earth Day on April 22 with a wide array of engaging lessons, hands-on activities, and environmental

initiatives. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about sustainability and stewardship.

- Bloomfield Schools was proud to participate in the Essex County Special Olympics this past week. We are incredibly excited for our student-athletes and celebrate their hard work and sportsmanship!
- We are excited to share that Watsessing School has been awarded a \$10,000 grant through Sustainable Jersey!
  - This incredible opportunity will allow us to create a farm-to-table outdoor classroom designed especially for our Wildcats. Our students will have hands-on experiences growing their own food, learning about sustainability, and making real-world connections between what they plant and what they eat.
- The Bloomfield School District is proud to announce Ms. Jessica Barton as the District Teacher of the Year. Previously named the Demarest Teacher of the Year, Ms. Barton is being recognized for her exemplary teaching, her significant contributions to our school community, and her unwavering dedication to enriching the lives of her students.

### **Budget**

- The Superintendent's final budget presentation took place at the April 28, 2026, board of education meeting.
- Please see the entire presentation and budget-related information on the district website [click here](#).

### **Important Dates**

- [HSA Meetings are on the District Calendar](#)
- BOE MEETING- 5/12
- Schools Closed- Memorial Day (5/25)
- BOE MEETING- 5/26
- BOE MEETING- 6/9
- BOE MEETING- 6/23
- BMS Promotion- 6/23
- BHS Graduation- 6/24
- Last Day of School- 6/25



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May the Fourth be with you!

As this is Teacher's Appreciation Week, thank you to all of our wonderful Demarest teachers for all that they do each and every day for our kids. Thank you also for our incredible HSA for the week of treats to show our teachers how much we appreciate them.

Thank you for all of your help and support with our NJSLA testing. We are off to a great start and have completed Fifth Grade Science and Third and Fourth Grade Reading.

Tomorrow is Third and Fourth Grade Writing. It is important to, of course, make sure that your child comes to school well rested, has a healthy breakfast, a fully-charged Chromebook and arrives on time. Due to testing logistics, students were able to enter at 8:20 today. Tomorrow, May 5th, will be a normal, 8:30 entry and then on Wednesday, students will be able to enter at 8:20 again.

May is Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. We are incorporating influential Asian-Pacific Americans into our morning announcements and themes across content area lessons. We are looking forward to our HSA-sponsored Tae Kwon Do assembly on May 14th.

Some May dates to look forward to include:

**8 HSA Plant Sale**

**13 Art Show-BMS 6:00**

**15 Theater Performance-School 2:00 Community 4:30**

**25 Schools Closed, Memorial Day Parade**

It's a great day to be a Bengal!

Sincerely,  
Mike Sullivan