

Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

1. Mr. Bowden's Principal's Report

- a. Tomorrow 4/9 and Thursday 4/10 will be NYS ELA testing for Grades 3-5. It is computer based so chromebooks need to be brought into school. After break will be the math test and the 5th grade science test is in May.
- b. Jen Smolnik is retiring as principal of MH to take care of her health. Beth Smith will be the permanent principal there.
- c. End of year field trips: MOST, Zoo, Baltimore Woods, Camp Talooli.
- d. Parent Square - new district communication app. Mike Smolnik and some teachers at Hastings will be piloting it until the end of the year. PTOs will also be able to use it.

2. Old Business

- a. Playground Equipment - Paul Brisette and Brent approved a 32x32 space for a slide and a small piece of playground equipment to be added to the current 3-5 playground. Emily Basile is getting estimates for pea stone and the outside border.
- b. Cafeteria Picture Frame - Brent will submit to district for replacement of the plexiglass.
- c. 5th Grade End of Year - Camp Talooli, meet with 5th grade to decide on schedule for the day. T-shirts? Google form for ice cream. Slide show - parents send pictures to email.
- d. Staff Appreciation - May 5-9. Flyer went home, money coming in. Signup Genius will be sent out for volunteers to help.

3. Updates

Upcoming Activities: **PTO Sponsored Event*

- Bingo Night* - Thursday, April 10th
- BBA After-School Basketball* Flyers have not come in yet. Brent will send out electronically. Starts Monday 4/21. Tuesdays Grades 1-3, Wednesdays Grades 4-5. 3:30-4:30. \$85 for 6 weeks.
- Spring Open House - Thursday, May 8th
- Mets Game*- Sunday, May 18th at 1:00. Kids eat free and run the bases! Flyers will be going out.
- Spring Scholastic Book Fair* - Thursday, May 8th (during Open House)
- Ice Cream Truck - Wednesday, June 11th (during school)

Current & Upcoming PTO Fundraisers:

- Spring Open House Basket Raffle: Flyers went out, a few have been returned from families. Most teachers have sent in their theme. One PTO donation is Empire Pass. 2 book baskets have been purchased with Scholastic Dollars. Will also purchase a go-kart type item with helmet. Krissy and Ashleigh will be helping Cheri with setup.
- Spring Hanging Basket Sale at C and J Farms - May 7th-11th. Flyers going home after break.

4. New Business? Questions?

- a. 3/19 SPC Meeting Update - Be mindful of asking for help with the cost of playground equipment. Budget vote on May 20, Brewerton Fire Department, 8am-9pm. The state only gave us a 2% increase so taxes will increase by 6.4%.
- b. Staff Appreciation - May 5th-9th
- c. 2025/2026 PTO Positions - One position will be open, secretary.
- d. Look into purchasing a new digital sign for the front lawn.
- e. Venmo will be discontinued next year. Look into Zeffy.

5. Treasurer Business

Activity Statement approved.

Next (and last!) Meeting Date:

Tuesday, May 6th (DATE CHANGE) at 6:30pm