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as citizens in a changing world*

## Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

### "Donuts with the Principal"

Tuesday, September 16th, 2025

Members Absent - Meghan and Beth

Teachers in attendance - Mrs. Pone, Mrs. Strader, Miss. Brown & Miss. Lee  
Five parents attended as well.

#### 1) **Mr. Bowden's Principal's Report**

- Mrs. Pone gave a brief presentation on "Science of Reading" and how it is benefitting the students. Teachers have seen significant improvements in reading level from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

#### 2) **Old Business**

- PTO Closet - tabled this until the next meeting.
- Cafeteria Picture Frame
  - Plexiglass/frame has been replaced!
- CNY Yard Sign - Back to School and 5th grade event

#### 3) **Updates**

- Read-A-Thon Fundraiser Results - **Raised \$1,747.50**
  - The check was presented to the PTO during the school assembly.
- August Superintendent Parent Council (SPC) Meeting - Meeting was postponed.  
Next Meeting - Sept 30th.
  - Emily Bush will be attending.
  - Bring up how other PTOs are utilizing Zeffy.
- Scholastic Book Fair
  - Raised \$1,050 (Scholastic Dollars) and \$632.69 (cash)

### Upcoming Activities:

- Spirit Week - Next Week (Sept. 22nd-26th)
  - Flyers have been posted on Facebook and Parent Square.
- Red Hawk Rally - Friday, Sept. 26th
  - Trunk or Treat - Thank you Shanna Stassi for volunteering to put the trunk together. Leftover candy from "Meet the Teacher" night will be used for this.
- School Store - Jessica will be opening the store sometime in October (Wednesdays)
- Fall Harvest Day\* - Thursday, Oct. 23rd (during school)
  - Pumpkins, donuts and cider have been ordered through Behlings Orchard.
  - Sign up Genius will be sent out for volunteers.
- Picture Day - Friday, Oct 10th
  - **Volunteers Needed!** - all set for volunteers
- Halloween Spooktacular\* - Friday, Oct 24th, 6-7:30pm
  - **Volunteers Needed!**
  - Ashleigh is working hard on this. She is planning for a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot, activities/games in the gym, Silly Fortune Teller, serving pizza, drinks, snacks as well. More information to come.

### *\*PTO Sponsored Event*

### Current & Upcoming PTO Fundraisers:

- Spirit Wear
  - Orders were due Monday Sept. 15th. Brewerton Special Tees is notifying the families for pickup once the order is complete.
- BBA Basketball
  - Starts Oct 9th. Flyers will be going home soon.
- Karate John's Martial Arts After-School Programs
  - Starts Monday, Sept. 22nd. All proceeds are being returned back to the PTO.
- Walk-A-Thon (Friday, Oct. 17th)
  - Donations: **DUE Friday, September 26th**
  - 5th graders get to submit t-shirt designs for the Walkathon shirts. Submissions are due by 9/26.

- Square-1-Art
  - Miss Lee is finishing up the art project by next week. Order forms will be coming home early November. If order by deadline (TBD), you will have orders by Christmas. There is a \$1 processing fee but shipping is free.
- Panera (Monday, Nov. 17th, 4-8pm) - 25% kickback
  - Flyers will be posted on Facebook and ParentSquare
- Santa
  - In years past, Santa would visit each classroom. Some years he delivered a classroom gift or individual gifts to each student, like a book. PTO will look into bringing this idea back and using Scholastic Dollars to purchase classroom gifts.

**4) ParentSquare**

- Brent will ask the district about adding events onto the ParentSquare calendar.

**5) New Business? Questions?**

- Ashleigh brought up the idea of *Leaf and Stem* doing a “build a bouquet” night. Another idea was to have them attend the Valentine’s Day Dance. Miss Lee also made a suggestion about her doing a “make a card” table during the dance as well.
- Zeffy is up and running. We might use it for Halloween night. Emily Bush will ask other PTOs on how they utilize Zeffy.
- Yearbook - Ashleigh is connecting with Amy Howard and Emily Basile to learn the procedures. The idea of adding “autograph” pages was brought up but it may be too costly.

**6) Treasurer Business**

- Activity Statement - Approved!
- 2025/2026 Budget Approval - Approved!
  - Jess asked to put CDs on the budget so we remember that it's there and available to use.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, October 8th