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Brewerton Elementary PTO
'24-'25 Meeting Minutes

September 17th, 2024

Donuts and Cider with the Principal

All PTO members were in attendance, plus 5-6 parents, two teachers, Steve Patch, and Mr. Bowden.

1) Mr. Bowden's Principal's Report

- Steve Patch, Board President, was in attendance to let us know how pleased he is with the reading level improvement in the Elementary Schools. He wants to see this type of improvement with 6th grade and up. He is working with local librarians and school librarians to brainstorm ideas/ways to make reading more enjoyable for students, so they want to read and improve.
- Mr. Bowden let us know how each grade level is doing so far this year and what they are working on. Several grades/classes are implementing a Eureka 2 Math program and other grades/classes are working on a program where they get to rewrite new endings to books they read in school. A chance to work on their creative writing skills.

2) Old Business – this was skipped over since it was our first meeting of the year.

3) Updates

- Read-A-Thon Fundraiser Results – raised \$1,665
- August Superintendent Parent Council (SPC) Meeting
 - The majority of the meeting was discussed the upcoming cell phone policy that the Governor will be implementing in the future. There will be a Cell Phone Community Forum meeting taking place on Monday, September 30th, 6-7:30pm.
 - Next SPC Meeting will be on October 1st. There will be a Arts in Ed rep there as well.

4) Upcoming Activities: **PTO Sponsored Event

- *Spirit Week - This Week!* – Flyers went home last week and there are daily text reminders.
- *Meet The Teacher Night - Thursday, Sept. 19.* Title 1/AIS meeting at 5:30pm.
- *Red Hawk Rally - Friday, Sept. 20,* Trunk or Treat 4:30 – 6:30pm in the HS parking lot
- *Fall Harvest Day** - Thursday, Oct 17 (during -school)* **Volunteers Needed!** Sign up sheet was passed around. We received 3 volunteers. Need 5 more.
- *Picture Day - Friday, Oct 18* **Volunteers Needed!** Interstate will be the company again. Volunteers will be making sure kids jackets are off, headband/hair is straightened up, etc.
- *Halloween Dance** - Friday, Oct 25* **Volunteers Needed!** Ashleigh has 11 volunteers already but needs more. A sign up was sent out via text. Ashleigh is



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working on confirming a DJ for the event. The DJ we had for years past has a scheduling conflict and is unable to help out this year.

Current & Upcoming PTO Fundraisers:

- **Book Fair (during Meet the Teacher Night) Volunteers Needed!**
 - Sign up for volunteers was sent out. Still need a 6pm slot filled.
 - Students will be making "Wish Lists" during school. Parents can find those lists on a table at the Book Fair during Meet the Teacher Night.
- **BBA Basketball/Karate John's Martial Arts/Dance After-School Programs**
 - Flyers were sent home with information on how to sign up.
- **Walk-A-Thon:** This is our biggest fundraiser.
 - T-Shirt Artwork (5th Graders): **DUE, Friday, September 20th**
 - Pledge Money: **DUE Friday, September 27th**
- **Square 1 Art**
 - Students are working hard in Art Class to create beautiful projects.
 - Catalog to purchase merchandise will be sent home in November and the items come in before Christmas
 - There will be FREE shipping to your home this year!!

5) **New Business? Questions?** - There were none

6) **Treasurer Business**

- Activity Statement – Approved
- 2024/2025 Budget Approval – Approved

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30pm in the library.