

Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023

1. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- a. **Kindergarten Screening-** Will be done during half days at the end of June. We started earlier last year so staff was available.
- b. **Carrying Chromebooks-** students will bring chromebooks back and forth through the last day of school in case of an emergency closing (loss of power, water, etc.) but you can still choose to not have the chromebooks come home if you have another way for the student to get online.
- c. **Math Facts Challenge-** 65% of students in 4th/5th grade earned a trip to McDonalds. Will set the bar higher for next year. 3rd graders this year will start next year in 4th grade. School record was 2 minutes and 20 seconds. Each month teachers chose 5 students who had shown the most improvement and they got their names on the wall and they got a pizza/dance party.

- 2. **Basket Raffle/Open House-** May 18th, 6:00-7:30pm. Any local businesses or families who want to donate a basket can fill out the slip that went home. Teachers will be contacting families for classroom basket donations. Meghan will work on community donations. Food trucks will be there- Toss N Fire (Giving 5% back)- will be able to preorder pizza on Street Finder app, Ma and Pa's Kettlecorn, Chicken, Skippys, Bob Barker. PTO Basket Contribution will be decided at a later date. **Updated: Empire Pass and a family pack of tickets to the Children's Museum of Oswego.**
- 3. **Book Fair-** Beth is meeting with Mrs. Derschang this Thursday at 9am to finalize some layout details and discuss how to best utilize the teacher certificates. She can have teachers lined up to run registers the night of open house. Books will be delivered by Scholastic the week of May 8th-12th and picked up the week of May 22nd-26th. We will have 4 primary cases, 2 intermediate cases and a few cases of the book fair extras. We will receive 2 registers, but we are pushing for a third. Book fair will be held in the library.
- 4. **Staff Appreciation Week-** May 8-12. We will ask families for monetary donations. Donations need to be sent in by Wednesday 5/3. This is what is usually given to staff: Mondays- donuts and coffee, Tuesdays - Dino BBQ lunch, Wednesday-grab and go snacks, Thursday-sub trays, Friday-breakfast.
- 5. **Hanging Basket Sale-** May 11th-14th at C and J Farms (280 Lower Road, Constantia, NY 13044). Must present the flyer OR mention Brewerton Elementary. A portion of the sale goes directly to the Brewerton Elementary PTO.
- 6. **Venmo-** Emily is working on it. She is waiting to hear from the accountant about how to record it in QuickBooks to make sure everything is recorded correctly.

7. **Skippy Ice Cream Day-** They will come for the whole school on June 8th. Students will go after their lunch time. They are also coming for the 5th graders after their field trip on June 5th.
8. **Square One Art-** Square 1 art is dwindling due to increased shipping costs. This year they will be slightly reduced. It takes Mrs. Stehle 2 complete art classes to complete it, she also misses art due to the walkathon and fall festival. She proposed one art class that she could work on it and then utilize parent volunteers to come in and finish it up. We will send out a survey to families to plan for next year.
9. **Snow/Sand Sculpture-** Slideshow approved by Brent. Will send out for voting in the classrooms on Monday April 24th. Will announce the winners on Friday April 28th.
10. **Recorders-** The district's music department is paying for the recorders for the 3rd grade next year. They will stay in school, will not come home and they will not be able to keep them. They will be washed and reused between years. They will be used as backups since the PTO has decided we will continue to pay for recorders like we did this year so students may take them home and keep them.
11. **Alternate Fundraising Ideas-** Mets night May 7th at 1:05. Flyer will go out with a link to buy tickets. Each ticket sold will give a \$4 donation back to the PTO. If 100 tickets are sold we can take a picture on the field. Will look at a summer date in July during the week.
12. **Yearbook-** They are finishing it up and order should be going in soon. Our numbers are down on it. But Mr. Bowden said enrollment is also down.
13. **BUDGET REVIEW/TREASURER REPORT-** the budget was reviewed and approved.
14. **Before/After School Childcare-** Would like to explore additional options. Our district uses BASCOL for every other school besides Brewerton which uses the YMCA. There have not been enough complaints to change. BASCOL allows you to attend 3, 4, or 5 days a week versus all 5 days. If CNS has a snow day and Central Square closes they can go to Wetzel Road. If CNS is open and Central Square closes, there are no options.
15. **Spiritwear-** One hour t-shirts. Parents would have to come and pick up at night. Their order would be in a bag with an invoice. If they don't pick up that night it would not be sent home and instead the parent would have to pick it up at One Hour Tees in Cicero. Meghan will work with getting one up and running before the end of the school year.

Last PTO meeting is May 10th at 6:30pm in the Library