

Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022
via Zoom

1. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Covid update: now a 5 day return policy unless you are not feeling well. We are continuing to check spacing in classrooms and enforce mask wearing.
- b. Candace Fenton is in a cover leave position in 1st grade. We have hired a new building sub, recent graduate Jennifer Furchak.
- c. DIBELS testing is currently going on. Kids are improving.
- d. You can receive 4 covid tests per address at covidtests.gov.

2. BUDGET REVIEW/TREASURER REPORT - the budget was reviewed and approved

3. Fundraisers/PTO sponsored events

- a. Food drive raised \$3000 and 9000 food items for the Brewerton Food Pantry. All classrooms pizza parties have taken place.
- b. Holiday Bazaar - It went really well despite our limited volunteers. Thank you to those who helped Wednesday evening set up, it only took about 45 minutes! And thank you to those who helped the day of. The students had a blast, many of the 3rd-5th grade classrooms wrapped their own gifts after shopping. We went through many of our items so next year will be a big purchasing year.
- c. Reymore Chevy has a back to school program. They will gift us \$500 and we need to hang up a flyer in our staff room.
- d. Christmas wreaths - 156 items were ordered this year. Aimee Burns made them and gave us \$780.
- e. Square 1 Art – Highest amount raised. The option to ship to home instead of school will continue.
- f. BBA - Two opportunities to make money. They will be using our gym for \$30/hour. There is a 6 week program for 2 hours on Saturdays and Tuesday/Thursday for 3 hours from April-June. They are also holding clinics at another facility and we will distribute flyers that say “Sponsored by Brewerton PTO.” We will receive \$5 for every Brewerton student who signs up.
- g. Walkathon - was supposed to be in the fall, we moved to the spring. Kerrie Proud is in charge and will work on it. She needs to talk with Brent to find a date and a raindate. We will need another person to work with her to learn the ropes since this is Kerrie’s last year. UPDATE: Annamarie Smith will be taking over.
- h. Mrs. Derschang proposed a read-a-thon instead of a walk-a-thon during RIOT month. We decided to continue the walk-a-thon this year and keep the read-a-thon in mind for next year. We increased the RIOT budget from \$250 to \$400. Perhaps a summer reading challenge similar to the holiday reading challenge this year might be a great idea.

- i. Spirit wear - We need a new Hawklet and business to work with. Jessica Brewster and Meghan Fountain will head this up.
- j. Community Snow Sculpture Contest - Emily Bush will create a flyer and a google slide show of the pictures submitted. Meghan Fountain will create a letter we can send to Syracuse Crunch. We will use a google form for voting. 3 prizes for individual category and 3 prizes for a group category. Approved a \$300 budget for prizes. February 27 will be the end date.
- k. Open House - April 21. Why is it in April instead of May? Brent will look into that.
- l. We need to come up with other ideas while we continue to navigate Covid. We will host an ice cream truck again at the end of the year. Perhaps an outdoor movie night and do the basket raffle that we usually have.
- m. Teacher appreciation - in May. To be discussed more at another meeting.

Next PTO meeting is February 16th at 6:30pm