

Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022

1. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- a. Math facts challenge-** Math facts are critical to know, the basis for everything, they need to be memorized. Mr. Bowden has challenged the 4th and 5th graders to get 100 multiplication facts (12x12) correct in 5 minutes or less. The top 5 students who show growth in each class every month from Sept-Jan will go on Mr. Bowden's Wall of Fame in the cafeteria. Those kids will be part of a pizza party. Kids who pass the test in under 5 minutes will also get their name on the Wall of Fame and go to McDonalds for lunch. He already took 7 -4th graders and 13 -5th graders last week. If students improve to 4 minutes and 3 minutes they will be able to go again. These tests are done on the chromebook, thatquiz.org. New kids are added to the list almost every day, seeing a lot of pride and growth. Math facts challenge will also go into 3rd grade at the teachers' request after Christmas (multiplication 10x10)
- b. Fire Safety Day-** Thursday 10/14/22 around 9:20 am. Fire trucks will be here first thing in the morning. First time having this since before COVID. Fire drill to go outside to see the firetrucks and listen to the firemen. Firefighters will also go inside to visit the classrooms.
- c. Fall Picture Day-** 10/26/22. A flyer went home with the code and information for how to order. Orders are online. You can request paper ordering from Mrs. Hampson.
- d. Halloween Parade-** Text blast was sent out with a link to document with information. Parade route will be through the parking lot and around the front of the school. Parents can pick up kids afterwards using pikmykid. There will also be a regular ½ day dismissal.

- 2. Wayne Chapman-** Supervisor for Boy Scout Pack 112. Pack was overseen by a charter organization which is our PTO. Since Covid there have been no meetings, the pack dissolved and there has been interest to start back up. He has been hanging onto assets. Assets include fundraising money in a bank account (\$1,436.52), aluminum pinewood derby tracks, 10 totes with various materials (compasses, ropes, sleeping bags, etc). In order to get these assets to other packs he needed to contact the charter organization. The choice is to retain the assets to start up another cub pack at Brewerton or bestow assets onto local boy scout troops. There does not seem to be any interest so we approved to keep the assets local. He needs documentation to bring to Longhouse Council to approve assets being given to other packs.

3. 5th grade optional responsibilities

- a. School Store-** 5th grade teachers are willing to allow the students to go to the cafeteria right off the bus at breakfast time to set out the school store (pencils, erasers). PTO has some stock. We do not have any staff members to run it. Would need a parent volunteer once a week from 8:45-9:10 to get supplies out of the

closet, set up, count the change back. Jessica Brewster will run. We need a flyer with hours and prices. Plan to start Wednesday, Oct 26.

- b. Safety Patrol-** 5th grade teachers organize. 5th graders wear orange vests and stand in hallways and make sure kids are being safe in hallways during arrival and dismissal.
- c. 5th Grade Helpers-** Go down to kindergarten or first grade, read a story.
- d. Daily Announcements-** Mr. Bowden is unsure where we stand with it. Office is very busy in the morning. Hectic time of day.

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

5. 5th Grade End of Year Event- PTO sponsored event, \$1000. All day. In years past it has been at Oneida Shores, one year before Covid it was at Skaneateles YMCA. Last year they went to Camp Talooli and Skippy's truck came. Camp Talooli slots are going fast. Can be done through arts and ed if done soon enough. This will be done in the month of June. Has to be approved by 5th grade teachers and Mr. Bowden. Patty Keating and Cheri DaRin will talk with 5th grade teachers to plan a venue and then will form a committee.

6. Homecoming- Friday October 14th. Trunk or treat for Homecoming at high school. 4:30-6. Everything is all set and organized by Emily and Jessica.

7. Fundraisers/Sponsored events

- a. Walkathon-** Friday 10/14. T-shirts are in and will be distributed Friday morning.
- b. Amazon Smile-** Flyers will come home soon.
- c. Halloween Dance-** Friday 10/21. Organized by Meghan. 10 volunteers. DJ has been reserved with a lightshow. Will have pizza for sale, along with chip bags, water, soda, tattoos, candy.
- d. Fall Event-** Thursday 10/27. Pumpkins, donuts, apples, and cider. During specials time classes will head outside to decorate their pumpkin and have a read aloud from Mrs. Derschang. PE center with fall harvest theme. Will come inside for apple cider and donuts. Will have food allergy options.
- e. Spiritwear-** We will table the Hawklet idea for now, would like to have some basic CS/Brewerton spiritwear made. Emily Basile will work on it.

8. Next meeting dates- Tuesday, November 15

Wednesday, January 18

Tuesday, February 28

Wednesday, March 22

Tuesday, April 18

Wednesday, May 10