

Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019

1. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Part of the budget vote on May 21 will include a safety referendum that will change how people enter our school due to safety concerns. The front entrance will be changed so that visitors are buzzed into a separate hallway into the main office and then will have to be buzzed into the main part of school through another entrance. Brewerton will also have new locks installed on all the doors so they can lock easily from the inside. All exterior doors will be replaced if they are not up to code. Security film that is bullet resistance will be applied to lower windows. Security bollards will be put around the front door in order to prevent people from driving into the school. Make sure you get out and vote for the budget and safety referendum...remember polling locations have changed!
- b. The 5th grade event formerly known as extravaganza will take place at the middle school. It is tentatively scheduled for the last Friday of school on June 21. The 5th graders will be bussed to the middle school where they will eat lunch in the cafeteria. They will rotate through centers where they will participate in PE and music activities, a scavenger hunt where they will travel through the building and other activities. Snacks will be available. The students will receive a T-shirt color-coded by elementary school with the middle school logo. The PTO will donate \$100 towards a blow up obstacle course to be used that day. Students will be bussed home. Parent volunteers are needed.

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

3. DANCE PROGRAM – the contract for 2019-2020 school year was approved and signed.

4. YEARBOOKS – Order online by April 12, \$15 each

5. UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS AND PROGRAMS – Anyone that would like to help with upcoming events, please contact one of the PTO officers or email Melissa Walma at mwalma@twcnj.rr.com.

- a. **Spring Carnival Open House and Basket Raffle** – May 23 6:00-7:30pm. We will not be doing bounce houses this year. Instead we have at least 12 carnival games, a balloon guy, a photo booth from Interstate with props and the photo strip that night. Food trucks (Rosie's, Frank's Franks and Skippy's) will be out by the front circle with food available to purchase. The book fair will be available in the library (need volunteers). Each grade level will have a certain time to walk through the school to see art work, talk with teachers, etc.
- b. **Hanging basket sale** –Patty Keating is organizing it. The flyer went home this week. The bottom was cut off so yellow begonias is #12 and red begonias is #13. Orders are due May 3 and pick up is May 10 3-6pm outside and in the cafeteria if its raining.
- c. **Basket raffle** – volunteers are needed

6. SPC meeting

- a. **The health and wellness fair** – April 10, 4:30-7:30pm. All ages welcome. Car seat checks from 3:30-6:30pm. Informational sessions with professional development applied. 50+ informational booths. Raffle prizes available when you visit booths and fill out passport and receive tickets.
- b. **Safety and security project** – Approved by the board. \$12 million with most of the money going towards reconstruction front entrances. A community forum will be scheduled. May 21 will be the budget vote and security project vote.
- c. **Business sponsorship contract** – Middle school PTO example.
- d. **Spring district wide spirit wear order** – one color (maroon) available, no sales tax. PTO possibly buy a few extra adult shirts so that they can give to new staff
- e. **Citizenship aware review** – 4 businesses participate currently giving prizes to 4 students (2 middle school, 2 high school) who are chosen from students with no behavioral referrals. We would like more businesses to participate to provide more incentives for kids who are behaving.
- f. **Need to revisit community spirit Fridays**

7. Open nominations for next year – we will have 5 open positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and 2 Secretaries.

8. Open discussion

- a. **Donation to Special Olympics** – need board approval for \$100 donation due before May 9
- b. Amanda Mirizio is not available to continue running the **school store** so we need a volunteer to run it and purchase items.
- c. **The staff vs student basketball game** raised \$500 for our backpack program, other schools also received donations.
- d. **Teacher appreciation week** May 6-10. Donations are needed.

9. Next meeting Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30pm