**Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes**

**September 18, 2019**

1. **PRINCIPAL REPORT**
   1. School year started smoothly
   2. DASA – Dignity For All Students Act. See flyer about bullying. We will be keeping track of bullying incidents. We are teaching kids about bullying and how it is different from just being mean. There is a power imbalance and the bully is intending to create this situation.
   3. We are working on chronic absenteeism which is being absent more than 10% of days (18 out of 180 days)
   4. New teachers in the building: Mrs. A. Burns in 3rd grade, Mrs. Strader in 2nd, Mr. Strader in PE and Mrs. Raut in AIS.
   5. The initial proposed front security entrance with the extra hallway was too costly so a new entrance is being considered. There will be a sidewalk from the main door to a door to the main office. The main office will be reconfigured to accommodate these changes.
   6. New mulch was added to the playground. The initial load of mulch had large pieces of wood in it so the playground was unusable for a few days while we waited for new mulch.
2. **BUDGET REVIEW/TREASURER REPORT** - the budget was reviewed and approved
3. **Fundraisers/PTO sponsored events**
   1. **Grandparents Day** – November 26. Need volunteers, contact Annamarie Smith if you would like to help out. Try to limit guests to grandparents only. If a grandparent is not available, a special person is ok. Every name is run through the Raptor system and checked for sex offenders.
   2. **Halloween Dance** – Friday October 25. Andrea Drummond will be working with Patty Keating to run it. Volunteers needed from 6-7pm and 7-8pm for concessions, tattoos, bathroom monitors and floaters.
   3. **Walk-a-thon** – scheduled for October 18. Flyers going out Friday. Students will be walking during their specials time, 40 minutes. If raining, walking in the gym. Similar prizes as last year (chromebook, assistant principal for the day and more). If a student raises more than $40, they receive a Tshirt. Only parents who have a company/business may sponsor and be able to set up at spring carnival, no outside sponsors.
   4. **BBA after school basketball program** – We approved sponsoring a 1 hour, 6 week long basketball program with a $5 kickback for every students. 12 kid min, 30 kid max with 2-3 coaches. Kids will receive a swag item. Parent pick up, no late bus. A volunteer is needed to check kids in and out and their child will be free. Patty will check with the district for available gym space.
   5. **Christmas wreaths with Aimee Burns** – we approved this as a great fundraiser.
4. **Rugs** – Both Strader and Love requested new rugs. We have bought them in the past for classes so we will offer both teachers $400 for new rug which is the same as previous classrooms.
5. **Open discussion**
   1. We need a parent volunteer to help with after school art with Mrs. Lekki. Grades 3-5 will run Oct 10, 17, 24 and Nov 7. The child of the parent volunteer will attend the art program free.

**Next PTO meeting is October 15th at 6:30pm** – cider and donuts with the principal!