

Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2021
via Zoom

1. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Students who are less than 6 feet without masks need to be quarantined. We are trying to minimize contact tracing through the cafeteria so half of the classes are now eating lunch in their classrooms. One classroom is not doing that because of a severe food allergy. Everyone is more spaced out in the cafeteria.
- b. Be honest about your child's symptoms.
- c. Classrooms are 3 feet spacing with masks.
- d. If Mr. Bowden calls you to tell you that your child is quarantined, it is an official quarantine from the Department of Health. They are very busy with calls so our district is helping them with that.
- e. If you, your child or a family member become positive or quarantined, please notify the school.

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

3. OPEN DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

- a. How will parents know about work assignments/chromebooks when quarantined? Teachers will be in touch regarding assignments, chromebook, helping a student out, etc. Mr. Bowden can possibly send out a text letting parents know that if their child is quarantined, their teacher will be in contact with them.
- b. Can we do field trips? Apple picking? Fire department? Mr. Bowden contacted Mr. Colabufo regarding a field trip. Mr. Colabufo answered no because there is a greater chance of having to quarantine students on the bus. However, the idea of pumpkin picking was brought up. The PTO is looking into having pumpkins brought to the school so the students can pick pumpkins, have cider and donuts, etc. Also the fire department usually hosts a fall open house so the PTO will find out the information regarding that and send it out so families can attend on their own.
- c. An idea was brought up to make Facebook events online so parents can view them.

4. Fundraisers/PTO sponsored events

- a. Walk-a-thon – typically held in the fall but is postponed to the spring.
- b. Square 1 Art – Mrs. Stehle completed all the work with her classes. We will be shipping the artwork shortly and then the company will send back the packets. Parents are able to order until November 16. Orders will be available in time for Christmas.
- c. Scholastic book fair - in person turned online. Classes were able to walk through and view the books. The older grades made wish lists. That was difficult for the younger grades without any volunteers to help. You can still purchase until October 4th.

- d. BBA after school basketball program - we can no longer have outside groups in our schools so they are looking at holding it at Twin Rinks with the PTO receiving a percentage. A flyer will be coming with dates and prices.
 - e. Miss Jen's after school dance - will be held at Celebrations instead of at the school. One day/week includes recital and costume. \$160.
 - f. Karate John after school karate program – 5 week program at their studio. PTO will send out a flyer and share on social media. PTO will receive 50% of funds raised. It will cost \$50 with a T-shirt and will be 2 times a week.
 - g. Amazon Smiles - Everyone can sign up on their Amazon account and designate the Brewerton Elementary PTO to receive a charitable donation. For any qualifying purchase, Amazon gives back .5%.
5. **Homecoming** – October 8th at 5:15 at the PVM circle. Trunk or treat style. Football game after. We are doing a trunk with a fall theme and handing out glow sticks.
6. **Spirit wear** - Each school is doing their own spirit wear and we are going to go back to using Hawklets. We are looking at a new graphic. Nora Fountain has a connection to graphics so Patty will be in touch with her to design something new.
7. **SPC Meeting**
- a. Covid cases are now listed online instead of a daily email.
 - b. Everything is mandated by the health department. The schools are doing everything possible to not quarantine students. Half of each class is now eating lunch in their classrooms so the cafeterias can spread out. All positive cases have been home exposures. A covid coordinator is being hired.
 - c. Homecoming - right now there are 36 trunks committed.
 - d. Spirit Week - Monday 10/4 PJ Day, Tuesday 10/5 Class color: Brewerton blue, Wednesday 10/6 Flannel/fall colors, Thursday 10/7 Decade day, Friday 10/8 Maroon & white day
 - e. Spirit wear will not be district-wide this year.

Next PTO meeting is October 20th at 6:30pm