

Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022

1. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- a. **Update on how school is running** - Everyone is without a mask, unless they choose to wear one. No 6 feet spacing, all students eating in the cafeteria. Back to pre-Covid. A few cases are popping up every day. Not announcing positive cases. Test kits are available in the school office for no charge. If a child has a fever, keep them home. Test and let the nurse know if positive. They stay home for 5 days from onset of symptoms. After 5 days, if no fever and symptoms are improving, they may return to school with a mask for another 5 days.
- b. **Assemblies** - Mr. Bowden wants to return to them but is currently waiting to see how things look. None for September and October.
- c. **Grandparent's day**- has been held for 40 years with the exception of the past 2 years. It is on hold this year. We need to see how this year looks before bringing in hundreds of elderly people.
- d. **Field trips**- \$20 a child to go on field trips. Educational based, but fun at the same time.
- e. **Employee recruitment fair** - October 4.

- 2. Read-a-thon with Mrs. Derschang** - Gave them something to look forward to in September. Had 83 kids sign up. They got prizes and certificates. We raised \$3052.50, the company holds 20%, a check was mailed for \$2442. On 10/2 a final check for the remaining 20% mailed to us. This will be great to continue next summer

3. Fundraisers

- a. **Square 1 Art** - Last year we raised \$2000-2500. Mrs. Stehle is already starting them in art class. One reusable sticker is included this year, plus small individual ones. A catalog will be sent home. All ordering is online only, no papers. PTO receives a percentage of the sale. Items will be in before Christmas so it makes great holiday gifts for family members. Orders will ship directly to houses this year.
- b. **Scholastic Book Fair** - usually held at the beginning of the year at Meet the Teacher night but it will not happen this fall. Communication will go home in regards to when it will be. It may be held at a family fun night, definitely at a spring open house.
- c. **Afterschool Dance** - Celebrations dance comes and sets up right at the school. Tuesday nights- ½ hour \$160, September through March, includes picture and costume. PTO receives a kickback.
- d. **BBA Basketball** - Ben Ballucci rents out the gym to use for basketball. He pays the PTO to rent the gym space. District allows this. \$30 per hour. BBA also runs an afterschool basketball program which we get money for. We will check to see if this will be happening this year.
- e. **Walkathon** - Usually held in the fall. Last year because of COVID restrictions we moved it from the fall to the spring. This year it will be on Friday 10/14. A packet should have gone home with information. If you raise \$30 you get a t-shirt. Possible

