

# **Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

## **1. Mr. Bowden's Principal's Report**

- a. Tomorrow 4/9 and Thursday 4/10 will be NYS ELA testing for Grades 3-5. It is computer based so chromebooks need to be brought into school. After break will be the math test and the 5th grade science test is in May.
- b. Jen Smolnik is retiring as principal of MH to take care of her health. Beth Smith will be the permanent principal there.
- c. End of year field trips: MOST, Zoo, Baltimore Woods, Camp Talooli.
- d. Parent Square - new district communication app. Mike Smolnik and some teachers at Hastings will be piloting it until the end of the year. PTOs will also be able to use it.

## **2. Old Business**

- a. Playground Equipment - Paul Brisette and Brent approved a 32x32 space for a slide and a small piece of playground equipment to be added to the current 3-5 playground. Emily Basile is getting estimates for pea stone and the outside border.
- b. Cafeteria Picture Frame - Brent will submit to district for replacement of the plexiglass.
- c. 5th Grade End of Year - Camp Talooli, meet with 5th grade to decide on schedule for the day. T-shirts? Google form for ice cream. Slide show - parents send pictures to email.
- d. Staff Appreciation - May 5-9. Flyer went home, money coming in. Signup Genius will be sent out for volunteers to help.

## **3. Updates**

Upcoming Activities: *\*PTO Sponsored Event*

- Bingo Night\* - Thursday, April 10th
- BBA After-School Basketball\* Flyers have not come in yet. Brent will send out electronically. Starts Monday 4/21. Tuesdays Grades 1-3, Wednesdays Grades 4-5. 3:30-4:30. \$85 for 6 weeks.
- Spring Open House - Thursday, May 8th
- Mets Game\*- Sunday, May 18th at 1:00. Kids eat free and run the bases! Flyers will be going out.
- Spring Scholastic Book Fair\* - Thursday, May 8th (during Open House)
- Ice Cream Truck - Wednesday, June 11th (during school)

#### Current & Upcoming PTO Fundraisers:

- Spring Open House Basket Raffle: Flyers went out, a few have been returned from families. Most teachers have sent in their theme. One PTO donation is Empire Pass. 2 book baskets have been purchased with Scholastic Dollars. Will also purchase a go-kart type item with helmet. Krissy and Ashleigh will be helping Cheri with setup.
- Spring Hanging Basket Sale at C and J Farms - May 7th-11th. Flyers going home after break.

#### **4. New Business? Questions?**

- a. 3/19 SPC Meeting Update - Be mindful of asking for help with the cost of playground equipment. Budget vote on May 20, Brewerton Fire Department, 8am-9pm. The state only gave us a 2% increase so taxes will increase by 6.4%.
- b. Staff Appreciation - May 5th-9th
- c. 2025/2026 PTO Positions - One position will be open, secretary.
- d. Look into purchasing a new digital sign for the front lawn.
- e. Venmo will be discontinued next year. Look into Zeffy.

#### **5. Treasurer Business**

Activity Statement approved.

*Next (and last!) Meeting Date:*

*Tuesday, May 6th (DATE CHANGE) at 6:30pm*