

Brewerton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

1. Mr. Bowden's Principal's Report

- a. **UPK** - Took a field trip to Brewerton library. Toured the building, found out about events and opportunities, listened to stories, sang songs, and took information home. Upcoming: 2 cafeteria visits to get ready for next year.
- b. Kindergarten - learning about plants and earth. Reading words with digraphs and double letters. Upcoming field trip to Old Macdonald's Farm.
- c. 1st grade - learned about animal habitats, conducted research, made dioramas that will be on display during open house.
- d. 2nd - Upcoming field trip to the MOST. They had visits from Cornell Cooperative Extension, and a beekeeper. Strader's class was working on a class book, What I Want To Be.
- e. 3rd - Culture project presented to school. Will learn about weather from Kate Thornton. They will be working with a green screen to be meteorologists. Upcoming field trips to Baltimore Woods and the zoo.
- f. 4th - learning about geology and fractions/decimals.
- g. 5th - Upcoming field trip to Camp Talooli, Middle School visit, and leadership conference.
- h. 2 math programs were piloted. We will be using Ureka Squared going forward.
- i. ELA and Math state testing is done. Next up is the 5th grade science test.
- j. The 4th and 5th grade band and chorus concert is May 20.
- k. Get out and vote for the budget on May 20.

2. Old Business

- a. Playground Equipment - we will submit a few different options and see what is approved with the insurance for the district. This probably won't happen until the summer.
- b. Cafeteria Picture Frame - A work order was submitted for replacement plexiglass.
- c. 5th Grade End of Year - Still need to figure out ice cream options for after Camp Talooli. Working on T-shirts with Brew Tees.
- d. BBA Basketball - the younger groups will be adding an extra week. Feedback is that parents need a number to contact someone in case of emergency, if stuck in traffic and can't get there in time, etc.

- e. Staff Appreciation - May 5-9. AMAZING! Snacks, lunches, breakfasts. The Giving Bean food truck will be coming June 9th from 11-1.

3. Updates

a. Upcoming Activities: **PTO Sponsored Event*

- Spring Open House - Thursday, May 8th
- Mets Game*- Sunday, May 18th at 1:00. Kids eat free and run the bases!
- Spring Scholastic Book Fair* - Thursday, May 8th (during Open House)
- Ice Cream Truck* - Wednesday, June 11th (during school), classes will visit at the end of lunch.

b. Current & Upcoming PTO Fundraisers:

- Spring Open House Basket Raffle - Donations and baskets are coming in from families and businesses. Classrooms have been collecting items for their baskets.
- Spring Hanging Basket Sale at C and J Farms - May 7th-11th. Purchase a hanging basket for a donation to the PTO.

4. New Business? Questions?

- a. 2025/2026 PTO Positions. Cheri DaRin is stepping down after 8 years. Meghan Fountain was nominated. Desiree Kinnison has served two years and was nominated for another term. We do need to eventually find another treasurer to be trained under Emily Basile.
- b. Dance Program - approved to continue next year.
- c. Spiritwear for fall - send out at the end of August so they come in time for homecoming week. Discuss more at the August budget meeting.
- d. 2025-2026 Staff Liaison - Leanne Strader to continue
- e. Ashleigh Simmons will take over the yearbook.

5. Treasurer Business

- a. **Activity statement was approved**