## 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 kids 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

- change on T-shirts, add the year? All of the money is due by 9/30 to get the order in. Prizes are given for top 8 fundraisers. Drawings will be held prior to the event as well. Any businesses who would like to donate \$200 will get their name on the t-shirt and a table at our spring open house.
- **f. Amazon Smile** Link your amazon account and PTO gets .05% of each Amazon purchase. Emily Bush will get the QR code to send out.
- **4. Redhawk Rally/Homecoming -** Friday 10/14. Jessica Brewster and Emily Bush will be in charge of organizing.
- 5. Website is updated with the information that we went over tonight. A flyer went out with the website information on it, as well as what the PTO does and board members' information. Will add to the calendar as the months go on (events that are being sponsored or hosted by PTO). There is a form to fill out for monthly communication for what's upcoming. Can put email in to get notified.
- **6.** Halloween dance Date to be decided. Kids can wear their costumes as long as they're not scary. \$2 to get in the door, concessions, tattoos, etc.
- **7. Veterans Day Celebration** Beginning stages of planning. Any veterans will be able to attend. Possibly livestream it. Need a small fund for food, balloons, etc. \$200 approved.
- **8.** Holiday Bazaar- Dollar Tree's prices have gone up. Approval to keep them at \$1 at least for this year. An idea was suggested to help K-2 classes wrap gifts. Cheri DaRin will email teachers to get thoughts.
- **9.** If making handouts/flyers for the school, make sure a copy is translated into Spanish (1) and Nepali (2). If using Word, go to Review and then Translate. Can also use Google Translate. If using Google Drive, go to Tools and then Translate documents.
- 10. BUDGET REVIEW/TREASURER REPORT the budget was reviewed and approved
- **11.** Next meeting date October 12
- **12.** Other dates to keep in mind:
  - **a.** 9/22 Meet the Teacher Night
  - **b.** 10/26 Fall picture day
- **13.** 5th grade activities to possibly bring back
  - **a.** Safety patrol -need someone to organize it and create a schedule
  - **b.** School store also need someone to help with it, possibly same mornings at Dollar Dog Day
  - **c.** Kindergarten helpers
  - **d.** Announcements also need a schedule