

MEETING MINUTES

Brielle Elementary School PTO Public Meeting

October 7, 2020 @ 7:00

Board members

Nancy Atnes, Co-President | Kendal Porter, Co-President | Erica Paone, Vice President | Megan Herbert, Treasurer | Traci Moretti, Secretary

Item

Owner

Presidents Report -

- Welcome Everyone
- Introduction of Board Members
- Sign up for the PTO. Family membership will be up all year long. You must be a paid PTO Member to volunteer in the school.
- Back to School Report - Kindergarten and New Student information packets were given to each family at orientation. Teachers and staff were given “Breakfast in a Bag” on their 1st day back to school.

50/50 and Membership -

- Membership numbers to date are: 62 Family members, 17 Silver members, 42 Bronze members, 40 Gold members and 39 teacher members. We are at 51% - lets get to 100%!!
- Our 50/50 Fall Fundraiser has begun. Tickets are selling fast - the only way to purchase tickets is through your class parent. Limited quantity available. Winner last year took home just under \$6500!!! This years winner will be announced October 30th in the APR.
- Class Winners for the most tickets sold:
 1. K-2nd Grade - all kids will receive a free slice Jimmy’s Gift card
 2. 3-5th Grade - all kids will receive a free slice Jimmy’s Gift card
 3. 6-7th Grade - all kids will receive a free slice Jimmy’s Gift card

Teacher Grants -

- Pre-K (Andre) - approved for small group distance learning activities - \$181.118
- Kindergarten - approved for Mindfulness Matters Program - \$824.40
- 1st Grade - approved for Boom Cards for virtual and in class - \$237.00
- 2nd Grade - approved for portable magnetic whiteboards - \$209.97
- 7th/8th Grade (Lomet) - approved for GoFormative virtual Math Program - \$135.00
- The PTO has decided to run a second fall grant program. It opened up on October 2nd We will run a winter grant program on January 7th.

Treasurer Report -

- Operating Budget - This years school budget is \$22,140.00. If anyone has any questions regarding the budget/balance please reach out to Megan directly (megan_herbert@yahoo.com)
- Anyone that needs to be reimbursed for fingerprinting please hand in receipts to Noreen Spinapont or leave in the PTO mailbox and we will get it to Noreen

Fundraising Report -

- 8th Grade Brielle Day Cookie Sale and Contest - Thank you to everyone that supported this 8th Grade Fundraiser! They profited \$1254.00! The winners of the cookies contest were: 1st place - The Catania Family, 2nd place - Rose Healey and Grace Bonovita and 3rd place - Madison Kreig. Great job everyone! Thank you to Carrie Siano, Jessica Loxley and Shannon Aldi for coordinating a fun event for everyone!
- Spring through Summer online book fair - \$79.43, We are looking into running a virtual holiday book fair in the winter, more information to follow.
- Fall Spiritwear Sale - \$870.00 profit. Our Winter spiritwear sale will be run in November
- 6th Grade Ice Cream Social - rescheduled for the Spring
- 7th Grade Gingerbread Men Cookie Sale - More information to come
- Chipotle Night - Brought in \$429.00. We apologize for any confusion the night of ordering - we will host another Chipotle night during the school year.
- 8th Grade Thanksgiving Pie Sale - stayed tuned for more information.
- Gift Card Fundraiser - The Board has decided to run this fundraiser again - early November, more information to come
- Spring Fundraiser - "Leave Your heART at BES" - we would still like to run this event. More information to follow closer to Spring.

Upcoming Events and Announcements -

- Blazer Boys Event - TBD
- Cinderella Ball - TBD
- Annie - Performance Dates TBD
- Special Persons Day - TBD
- Sunshine Committee sent gifts to: Karen Semple, Darlene Finkenaur and Susan Grady for their retirement. Joanne McWilliams also received a gift for the birth of her Grandson.
- Assemblies - TBD
- Enrichment Programs - TBD
- Art Appreciation - TBD
- PTO donated a bench for the BEF courtyard fundraiser for \$2500.00
- The BEF is still selling pavers. Reach out to the BEF directly for more information.
- Virtual pumpkin decorating and carving contest is on running now through October 30th. All entries must be emailed to brielleelementarypto@gmail.com not later then 3:00 pm on October 30th.

Business Recognition Program -

- The PTO has started a new program this school year for local businesses. Our goal is to give back to the businesses that have supported the PTO in the past by using our social media pages and school digital sign to advertise these businesses. For more information on this program please reach out to Amanda Eldridge (aee1122@yahoo.com) or Tanya Voskian (voskian0421@gmail.com)

BOE Meeting Notes -

- Susan Grady, Karen Semple and Darlene Finkenaur have retired from BES. Together they have taught 99 years :). They were honored with their families at the latest BOE meeting.
- Several virtual teachers were approved and hired to accommodate the all virtual students.

Class Parents -

- Thank you for volunteering your time this year to your homeroom teacher. Each packet has information on 50/50 tickets, this years responsibilities, finger printing and picture ID Badge. Please review the letter in your packets for more detailed information about this 2020-2021 school year. Unfortunately, no food/candy items are allowed in the classrooms this year.

Principal Report

- Please make sure all Covid forms are filled out in the morning. 11% of families are all virtual. Kids will dress up on Friday October 30th to celebrate Halloween in the school.

Please follow us on instagram and facebook for news and announcements!

Facebook: Brielle PTO

Instagram: brielle_pto

If you ever have any questions or suggestions please email us at brielleelementarypto@gmail.com

