Brielle Elementary PTO Meeting:

October 6, 2021

Media Room

President Report:

* Thanks to all in attendance
* Announced 218 PTO members so far this school year
* Recognized Gold Members

Vice- President Report:

* Spirit Sale total; $1,054.50
* Announced second holiday sale (end of October)
* Asked for suggestions for new items
* Discussed 50/50 tickets and asked everyone to add ticket stub number if using PTO Venmo account; more tickets have been ordered as we are getting closer to selling out; stubs for tickets can be given to Kayte Keller or placed in envelope to be put in PTO mailbox in front office; Mrs. Carlson will live stream the drawing and announce the winner on 10/29

Treasurer Report:

* Please direct all treasury inquiries to Meghan Herbert
* Discussed opening a PTO Venmo and holding account created over the summer to protect funds

Principal Report:

* Things are starting to get back to normal: K-7 raising flags with 8th grade students; 80 student athletes in Fall sports
* Upcoming events: school pictures, possibly Halloween festivities, Bike/Walk Day
* Working on being able to purchase Jimmy's lunch for "Pizza Friday’s". Volunteers will be requested through the PTO website.
* Announced 1/3 start of school lunches in cafeteria
* Discussed the continuing of outdoor eating into winter months and the BEF working on a second courtyard
* No free lunch program for BES
* Halloween parade route TBA

Committee Announcements:

* Courtney Gilmartin discussed Kindergarten/New Student Orientation: successful school store opening; 45 Kindergarten students and 18 new students at BES; expressed hopes that next year we will be able to bring back New Student Tea in addition to Orientation; Special thanks to Coastal Crafts for the "frames"
* Welcome Back Breakfast: successful event with many food donations and plants for each teacher.
* Steph Firth discussed 8th Grade Bake Sale at Brielle Day: coffee provided by Sugar Bakery ($1/cup); breakfast sandwiches sold out fast - increase number next year; total of approximately $2,300.00 raised. Next year suggestion: second stand within side of craft vendors, a water and pretzel stand in middle of fair; pizza/soda for $5 by beer tent; look on vendor list next year to see if any other food/drink providers to help round out food offerings.
* 6th Grade Ice Cream Social: 42 kits sold; looking into possibly planning another one in Spring 2022.
* School Store: great feedback on store, especially snacks. Discussed notifying parents and students that the store can still be visited even if exiting the school in another location besides front entrance.
* Class Parents: each CP received a packet, at this time there is no food for class parties, CP can coordinate with teacher on theme and what non-food items to provide, class dues are requested by the class parents and are non-specific amount. Parents can send money to the CP's for this collection
* 50/50 ticket collection - put stubs in envelope at office

Upcoming Events:

* 50/50 Raffle
* Giving Tree
* Book Fair
* Pancake Breakfast
* Chipotle Night?
* Enrichment (January)
* Pretzel Sale (Student Government) - may need parent volunteers for pretzel pickup - Adrianne St. Clair and Suzanne Donlan volunteered

New Business:

* Looking into Pizza Fridays: 3 volunteers needed over 3 lunch periods, sign-up on PTO website to help distribute the pizza
* Discussed vaccination status for volunteering: volunteers do not need to provide vaccination documentation unless you volunteer more than 2x a week
* Website: discussed backend non-user friendly PTO website and search for a webmaster for site (new platform), possibilities include: high school IT student, a community referral, STEM teacher at BES, Boyscout/Girlscout project

Next PTO Meetings:

* February 23, 2022 at 7:00
* May 18, 2022 at 7:00

Thanks!

Caitlin Loria, PTO Secretary