

Brewster Elementary School PTO



September Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

1. Call to order, sign in - 6:08; 9 virtual attendees, 8 in person
2. Introductions
 - a. President-Emily Kahnke
 - b. Vice President-Tyson Smith
 - c. Treasurer-Sue Walsh
 - d. Secretary-Adrianna Leoni
3. Treasurer's Report - Sue Walsh
 - a. Budget for 2026-2027 School Year (budget will be addressed at Oct meeting)
 1. Purchased materials for K orientation
 2. Renewed Secretary of State of CT annual report
4. Principal's Report - Noelle Durkin
 - a. Thank you to PTO for chalk the walk, donuts and coffee, K orientation
 - b. Security and Safety
 - i. Standard response protocol updated
 1. Drills completed monthly - evacuation drills as opposed to fire drill
 2. Families need to be notified a week ahead of time if there is a drill other than evacuation
 - c. Culture and Climate
 - i. Reinforcing core ethical values through assemblies
 - ii. District Strategic Plan - Year 1
 1. Focus is on climate and culture, student achievement, and transition
 - d. Teaching and Learning

Creation of brewster theme song completely written by students

 - i. Budget for a visiting artist
 1. The Rainbow Tree, Jed Dearybury (wrote the playful classroom, playful life, and courageous classroom)
 - a. Lyman and Brewster will come together and Jed will come for 2 weeks in March from South Carolina
 - b. Kick off assembly
 - c. Will make a 6x6 canvas to be displayed at 3 oaks memorial
 - d. Faculty meetings at school regarding play based learning
 - e. Parent night on play based learning

- f. Potentially a \$3,000 contribution from PTO
 - 2. Currently completing benchmark assessments to assist with instruction
 - 3. Establishing communities
 - 4. Picture Day
 - 5. Halloween - celebrated on Friday, PreK will celebrate on Thursday
 - 6. Conferences - Week of October 5
- 5. Durham Fair 2026
 - a. Committee Volunteers needed
 - b. Volunteers for fair-sign up is out
 - c. Booth clean up
 - i. Clean up crew, Thursday 5:30 - 7:30
 - d. Dunkin' coffee request - CS will put in request for coffee
 - e. Decoration request- Country Flowers Farms to arrange pick up Wednesday 9/23
 - f. Square Update to be able to take Apple Pay - Nick tech support
 - g. Ice Plan
 - i. SK- contact for ice
 - h. Supplies
 - 1. Amazon list status
 - 2. Water-in need!
 - 3. Borrow hotspot from Library
- 6. Upcoming Events (September & October)
 - a. Author visit-9/16
 - b. Picture Day 10/1
 - c. Trunk or Treat
 - i. Durham, October 24 12:00 - 2:00
 - ii. Peckham Park - 10/24
 - d. Pumpkin Patch-week of 10/26?
 - e. Read-a-thon fundraiser
 - i. Cleared to use the site used in previous years
 - ii. Possible start the week of October 5th
 - iii. Run through October
 - f. Family Holiday Pictures - 11/14 and/or 11/15 with Rachel Jaqueline Photography
- 7. Answer questions/wrap up
- 8. Adjourn Meeting - meeting adjourned at 7:18
- 9. Next meetings, Monday, October 19th at 6:30

**Brewster Elementary School
PTO Meeting Schedule
2026-2027 School Year**

****All meetings begin at 6:30pm and are held in the Brewster School
music room on the 3rd Monday of each month unless otherwise
noted****

FREE babysitting provided for each meeting!!