

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Sept. 5, 2023

Meeting called to order in the library at: 7:03 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Alex Berberian, Amy Green, Karen Davis, Shannon VanHoesen, Sue Ellis. Mrs. Miller & Mr. Cordts.
- Additional attendance: See final page for full list

Officers Reports:

- President (Alex Berberian):
 - A big thank you to Natalie Ray for all her hard work as PTO President the past 2 years! We hope to continue our success.
- Vice President (Amy Green):
 - Amy is working on building/organizing our PTO committees. Idea being a committee has a “head” of that committee to oversee it and be the liaison to PTO, but to also have members that equally help run the committee and its responsibilities.
 - We have an online form where families can let us know what committees they may be interested in.
 - We ordered water bottle stickers to give out to our PTO members. Hopefully they will be in by Back to School Night.
 - BES Spirit Wear store is open now. Advertising (with link) will be coming soon.
- Treasurer (Karen Davis):
 - PTO '23-'24 Budget. Karen reviewed it (everyone at the meeting had a copy to look at). And the board unanimously voted to approve it.
 - Brought to our attention that the county now requires volunteers who work with students one-on-one be fingerprinted, and it costs \$63. Discussed ways to try and help subsidize. The current idea is to maybe do a “help sponsor a volunteer” donation ask of our school community families and try to find some money from the PTO budget to put towards it as well.
 - Sue Camper generously volunteered to head up the efforts to work on the donation plan.
 - Noted there was an error with the PTO Membership link to PayPal that there was no \$15 amount noted to let families know the amount. This will be corrected.

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - A big thank you for lots of good stuff – the marquee sign and its fun screens, stocking the teacher lounge, new chairs in teacher lounge to replace broken ones, Sue Camper leading the charge and installing all the security window coverings in the school.
 - School year off to a great start! We had a nice visit from Dr. Bedell and BOE. Our teachers shined as they do!!
 - Ms. D’Ascoli and Ms. Fisher will be alternating as staff reps for PTO meetings (primary & upper representatives).
 - Shout out to our resident artist and our students who worked on the beautiful mural outside the media center. More recognition will be done at Back to School Night.

- Sept. 19th at 9:00am will be the Volunteer Orientation at BES in the Literacy Room. Three levels of volunteering: general like copying and class party, chaperone on field trip, and working one-on-one with students.
- Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
 - New playground!!! Need to just do a little regrading of land tomorrow for safety and for the heat to drop, and then the students will be able to enjoy it.
 - Lots of Chromebook issues. School is working on getting more devices for new students, kindergarteners, and broken device issues. For Chromebook problems, contact the office to describe the situation and they will direct you from there on next steps.
- Teacher Reports:
 - Ms. D'Ascoli: A big thank you from all the teachers for all the PTO and family support of the teachers, their supplies/wish lists, their lounge, etc.
 - Broadneckbees.org website has teacher wish list links and they are set up to function like Amazon Smile now that there's not Amazon Smile. It's a way to get a "credit" back to the school for Amazon purchases.
 - Ms. Welsh (music): Reviewed various music plans for instruments (steel drum, recorders, etc.), concerts, trips, etc. Talked about the installation of the new sound system that PTO paid for last year. It's going well and continuing to move forward.
 - There is an assembly grant we can apply for in addition to our usual resident artist grant. We will look into it.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Fundraising (Natalie Ray/Shannon VanHoesen):
 - Boosterthon – After a bit of a slow start, we're up to \$6400 of corporate sponsors. Our goal is \$9000 based on previous years. We are working hard trying to get as many as we can. The t-shirts will be ordered next week.
- Beautification (Alice Wilkerson):
 - Anyone who is going to the school during the week can bring a gallon of water (like in a milk jug or watering can) to water the flowers in front of the marquee sign would be much appreciated. This hot September weather is drying them out fast.
 - We will hold the next clean up sometime in November/early December.

Other Discussion:

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- We will be posting the next several months of PTO meeting dates very soon.

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Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Sara Wagner
2. Liz Welsh
3. Nina Adams
4. Nicole D'Ascoli
5. Sue Camper
6. Kristen Musallam
7. Christine Anastasi
8. Paige Strickus
9. Alexis Hippe
10. Laura Sparks
11. Suzie Crosby