

# Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Nov. 7, 2023

Meeting called to order in the library at: 7:05 pm

## Attendance:

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

## Officers Reports:

- President (Alex Berberian):
  - Mrs. Wakshul asked for \$250 for the Terrapin Release Trip with Arlington Echo. PTO brought it to a vote. Unanimously passed/approved.
  - Our BES Fall Festival was a success. A big thank you to Shannon M. and Dawn L!! And also, to all volunteers who helped. Our community seemed to really enjoy it.
  - Fun Run was a great success. Shannon V. announced, again, that we raised \$40,976 through donations and \$7,200 through corporate sponsors.
- Vice President (Amy Green):
  - Idea of how to additionally use the PTO Communication Committee, which currently consists of the Corresponding & Recording Secretaries. We are thinking the committee could help maintain/create info slides for the marquee sign.
  - Trivia Night for BES parents. We are planning one for Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> (President's Weekend) at O'Loughlin's, like last year. There is a sub-committee that is heading up the planning.
- Treasurer (Karen Davis):
  - Treasury report printed and available, as it is each month. Could make it available online if people were interested.

## School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller)/ Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
  - Finishing up CoGat assessments with 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders this week.
  - Brand new screen and projector was installed by the county on our stage.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade play auditions going on this week.
  - Wall of honor submissions being collected this week for our Veteran's Day celebration.
  - Picture retakes are Mon. the 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - American Education Week next week. Parent visitation day is on Thurs. the 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Parent/Teacher conferences on Mon & Tues 11/20 & 11/21. Tues is virtual only.
- Teacher Reports:
  - Mrs. D'Ascoli (primary grade rep): Parent conference reminder
  - Mrs. Boone (Counselor):
    - Thanks to everyone who helped with Harvest for the Hungry! We had a successful food drive.
  - Mrs. Welsh (music):
    - We have been awarded the assembly grant.
    - Installation of sound equipment continues. They are limited to come in when students are not present.
    - Steel Drum Residency was a success for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents.

- We also now have the connection to hook up a laptop to the new presenter in the cafeteria.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to the BSO had some small obstacles but was able to happen and eventually get all students there to see a show.
- String students participated in the feeder Spooky String concert in Oct.
- There are about 75 fifth graders auditioning for the play.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders learn to play the recorders. The music department used some of their budget to purchase some additional new ones. The music department has a recorder showcase in March.
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> will be the String & Band Concert; Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> will be the Chorus Concert. We are trying to have Fro-Yo Fundraisers after each of the concerts.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

- Holiday Shop (Krista Roland):
  - Dec. 13-15<sup>th</sup>. It will be set up in a portable this year, so we don't have to break it down and set it up every day. We are going to need a lot of parent volunteers to help, especially since shopping is a bit overwhelming for the students and they can use guidance. Sign-Up Genius will eventually go out - FB, our weekly email, our website, etc. We will be using the same company as last year.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Cindy S):
  - Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Fifth Grade Dance (Glow Theme). A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out for volunteers.
  - Working on a fundraiser selling Kindness shirts.
  - Save the date for March 25<sup>th</sup> fundraiser at The Point (dine in, carryout, and the bar).
  - Plans for some kind of a Friend Gram around Valentine's Day. More to come in the future.
- Beautification (Alice W.):
  - Fall/Winter clean up set for Sat., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

### **Other Discussion:**

- None

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Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Liz Welsh
2. Nicole D'Ascoli
3. Traci Boone
4. Virtual attendees