

# Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm

## Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Paige Skrickus, Shannon VanHoesen, and Mr. Cordts.
- Additional attendance: About another 13 virtual attendees.

## Officers Reports:

- President (Paige Skrickus):
  - Welcome
  - Water Bottle Filler Station update: The original plan to place filling stations in the upstairs and downstairs hallways was not approved; those fountains are not suitable for the filling stations. An alternative location has been identified in the cafeteria, where the current tall water fountain is, as there is already a recessed hole in the wall. While this was not the first choice, the PTO still thinks this is a worthwhile project and will move forward. Mr. Cordts is coordinating with county maintenance. The county will send the PTO a formal proposal and the PTO will fund the project. The timing on this is still TBD.
  - Committees need to confirm their chairs for the 26-27 school year. Attendees encouraged to reach out if interested in chairing or joining a committee.

## School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- (Vice) Principal Update (Cordts)
  - **Looking Back:**
    - Kindergarten went to Eco Adventures for a fun field trip.
    - 5th Grade Panoramic was taken and we should see those here soon
    - Chorus and Dance to Kings Dominion (Music in the Parks)- Scored Superior Rating!
    - Terrapin Release was fun, had a beautiful day
    - Blue Angels event went smooth... dismissed 161 students in 17 minutes
    - Chorus at Baysox to sing went well!
    - 5th Grade Field Trip to Annapolis Maritime Museum great (despite the weather)
    - Kindergarten Orientation that was well attended
    - BHS Grad Walk last week was so much fun
    - Fisher and Campbell had "authors teas" this week and both well attended by parents
  - **Looking Ahead:**
    - Field day is Friday, volunteers all well organized by Mrs. Shuck and her team
    - Grade 2 had in house assembly Thursday, CoreShark environmental topics

- June 8-11 (2,k,5,4,1,3) will be “Are You Smarter Than a \_\_\_\_\_ Grader” assemblies (PM)- NOT open to visitors, just a grade level event with invited participants (2 per class). Will post pictures and maybe video (if able)
  - June 15th is 5th grade clap out and promotion at 4:00
  - June 16 last student day
- Teacher Reports:
    - Mrs. Welsh (Music):
      - **Promotion** - 5th grade will sing a song during the promotion ceremony.
      - Spring concerts in May went well. Risers were borrowed from the middle school which enhanced the performance and there is interest in borrowing them again for future events.
      - Chorus and dance went on the Kings Dominion trip. The chorus received the highest possible 'superior' rating at Kings Dominion, earning a plaque to be displayed in the main lobby showcase.
      - Looking ahead, Mr. Bailey will be full-time at the school next year (previously splitting time with another school two days per week).
      - However, part-time cultural arts teachers will be reduced from two days per week to one day per week due to homeroom enrollment changes. This reduction will require those teachers to take on additional non-professional duties (before school, after school, and lunch duties), directly impacting the ability to run before-school clubs including theater club, jump rope, and dance.
        - Mrs. Welsh noted that she and Mrs. Schuck will do what they can but may need to limit the number of students or restructure how those clubs are run.
        - Mrs. Rowe is a volunteer, and her availability to help with dance has lessened over the years as she cares for her grandchildren.
        - More to come on this once schedules for the Fall are out.
      - The PTO agreed to allow the Booster Thon T-shirt vendor to handle the Spirit Wear sale and T-shirt orders again next year.
      - The fifth-grade musical is planned for the first week of February; Atticus is set to return as director, Ms. Roselle may assist depending on her assigned school days, and a new choreographer is being sought after Violet graduated. The musical show will be announced in August, with a parent information meeting at the end of August and auditions in September. The PTO previously funded the show kit and script and was asked to do so again. Mrs. Welsh requested that the Fifth Grade Committee create a sub-committee specifically to assist with the musical.
      - Planning to do the (???) residency again next year, but teachers have requested it in the Spring when it has previously been in October. Dates are April 12-16 2027.
    - Mrs. Hawkins (Intermediate Grade Lead Teacher):
      - Thank you to PTO for teacher appreciation week events!
        - Highlights for the teachers were the take home meals and the Bloom Bar.
      - Request to know remaining team balances for CKLA supplies. Paige will email Nina to request a breakdown and pass that information along.

### Standing Committee Reports:

- **Yearbook Committee** (Paige on behalf of Heather Scholsberg):
  - Yearbooks are in and look great. A delivery date to teachers has been coordinated. Mrs. Miller & Mr. Cordts will coordinate with teachers to distribute them next Wednesday (6/10) and a date for distribution to students will be determined soon.
  - There are 17 extra softcover books available for purchase in the main office, cash sales only, FCFS.
  - There is a small stock of donated extras that we will give to guidance to distribute as they see fit to students with financial needs. We did not get as many donated books this year as last year. Something we might want to look at next year – do we want there to be a minimum donation number we would like to hit and if we don't, maybe the PTO can help reach that goal??
  - Caitline Gore will, sadly, be moving on as her son is graduating BES! She did a PHENOMENAL job taking on the creative lead these last two years. Huge thanks to her!
  - Heather feels comfortable taking on everything solo next year with the assumption class photographers will still be allowed. She'd like a co-lead the following year when her youngest is in fifth grade, then hand off the role after that.
  - Heather will meet with Mrs. Miller over the summer to seek approval for the return of the classroom photographers and determine the best plan for making sure the sign-up process for those volunteer spots is fair.
- **Hospitality Committee** (Loretta Goodridge):
  - Call for more volunteers to join the Hospitality Committee next year!
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee:**
  - Pool party planning going well. The flyer is posted on the Facebook page and RSVPs are required.
  - Community outreach for parent donations to go towards the party.
  - Legacy gift are new entrance mats for the school.
  - Fifth grade promotion is June 15th at 4pm.

## Open Discussion

- Christine McDowell: Asked how business sponsors are acknowledged on social media during the Boosterthon. Currently, there are Facebook shout-outs and sponsor names are listed on the shirts based on tiered sponsorship levels. Christine pointed out that the Facebook group is now private and she has not seen sponsor recognition on the Instagram page. Mr. Cordts will follow up with Mrs. Miller to clarify which social media platforms are being used for sponsor recognition.
- Monitor the PTO newsletter, Facebook page, and the "Bees Buzz" for school related updates and information.
- The Facebook page is private and requires members to answer questions before they are admitted. When inviting friends or neighbors to PTO FB page, remind them to answer these!
  - One question is to list your child's teacher; incoming kindergarten families can say "incoming kindergarten" as an answer to this question.

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