

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

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

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Paige Skrickus, Amy Green, Nina Adams, Shannon VanHoesen, Sue Ellis, and Mrs. Miller.
- Additional attendance: See final page for full list of in-person attendees. Also had about 8 virtual attendees.

Officers Reports:

- President (Paige Skrickus):
 - Holiday Shop shout out - we were so glad we were able to do our annual holiday shop for the students. Anyone with any feedback or thoughts, please email the PTO so we can continue to improve upon the event.
 - 3rd Annual Trivia Night is Sunday, February 16th at 7pm at O'Loughlins. The cost is \$25 per person. Teams can consist of 2-8 people. Sign up and money will be due later. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and raffle prize packages to give away. 10% of the food sales that night will also go back to the school. PTO will pay for the teachers who want to come play.

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - Digery-Doo Down Under assembly was a great success!!
 - PTO cookie exchange was fabulous. Thank you everyone!!
 - The three color printers are up and running. Staff is very excited and grateful.
 - To answer a question from last meeting - 1st grade manages the Butterfly garden with the help of Arlington Echo. The other garden is managed by various staff members who are enthusiasts.
 - Lots of assessments (especially quarterlies) have been going on. Your students are probably feeling it. Give them a little grace at home :)
 - The second marking period comes to a close at the end of this week. Thursday & Friday are early dismissal days.
 - Schools are closed on Monday the 20th for MLK Jr. day.
 - Teachers ONLY in school on Tuesday the 21st, NO students.

- GLOW 5th grade dance is on Jan. 24th
- WEEDA access testing starts on the 24th. This reading assessment can take us from a 4 star school to a 5 star school if we close the gap. It is not being made a big deal at school as to not stress out the students.
- One suggestion for the Holiday Shop that came in was about maybe turning it into a fundraiser but not for the school. To do it for a charitable cause like the Lighthouse Shelter, etc. Another suggestion was to make it an evening event to help take the craziness out of the school day, etc.
- Mrs. Miller is currently having goals conferences with every staff member in the building. She learned that there is a potential Health Conference that our school nurse could attend that would be beneficial. The nurse is not asking for funding to go, but we the PTO is thinking of paying the cost for her (so she doesn't have to pay herself). Mrs. Miller will send the info to the PTO.
- Recently, Mrs Miller had been informed that recess was removed from early dismissal days. But, thankfully, they were just able to get 15 minutes back to have a bit of recess time. And teachers will make sure there are move and brain breaks.
- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. Hawkins (Intermediate Lead Teacher):
 - Another shoutout for the color printers.
 - Girls on the Run - found teachers!!! Mrs. Hawkins & Ms. Fitzmaurice have volunteered to be the faculty members so we can have GOTR.
 - Mrs. Wakshul says THANK YOU for the STEM furniture! It's all set up and looks great.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Broadneck Ball:
 - March 14th. Two sessions from 5-6:30pm and then 7-8:30pm. The theme will be Lunar Groove in honor of the lunar eclipse that will be happening that night. The save the date will be posted to the PTO FB page tomorrow (the 15th) and then sent out in the Bees Buzz and PTO weekly newsletters. Tickets will go on sale Monday, Feb. 24th. Notice will come home from school with your students that day. DJ and photobooth (actually two will be set up) are booked. Instead of selling popcorn, that will be included in the price and then each student will get a ticket upon entering the space to trade in for popcorn (this way adults won't have to worry about bringing cash).

- Teacher Lounge:
 - Wishlists and donation asks have gone out in the PTO Newsletter and posted to the PTO FB page. Please don't feel as though you have to buy stuff - donating your gently used items or finding free ones on FB or wherever are helpful too.
 - Coming up soon will be an install day. They're trying to find a good time, especially with cabinet repairs and painting happening first. Checking with Mrs. Miller now. We're shooting for some time in February. Looking at maybe like a Friday night and Saturday combination.
 - PTO will look at items still needed and discuss allocating some money towards some "must have" items.
- 5th grade commitee:
 - Glow Dance is coming up and everyone is excited. Waiting on a few more donations from the Amazon lists and other decoration donations. DJ, photobooth, pizza (including a gf option), and stuff is all booked and planned for. National Honor Society volunteers from the high school will be there to help with stations like temporary tatoos, face painting, glow acessories, etc.
 - Getting a lot of questions about more than one adult with a student. But it needs to stay limited to just one adult per student.

Meeting called at: 7:50 pm

Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

- Colleen Courtney

And around 8 virtual attendees