

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2025

Meeting called to order in the library at: 7:04 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Paige Skrickus, Amy Green (virtual), Nina Adams, Shannon VanHoesen (virtual), Sue Ellis, and Mrs. Miller.
- Additional attendance: See final page for full list of in-person attendees. Also had 9 virtual attendees.

Officers Reports:

- President (Paige Skrickus):
 - Cindy Sumner will join the PTO board as Vice President for a two-year term starting in the '25-'26 school year (A BIG thank you to Amy Green for doing such a wonderful job these past years!!!)
- Treasurer (Nina Adams):
 - The gold outing was a great success, netting almost \$4,000!! Shout out to Alex B. for spearheading a great event!
 - Another reminder to staff to get reimbursement requests/receipts to Nina.
 - Also, a reminder that we'll be confirming or taking input for adjustments from staff for standing line items in our annual budget.
 - A big idea for fundraiser next year to support our CKLA curriculum end of unit enhancements (inflatable solar system, set of scrubs, volcano and rock backdrops, pirate flags, rock & mineral collections, Legos for building scenes, trade books, candle making kits . . . and lots of other great extensions to learning with the units. Ranges noted from teachers for a single grade level were anywhere from \$900-\$3500. Teachers are very excited about the idea. Another idea is for some more assemblies that come to us - one idea was a planetarium set up that comes and creates one at school for an assembly.
 - And this way it is tangible enrichment and enhancements that the community can see where their donations went to help improve student experiences.

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - Field day tomorrow, 6/4
 - Dr. Bidell reminded all that we do academics and learning through the end of the school year but try to make it fun. So, next week BES will be running short assemblies of "Are You Smarter Than A . . ." for each grade level where parents, students, and staff participate in the game show like event with students being the live studio audience, and then community members at home can watch the live stream via a link. Google Meet links will come out on Friday 6/6.
 - Fifth Grade Clap Out on 6/12 at 12:00. Parents and family members can come outside to join in (12:15pm). Students will walk a big loop around outside so parents and family members can all get a chance to see them.
 - Two-Hour Early Dismissal days on 6/12 & 6/13 (the 13th is the last day for students).
 - Musical updates - we have a director that is interested. He is an employee at local community programs. He works very well with kids and has lots of great experience. Some feedback we have received is that if we wanted it to be a 4th grade & 5th grade club thing, we could then do a separate 5th grade showcase/talent show where each student could do something since the Musical would then be a limited numbers of students as a club. The school is looking to get any thoughts and feedback on the idea by the start of next year (especially from rising 5th grade families)
 - Right now, the biggest "con" is that it would limit the number of students who can participate and it could involve turning away interested 5th graders.
 - Turning it into a club monetarily makes sense the way costs and things are going
 - Maybe PTO can create a Google Form to capture the feedback and send it out via the FB page.
 - We are shifting to a Block Party format for the start of the school year for things like release of Teacher assignments for students, peek at your seat, back to school night, etc. Parents can find out their student's teacher through PowerSchool before this event actually happens. The absolute earliest we could do it would be the Wednesday before school officially starts. So maybe that Thursday before school starts, that is traditionally the peak at your seat date.
 - K-5 everyone would be invited the week before school on an afternoon/evening. We'll still have postcards but instead of mailing them, they will be at a table for pickup. We will have food trucks and activity tables set up by

cultural arts teachers. It will give the community members a chance to mingle. Then doors will open and we will have Peek At Your Seat. And then also Session 1 & Session 2 of Back to School Night. (Students will be with their parents through the whole thing.)

- Still considering doing a separate Kindergarten playdate, maybe something informal hosted by PTO, involving just the students and parents (not teachers) to get to know each other. It could be at school or at Broadneck Park.
- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. D'Ascoli (Primary Grade Lead Teacher):
 - A thank you from the teachers for everything all year long!! Especially the field trip money and the lounge and teacher appreciation week.

Standing Committee Reports:

- 5th Grade Committee (Tiffany Barb):
 - Legacy gift. Students are going to fill out a Google Form on their favorite native plants. And then after school is out they will refurbish some of the front garden areas, including a dedication stone.
 - Because of the Clothing for Cash bin, 5th grade has been getting like \$300-\$400 a month. They have also had some successful fundraisers. So the grade has close to \$8,000 (including some to pass onto the in-coming grade).
 - Mon. - getting Chick-fil-A lunch, Tues - making lunches to support The Lighthouse Shelter, Wed. - ice cream truck (like an old school truck that has snowcones and premade/package ice cream treats), Thurs. - students will get their t-shirts.
 - Committee will supplement decorations for Promotion.

Other Discussion:

- Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday 6/9.

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Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Nicole D'Ascoli
2. Kristen M.

And 9 virtual attendees