

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Paige Skrickus, Nina Adams, Shannon VanHoesen, Cindy Sumner, Mr. Cordts, and Mrs. Miller.
- Additional attendance: About another 11 virtual attendees.

Officers Reports:

- President (Paige Skrickus):
 - Welcome
 - Meagan DiSalvo introduced as incoming recording secretary, taking over from Sue Ellis at the end of her current term..
 - 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:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - Mr. Cordts' retirement:
 - A letter was sent out to families this afternoon with this announcement. Mr. Cordts has served AACPS for 40 years, 13 of which have been with Broadneck. His successor is expected to be announced within the next week.
 - Mr. Cordts will send a personal letter for the Broadneck community to Paige to post through the PTO. This is the protocol for communication of such announcements.
 - The book fair in April went well!
 - ELA MCAP testing and makeup sessions were successful.
 - The 5th grade completed their water readiness field trip.
 - Our first Purple Up for Military Kids celebration breakfast was held with 7 families in attendance. Some parents were unable to attend due to deployments. We hope to continue this event next year.
 - The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast was held, sponsored by Black Market Bakers, and featured student talent showcases. It was a wonderful morning and we hope to get the date out with more notice next year.
 - First grade went to SERC (Smithsonian Environmental Research Center) last week and had a great field trip.
 - Severn River Middle's multicultural festival had strong family attendance.
 - Kindergarten registration is now open! Incoming families are encouraged to contact Ms. Stevens in the main office. Spread the word on registration with any families you may know with a rising kindergartner. The marquee at the school entrance has a registration announcement. Orientation coming up at the end of May.
 - A big thank you for all the love and support for assistant principal and principal appreciation day!
 - Upcoming school events:
 - Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is this week.

- PAC meeting Thursday May 7 at 7:30am.
 - Math MCAP testing runs May 11-14 for grades 3, 4, & 5.
 - Thursday of next week, kindergarten has Eco Adventures field trip.
 - 5th grade has panoramic class photo next week.
 - Terrapin release day is May 19th.
 - Blue Angels Day is May 20th. A form was sent home as an “exit ticket” for early dismissal at 11am. It will be an unexcused absence for students kept home the whole day.
 - No school May 25th for Memorial Day.
 - The 5th grade field trip to the Annapolis Maritime Museum is May 27th.
 - Kindergarten Orientation is May 27th at 3pm.
 - The seniors of Broadneck High will walk the halls the afternoon of May 29th.
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- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. Welsh (Music):
 - **Volunteer celebration:** Second grade and a small group of theater club students performed at the volunteer celebration.
 - **Spring Concert is May 7th:** at BES
 - Trying to borrow risers from middle school, ours are in bad shape and there are safety concerns using them.
 - Strings arrive at 5:45pm and perform at 6pm
 - Chorus enters around 6:20pm and performs at 6:30pm
 - Band enters around 6:50pm and performs at 7pm
 - There will be fundraisers at Fro-Yo House, Spizzico’s, and Vivi’s Chicken n’ Mac this day.
 - **Kings Dominion Trip:** We had great turnout with all the fundraisers, and we are able to fund the remaining balance on the buses and all of the students who met the criteria to receive financial assistance. Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraisers. We will continue the front row seat raffle tickets, skate night and Rita’s fundraisers for next year. Once students register in the fall, I will try to get a fundraising committee started for Kings Dominion 2027 trip.
 - **Promotion** - 5th grade will sing a song during the promotion ceremony.
 - **Chesapeake Baysox** - Chorus students will sing the National Anthem at the Chesapeake Baysox on May 21st. The game begins at **6:35 PM**. A portion of the ticket sale money gets donated to the chorus. Below is our fundraiser link to purchase tickets. <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Broadneckelementary2/offer>. The link closes the day before the game.
 - **Steel Drums 2027 Dates:** We have worked with fourth grade teachers to schedule the residency for April 12-16 2027. This will use the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County residency grant with a match from our PTO. If you are interested in using the ACAA assembly grant for next year, I can walk you through the process of finding an assembly and how to submit the grant application.
 - **Musical 2027:** I met with Atticus and Mrs. Rossell, they both want to continue to help next year as long as their schedules allow. We are working on a schedule of dates. We are hoping to have the show in early February. Auditions will be in September. Atticus has recommended a new choreographer since our choreographer for the past three years is going away to college. Please let me know if the PTO is keeping the line item for the theater club show kit/scripts for next school year.

- No plan to remove that line item from the PTO!
 - Full music department schedule can be found at the end of the minutes.
- Mrs. D'Ascoli (Primary Grade Lead Teacher):
 - A big thank you for all the teacher appreciation goodies and for organizing all of the daily events!
- Mrs. Cockcroft (Art):
 - Selected 15 students for the Art Club this afternoon and will let those families know this evening. There was overwhelming interest— approx. 40 permission slips sent in yesterday and 25 more today. Two rain barrels were brought in for the project; one was too damaged (detached lid) and could not be repurposed, but the other one is in good shape and has already been sanded and primed. The planned project is a paint by numbers theme for the 2nd and 3rd graders. This project will be repeated next year and there are also some other projects in planning.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Hospitality Committee** (Loretta Goodridge):
 - Teacher Appreciation Week: This week!
 - Monday: food truck. Tuesday: bloom bar for teachers to make bouquets. Wednesday: homemade dinners for every teacher to take home and reheat. Thursday: treat trolley with soda, coffee, 90s candy and snacks, and scratch off lottery tickets (4 winners will receive \$25 Amazon gift card for wish list items). Friday: Sweet Satisfaction ice cream truck.
 - Last Friday was School Lunch Hero Day (lunch ladies and recess/lunch monitors). Letty felt this was slightly overlooked and encouraged parents to thank those staff members.
 - This Friday is School Nurse Appreciation Day.
 - Call for more volunteers to join the Hospitality Committee next year!
- **5th Grade Committee:**
 - Working with Ms. Fitzpatrick for ideas with the service project. **Working with American Legion to work on making kits of some sorts.**
 - Reached out to Bay Hills about the pool party. We are aiming for the last day of school. Something like 2-5pm.
 - Also working on ideas for the Legacy Gift. **Logo mats for front of building decided on. Working on pricing these out.**
 - T-shirts have been delivered and distribution to 5th grade students happening soon.
- **Restaurant Fundraiser Nights:** Please support the Music Fundraiser restaurant nights

Open Discussion

- Nina Adams-
 - Girls on the run 5k was a success and a positive, uplifting experience. Thank you to Ms. Davis and Ms. Hawkings for organizing.
 - Golf tournament held yesterday. The tournament was sold out with 19 foursomes and 75 participants. 16 of the 18 holes were sponsored. Mr. Verastic's team won the tournament and they had a UVA golf player on their foursome. Jay has expressed interest in taking over the tournament next year.

- Mrs. Miller- budget consideration for next year (based on Belvedere Elementary’s PTO) to have PTO line items with stipends for teachers to run various after-school clubs. Examples given: chess club, hip hop dance club, environmental studies club. The intention is to increase student opportunities for after-school enrichment and incentivize teacher participation. Contact with Belvedere’s PTO to be made to discuss logistics.
 - Nina noted a concern about directly compensating employees and issuing 1099 forms and the compliance considerations. This can be discussed further with Belvedere’s PTO to understand how they handle the finance and logistic side before we move forward with this idea.
- Mrs. Cockcroft: 15 students’ artwork is currently on display at Annapolis Mall outside of Crate & Barrel. Additionally, over 30 students had artwork displayed at community events a few weeks ago.
- Nina: A running list of budget requests for the upcoming school year is currently being compiled. Mrs. D’Ascoli was asked to relay this information to teachers so that any groups of interest can be added with plenty of time. Groups should also report on if they fully utilized their budget for this year. Several reimbursement requests have been coming in recently.
- Next (final) meeting of this school year will be June 2nd.
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Remaining Music Calendar for the '25-'26 School Year

May 4th	chorus dress rehearsal 8:10-9:10am	Cafeteria/stage
Thursday May 7th	band/strings/chorus combined concert	BES cafeteria/gym
Thursday May 7th	Froyo House, Vivi's Chicken & Mac, spizzico's fundraiser	Froyo house arnold
May 8th	spring concert assembly	Cafeteria/stage/gym
May 15	Kings Dominion Chorus Trip	Kings Dominion
May 21st	Chesapeake Baysox	Chesapeake Baysox Stadium