

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Jan. 6, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Paige Skrickus, Cindy Sumner, Nina Adams, Shannon VanHoesen, Sue Ellis, Mr. Cordts, and Mrs. Miller.
- Additional attendance: About 20 virtual attendees.

Officers Reports:

- President (Paige Skrickus):
 - Welcome
 - HUGE shout out to Ms. Cockcroft & Ms. Howe for the holiday crafts the students did as gifts!!! They were fabulous!!
 - Also, a shoutout to Lettie and the Hospitality Committee for organizing and overseeing the Cookie Exchange for Teachers in December!
- Vice President (Cindy Sumner):
 - Committee updates (see committee section below)

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - A big congratulations to the music program/department for the wonderful winter concert in December.
 - Another Thank You from the teachers for the delicious Cookie Exchange as well.
 - 4th Grade is doing Dancing Through the Decades this week. They will perform for parents on Friday. A sign-up went out via email to pre-sign-up to come.
 - Our 5th Grade Chorus will make an extra stop during their field trip on Thursday – they will stop at Future Care to sing and bring cards for the residents.
 - Next week is Principal for the Day raffle, if anyone wants to purchase additional tickets.
 - The end of the Second Marking Period is coming. This is the first time we will have the NEW schedule for ending a marking period (no longer two days of early dismissal, now just one full day off for students). So, Jan. 16th is no school for students.
 - Jan. 19th there is no school for anyone for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - Jan. 20th there is no school for students for the semester break in the county schedule.
 - Mid-year iReady assessments will begin next week.
 - Our 5th Grade Musical will be performing on Jan. 30th & 31st.
 - Our English as a Second Language students will be competing some of their assessments at
 - Jan. 29th is the Polar Bear Plunge with some of our PE Teachers and 5th Graders supporting the Special Olympics fundraising.
- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. D'Ascoli (Primary Grade Lead Teacher):
 - The teachers really love the pick-me-up of the Cookie Exchange to help get them through the last stretch before break.
 - A thank you to all the parents for their volunteering time and supplies for the winter parties!

- Mrs. Welsh (Music Department):
 - **Musical:** Performances will be on Jan. 30th and 31st for evening performances and school assembly will be on the 30th as well.
 - There will be a restaurant fundraiser at Fro-Yo House and Vivi's Chicken 'n Mac on Jan. 29th
 - **Chorus:** On January 8th, our 5th grade chorus students will be taking a field trip to the high school to participate in Broadneck Sings!, formerly our cluster concert. During this field trip our students will get to meet and work with the middle school and high school chorus directors as well as meet and work with the other Broadneck cluster elementary, middle school and high school students. The field trip will culminate with a concert at the high school at 6pm that evening.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Trivia Night** (Amy Green):
 - Sunday, Feb. 15th, 7pm. Google Form sign-ups are coming out soon. \$20 per person. 2-8 people per team. Have one point of contact member for the team. Please sign up as soon as possible when it comes out, so it makes the planning less stressful 🙄
- **Hospitality Committee** (Loretta Goodridge): A Thank You to all the volunteers and cookie makers for the Cookie Exchange. And a big thank you to Christine for all her help and household items on the day of!!
- **5th Grade Committee** (Sheri Berberian): Focusing on the Glow Dance right now (which is on Feb. 27th). Invitations will be coming out soon. The next 5th grade committee meeting is Jan. 22nd (will be posted on the PTO Facebook page). The Clothing to Cash fundraiser is doing great!!
- **Restaurant Fundraiser Nights** (Melissa Patterson):
 - Musical's Fro-Yo House and Vivi's Chicken 'n Mac on Jan. 29th
- **Golf Outing** (Alex Berberian): The committee had their first meeting. They have their foundation set.
- **Broadneck Ball:** Planning meeting set for Jan. 9th to kick off planning logistics. We have already decided on a theme and sent out that Save The Date (which will continue to be sent out). Photobooth and DJ are already booked as well. (Ball will be on Friday, March 13th)
- **Girls on the Run:** We are still looking for a few parent volunteers to lead this year's Girls on the Run Club (for grades 3-5) for the Spring Season (which starts soon after winter break).

Open Discussion

- PTO had talked at the end of last year about doing a Town Hall style in-person PTO Meeting. We were thinking we would try to do this next month (February). We would still have our business-as-usual rundown, but then we would add some type of presentation. Some topics we were thinking about:
 - Becoming a 5-Star School
 - Social Media help/info
 - Mrs. Miller said specialists from the Board or from the School Resource Department might be good one to present about electronics/social media/etc. She's willing to reach out for us if we're interested in this topic.
 - Media Specialists to help with ideas to boost reading
- Jan. 21st from 6-8pm the joint middle schools (Magothy & Severn River) are having their Mental Health Awareness Night. Sheri Berberian will share the flyer out through Mrs. Miller and the PTO. The event does require an RSVP.

Meeting called at: 7:27 pm

Music Calendar for the '25-'26 School Year

January 8th	Cluster chorus concert-field trip	Broadneck High school
January 22 or 23	Middle School Band/strings assembly	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
Jan 23, 26, 27, 28	Musical Tech Week 2:25pm-7pm	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
Jan 30th	Musical Assembly	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
Jan 30, 31	Musical evening shows	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
TBD	Volunteer Celebration Performance	Cafeteria/stage
May 4th	chorus dress rehearsal 8:10-9:10am	Cafeteria/stage
Thursday May 7th	band/strings/chorus combined concert	BES cafeteria/gym
May 8th	spring concert assembly 8:30am	Cafeteria/stage/gym
5/15/2026	Kings Dominion Chorus Trip	Kings Dominion
5/21/2026	Bowie Baysox	Bowie Baysox Stadium
TBD	3rd grade Recorder Showcases	Welsh Music Room

Additional Attendance from Google Meet

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1. XX | 10. XX. |
| 2. XX | 11. XX |
| 3. XXX. | |