

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Meeting called to order in the library at: 7:02 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Natalie Ray, Karen Davis, Sue Ellis
- Additional attendance: See final page for full list

Officers Reports:

- President (Natalie Ray):
 - Thank you to everyone for a successful 2022
 - Holiday Shop - maybe next year the company can send more of a brochure to show the type of items that will be available
 - Trivia Night – lots of tables sold so far, PTO would like to sponsor faculty table(s) to encourage teachers to come have fun with everyone
 - Assemblies in the work for this year, one in the next couple months and then one later in the year
 - BGE came to prep electric for marquee, sign being installed on Friday the 9th
 - President of PTO term will be up at the end of the school year, so starting to look for interested candidates
- Vice President (Amy Green):
 - Silent Auction – lots of donations lined up, should be a good fundraiser and raffle
- Treasurer (Karen Davis):
 - Treasurer's Report – is now up to date after paying out some older items

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - Thank you for a great American Education Week. Solicited feedback from attendees.
 - Parent-Teacher conferences went well; thank you everyone.
 - Festive Fridays – trying not to overwhelm people with all the theme days in one week. Flannel was last week, Tinsel Day this Friday, then Ugly Sweater Day, and ends with PJ day on the 22nd.
 - Thursday evening, the 15th – Dr. Bidell is hosting a Listening & Learning Tour for the Broadneck Cluster at the High School. Good opportunity to give feedback and thoughts to the superintendent.
 - Exciting News/Bitter-Sweet – Ms. English is retiring at the end of the month. Currently interviewing to fill the position.
- Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
 - Bus situation slowly but surely improving. Picked up one more, still short one. Looks like the board said there are 60 bus drivers missing across the county, but 60 are in training. Morning and afternoon pickups seem to be going more smoothly.
 - Mandated security drills throughout the course of the year (safety and security) – one coming up next week. There will be notice given to parents and staff, but students will not be notified.
 - Looking ahead to January – our ESOL students will be taking assessments in late January.
 - Late January/early February – reading assessments will be happening for students
 - Grade Level teams are having some winter/holiday parties. Teachers are reaching out to families with details.

- Teacher Reports:
 - Angela Wakshul: Feedback about Boosterthon and Outdoor Classroom from teachers
 - Survey results were presented at the meeting
 - Outdoor classroom may not be in the best location for lots of usage
 - Boosterthon went well, lots of positive feedback, maybe adjust BT people coming into classrooms for a little less disruption in tricky time of October routine, some felt trying to keep track of all the individual class incentive days was difficult
 - Mrs. Duckett is back from maternity leave!!
 - Elizabeth Welsh: Music Program
 - Successful performances: Chorus sang the Star-Spangled Banner with the other cluster schools at the AACPS Marching Band Festival-Welsh/Bailey; Strings students performed at the Cluster Spooky Strings Event-Bailey; Chorus sang at the cluster chorus concert at the middle school on 12/2.-Welsh; First grade took a field trip to see the BSO perform. - Hess
 - Upcoming performances: Dec 12-band and strings concert -Bailey; Dec 20th- chorus and dance concert- Welsh & Shuck; We have 117 students in the chorus. We are planning to borrow some risers from Cape St. Clare because we do not have enough risers to fit the whole chorus; March date TBD- 3rd grade field trip to the BSO-Hess; May 2nd-spring chorus concert-Welsh; May 5th-spring chorus amusement park adjudication field trip-Welsh; June 3rd-chorus sings national anthem at Bowie Baysox game-Welsh; We ordered BES Music t-shirts for each band, strings and chorus student to wear for performances
 - 4th grade steel drum residency (Welsh): In October Mrs. Welsh applied for a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. The grant has been fully funded (over \$5,000). Rock Creek Steel Drums will be our resident artist from Jan 9-13th. Each fourth grade class will meet with the artist each day that week to learn how to play some songs on the steel drums. There is a possibility that we can do an afterschool concert to show families if I can arrange it with the artist.
 - 5th grade musical: Aladdin Jr. the musical is on Tuesday April 18th; 65 students auditioned for roles; Each student in 5th grade will perform in a song with their class. The whole grade will perform in two songs together as well; Looking for volunteers without students in 5th grade to help with tasks during the show
 - Recorders (Welsh/Hess): Third grade students will start to learn how to play the recorder during music class starting in January. Each student will get their own recorder to use during class. They will not share recorders. There is a possibility that we may be able add some recorder performances to the spring chorus concert.
 - Ukuleles: Mrs. Hess has arranged for BES to borrow some Ukuleles from another school to use with our 4th grade students. Ukuleles will need to be taught staggered classes because Welsh & Hess both teach some 4th grades at the same time.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Gigi Bennett: Book Fair 12/12 - 12/16
 - Wishlists 12/9-12/15, Family shopping on 12/13 & 12/14 3:00-6:30 pm.
 - Food Truck on 12/14 at BEST from 3:00-6:30 pm - 2 Bold Chefs Mediterranean Food, 10% of food sales to benefit 5th Grade Activity Committee

Other Discussion:

- Inquiry about if there will be a 2nd Grade Field Trip since that grade has yet to go on any elementary field trips since starting kindergarten.
 - Mrs. Miller is indeed looking into that, trying to get each grade level a field trip
- Some challenges with field trips now is the buses – trips can't leave until at least 9:30 am because buses do all the school drop-off runs

Meeting called at: 7:45 pm

Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Sarah Mullen
2. Sheri Berberian
3. Anna Tisari
4. Angela Wakshul
5. Kristin Kershner
6. Gigi Bennett
7. Molly Wood
8. Kristen Musallam