

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Meeting called to order in the library at: 7:00 pm

Attendance:

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

Officers Reports:

- President (Natalie Ray):
 - Marquee sign – BGE didn't get to run the electric at first because of bad weather and then they waited too long and the permit ran out, so we're dealing with that to eventually get the electric run and have our operating sign
 - Spring Activities
 - Spring Family Night that has a side with a DJ for dancing and a side for games and fun, including some stuff outside; tickets would be purchased
 - PTO Board Positions (vote is in March, role effective June 1st)
 - President position term is ending so it will be open if anyone is interested (2 year term)
 - Corresponding Secretary is also ending and open for nominees (1 year term)
 - Trivia Night
 - Still have an open table
 - Lots of cool auction items, including Ravens & Orioles stuff
- Treasurer (Karen Davis):
 - Treasurer's Report
 - 5th Grade Fundraiser – cake pop kits through a local baker (behind bowling alley in Severna Park) for Valentine's Day timing (\$25 kits, 10% kickback), but not only Valentine's theme kits available

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
 - Thanked everyone for Book Fair and Holiday Shop and concerts and staff holiday luncheon.
 - Holiday Shop – maybe do it a week or two earlier to cover in case of the inventory restock delivery, looking into another company too, anonymous donations were given to school so every student had the chance to shop
 - Steel Drum residency started Monday for 4th Graders. Resident artist coming in to teach the students. There will be Friday performance this week that parents are invited to. So far lots of positive feedback.
 - Reminder no school Monday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; early dismissal 23rd & 24th; no school on the 25th for end of semester
 - ESL students and kindergarten students are doing some reading assessments right now
 - Playground Update
 - Still planning to basically tear out current playground, minus the most recent piece, this spring. Put in the new ground/flooring and pieces. The BOE said they have the funding for us to get the full makeover. This does not include the basketball area. We will do a walk around and assess what PTO can then get for the outside area from fundraiser money.

- Now have more of the fundraiser money to spend on something else since not really needed for much of playground makeover.
- Bus evacuation practice tomorrow (the 12th)
- Mrs. Miller's survey about the Parent Meet & Greet seems to be showing a Wednesday night as the most chosen time for it, more survey entries still being collected.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Gigi Bennett – Book Fair overview
 - Not quite the huge success as it was last year. About \$12,000 in sales, compared to almost \$22,000 last year. Although pre-COVID it was usually closer to the \$15,000 range. Could have been impacted by timing (close to winter break) for both sales and volunteers, lots of illness going around, people being really excited last year since it was coming off COVID closed year, etc. But positive feedback overall about students and families enjoying it.
 - Inquiry about shopping time during school day – discussions were had, and in-school can get difficult because of interrupting media classes, a lot on the front office having that many possible parents coming in, no good solution yet for sending students in with money, difficulties with letting students shop without parent supervision, etc. But the interest is recognized, and community input will be solicited in near future to gather ideas for any changes that could be made for next year.
 - Booked next year's fall date already to help try and avoid less than optimal timing.
 - There will be a spring one in May also.
- Cindy Sumner - Restaurant Nights
 - Seem like Broadneck Peninsula restaurants are more successful than into Severna Park or Annapolis, etc. Community input will be solicited in near future to see preferences to cater the fundraisers more to what input says. Want them to be as successful as possible.
 - Leaning towards one a month so it's not too much to keep track of for families, and then maybe an adult happy hour themed one every once and a while.

Other Discussion:

- Field Trips for each grade level?? Different grade levels are working on field trip ideas. 1st Grade already had one. 2nd Grade trip is unknown at the moment, to our knowledge. Seems like most grade levels are working on them.

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Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Shannon VanHoesen
2. Nina
3. Gigi Bennett
4. Sheri Berberian
5. Kristen Musallam
6. Cindy Sumner