

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Oct. 3, 2023

Meeting called to order in the library at: 7:05 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Alex Berberian, Amy Green (virtual), Karen Davis, Shannon VanHoesen, Sue Ellis. Mrs. Miller & Mr. Cordts.
- Additional attendance: See final page for full list.

Officers Reports:

- President (Alex Berberian):
 - Voted to approve the \$4k of electrical work for the new sound system. It was in the quote last year, but we never voted on it in addition to the actual sound system.
 - Boosterthon - please register your students and begin fundraising. If you sign up by Friday, and comment on the FB post "done", you will be in the running for a Rise Up gift card (there are 2 to give away).
 - Harvest for the Hungry – we have one volunteer slot still open that needs to be filled. See the Sign-Up Genius.
 - Still have about 10 slots to be filled for the PBIS Celebration on the 13th.
- Vice President (Amy Green):
 - Spirit Wear store closed. Items should be shipping out next week. There is talk of opening it again for those who missed the first opportunity.
- Treasurer (Karen Davis):
 - Corporate sponsorships/donations have been coming in, so that's great.

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - Trying to keep the "running dates" section of the Bees Buzz up to date containing information for a whole marking period.
 - Oct. 10th at 6:30-7:30pm at Belvedere Elementary School – Broadneck Peninsula schools are hosting one of the Academy presentations. This one focuses on bullying and how it's handled.
 - Oct. 11-12th, 5th graders have an audition workshop opportunity with Mrs. Miller (learning how to audition and what it's like).
 - Oct. 11th there is a Hispanic Heritage night at the High School.
 - Halloween – we are having a parade at 8:30am. It will start with 5th graders and work backwards in grade level. Classes will also host celebrations that day.
 - We have had 2 volunteer orientations: one for general and one for our "helping hands" group. If people go to bepresent@aacps.org, you can sign up for a 2 hour training and have your name added to a list to have the \$63 finger printing fee covered. (Info can also be found in the Bees Buzz)
 - Assemblies – Mrs. Welsh wrote a grant that we're waiting to hear back about. One we're looking at is "Hip Hop Add Up" that is math focused using some music and hip-hop dancing. Another is a No Bullying/Stop Bullying assembly also with music and fun. We would still have some money left over from the grant for a possible third assembly. Mrs. Miller solicited ideas for topics of that third assembly within the budget of what would be left.
 - Talked about ways to further advertise the PTO meetings in advance to try and get the word out more to try and increase attendance. And ideas to increase attendance in general.

- Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
 - Oct. 4th – fourth and fifth grade students will be bringing home MCAP scores.
 - Kindergarten is finishing up their readiness assessment in the next week.
 - Oct. 4th is National Alert Day – alert test should be coming out to phones and such around 2:20pm.
- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. Fisher was here representing the 3-5th grade staff this month.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Fall Family Festival (Dawn L./Shannon M.):
 - 2 food trucks will be coming (1 is owned by a kindergarten dad), lots of vendors (some are BES parents), table for the library fundraiser, 5th grade committee fundraiser table, games, inflatable Gaga pit, photo booth, etc.
 - BHS NHS looking into helping get us volunteers.
 - Looking for some additional fundraiser type ideas so we don't have to charge for the event.
 - Rain plan would be to pull it inside. There's a new policy though where you have to apply and pay a fee, so we also suggested a Rain Date of Sunday the 29th.
 - There will be a Sign-Up Genius looking for some parent and/or staff volunteers to help in chunks as well.
- Boosterthon (Shannon V.):
 - Human S'mores worked well last year as an incentive so we asked Mrs. Miller and Mr. Cordts if they would be up for becoming Human Dirt Cups to go with the GROW theme.
 - We only have about 20% of students registered.
 - Shannon M. offered an incentive like first class to get to 100% registered could have a "party" at the Y to climb the Rock Wall. Or one from K-2 and one from 3-5. So that's in the talks.

Other Discussion:

- Really circled back to ideas related to the above topics.

Meeting called at: 8:00 pm

Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Sheri Berberian
2. Tricia Fisher
3. Nina Adams
4. Sue Camper
5. Laura Sparks
6. Kristan Musallam
7. Additional attendees on Google Meet (not recorded this time)