

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Feb. 6, 2024

Meeting called to order in the library at: 7:08 pm

Attendance:

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

Officers Reports:

- President (Alex Berberian):
 - Golf Outing will be Mon., May 20th. There will be some side contests and fun stuff. It will be 4 golfers per group. If you're a single, we will try to put you together with others.
- Vice President (Amy Green):
 - Spirit Wear: It is possible to open the spirit wear "store". We will look into it and see about adding other brands and logos.
 - Trivia Night, Feb. 19th at O'Loughlins
 - We have 14 teams signed up
 - We have 20 seats left open. Mrs. Miller, we could probably host a second teacher team if you have extra folks who are interested!
 - The official trivia game will have 4 rounds. We are hoping to have prizes for 1st and 2nd place.
 - There will also be a 50/50 raffle
 - We hope to have door prizes. Everyone automatically gets entered into the drawing just for playing. These prizes will be small things like \$10 FroYo House gift cards.
 - We hope to have three-ish rounds of individual trivia. People can pay \$5 for three chances to win. Between rounds, we will ask a random trivia question. The person who comes closest to the answer without going over, wins a prize. Questions will be like, "What is the weight of a blue whale's heart in ounces?" Answer: 6400
 - We will have another raffle where people can purchase tickets and put them in jars next to prizes they want to win.
 - We have received lots of donations so far for prizes. Still waiting to hear back from some.
 - "Wish List" - We would be happy to offer discounted seats to folks who donate to the wish list. Any other gift cards or merchandise-type items to be used as prizes--at this point we're in good shape, but the more we have, the more money we raise. A donation of bottle(s) of wine for winning teams. A donation of a plate of cookies or something for winning teams. A donation of a roll of tickets. We could actually use three different colors. The ticket rolls do not have to be new. A donation of inexpensive frames that we could use to display the gift cards. Tins/Jars to be donated or lent for tickets for the random raffle. Place cards that we can put on tables with table numbers and/or team names. And pens.
- Treasurer (Karen Davis):
 - Treasury report printed and available, as it is each month.
 - PTO approved Tammy's request to have the Kindness Fund and Field Trip Assistance money transferred into the school account so it's easier use and doesn't have to go through the reimbursement process after the fact.

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller)/ Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
 - Spread the Love Campaign – based on the 5 different love languages, Mrs. Miller has fun teacher community building themes for the teachers (dress themed days, making sandwiches for the Lighthouse Shelter, sharing positive encouragement notes with each other, etc.).
 - Encouraging students and parents to send it little notes of positive affirmation and appreciation to faculty members next week.
 - Music department ukeleles – Brooklyn Park lent us their ukeleles. We have them for only 2 weeks, so there isn't really enough time to get them the practice they need to do an actual recital. The school would like to purchase our own set so this isn't an obstacle anymore.
 - Kinds Heart Jump Rope Challenge – will happen during PE. Literature will be coming home about that. Week of 2/20-2/23.
 - Feb. 28th will be an informational meeting at Magothy Middle School; "The Sound of Silence"
 - 5th Grade drownproofing will be March 1st & 4th.
 - The first week of March will be Read Across America week. Information will come home about that.
 - March 7th The Best Of Broadneck Night – will be set up in the cafeteria with many tables and stations to see. It's from 6:30-7:30pm. It will showcase a variety of academic and wellness activites our staff provide to our students as well as a chance to see students' science fair projects.
 - Spring Fling – March 20th, 5:00pm & 7:00pm shows
 - Looking for some help to put together an event in March to align with Women's History. The event would be like a job fair. It can have virtual parts and women come in to talk too. We would especially like to highlight STEAM related jobs. We would like to show all sorts of different job opportunities that members of our community have experience with. Email Mrs. Miller (JMiller1@aacps.org)
 - Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be April 22nd.
 - Mrs. Shuck has made it to the Top 15 of finalists for AAC Teacher of the Year!!
 - If you know anyone who is willing or wanting to substitute, BES is in need of a Special Educator Substitute (long-term sub) to fill in for a teacher who has to be out for the rest of the school year. It is a floating special educator so this person would be going into many different classrooms.
 - Teachers have been inquiring about the outdoor learning space. PTO had to put a pause on that last year. There were logistical obstacles and other obstacles and so the PTO focused on the speaker sound system for the school auditorium. But the PTO can begin looking into the outdoor learning space again.
 - iReady diagnostics happening for Reading and Math. iReady is an emphasized data point for placement and classrooms. Teachers and staff are trying to come up with a small "reward" for all the students for when diagnostic testing is over on the 16th. We are looking at 2/21 as the reward day. We would need volunteers to help pass out whatever the little reward turns out to be. Maybe something food/treat related but keeping in mind allergies (like frozen fruit pops).
 - We would like to have a community fun night this spring again for families. Ideas are being discussed, taking into account feedback on last year's event, where too many different activities and ideas happened all at the same time. So maybe in April something more on the formal side first and then maybe a separate game night/outside fun event later in the month/spring.
 - One suggested name for the "formal" event is The Broadneck Ball. Boys and Girls, Moms and Dads, other family members that the student wants to be involved – it would be a

more open formal dance approach. It would probably have some sort of small entry/ticket price to help pay for decorations, food, etc. And maybe we can have a donation like program to help keep equity in charging for the event.

- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. Fisher (upper grade rep):
 - Teachers appreciate the support at home with iReady. iReady really helps teachers have “live” data to talk to parents about during the school year, especially in between the two formal testing times. It is also used as homework for some grades and actual grades as well too.
 - 5th Grade GLOW dance was a success!!!
 - 4th Grade is working on their backpack donation program.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Fundraiser:** Cindy Sumner (Restaurant Night) – Cindy is no longer the point of contact for this. We are looking for someone to take over this position.
- We brought on Laura & Erin as a new committee to help with the creation and management of the marquee sign slides.

Other Discussion:

- The PTO is looking for a possible guest speaker for the March meeting to support Women’s History Month.
- The 5th Grade Committee is thinking about a Joe Corbi’s fundraiser for the spring. They are also looking at the idea of a Friend Gram type fundraiser. We hope people continue to donate to the clothing bin in the parking lot.

Meeting called at: 8:00 pm

Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Mrs. Fisher
2. Virtual attendees