

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2024

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, and Mr. Cordts.
- Additional attendance: See final page for full list.

Officers Reports:

- President (Alex Berberian):
 - Golf Outing will be Mon., May 20th. It has been officially announced.
 - Marquee sign operators SHOUT OUT!! They are doing awesome!!
 - Talked to Rita's about a fundraiser day for BES. It's a set range of hours on one day and we'll get 10%. Maybe April? Maybe May? Maybe one each month?
 - Still working on the idea of a Restaurant Week fundraiser (possibly partnering with Cape ES and Magothy River MS). Maybe mid-May?
- Vice President (Amy Green):
 - Spirit Wear:
 - Hoping to have some updates within a week.
 - Checking with staff on some thoughts too.
- Treasurer (Karen Davis):
 - Treasury report printed and available, as it is each month.

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - This Thursday, the 7th, is The Best of BES. There will be stations with interactive activities, some run by teachers, some by other community organizations, like Thrive, bowling, etc.
 - Spring Fling coming. The night shows are on March 20th and the school assembly will be on the 21st.
 - Principal for the Day drawing is coming up. A paper will come home tomorrow. The drawing will be on the 19th.
 - Spring Break starts March 25th through April 1st, returning to school on the 2nd.
 - It's National Autism month so some awareness activities will happen.
 - Then Assistant Principal Week.
 - And then Volunteer Appreciation to follow in April.
 - BES started to fall into a chronically absent rate last year (definitely somewhat tied to transportation issues). We are now up to 89.9% NOT chronically absent! We are up more than 10% from this time last year.
 - iReady has a strong correlation to MCAP, data supported. Our iReady data has grown in a positive direction since the fall. There was a 19% rate of 3rd graders two or more grade levels below at the beginning of the year, and now we're at 5%. Similar improvement in other grades also.
 - PBIS celebration was much appreciated by students and staff.
 - Huge THANK YOU to the marquee sign managers!
 - Thank you for Trivia Night!!

- In February “love” month for the staff, in just under 15 minutes our staff made over 150 sandwiches for the Lighthouse Shelter that were then delivered.
- Finding Nemo Musical shows April 18th & 19th.
- Next PBIS celebration will be a “paint night” during the school day. We will need two volunteers each day to help lay out the papers and clean up to set up for the next group. April 2, 4, 5, 9, and 11th are the dates. We can also break up the volunteer slots in chunks throughout the day so it’s not necessarily the same two people all day. It’s about 30 minutes of activity time and 15 minutes of clean up for each class.
- Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
 - 5th grade taking state Science assessments this week.
 - 3rd, 4th, 5th grade MCAP will be coming up 4/22-5/2. Details to come when the dates get closer.
 - Spring Pictures next Monday, the 11th.
 - Classroom teachers will be giving quarterly assessments in Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies between now and spring break.
 - Unity Day is coming up on the 19th.
 - 3rd marking period ends the first week of April when we return from Spring Break.
 - If anyone has an interest in being a substitute, reach out for more information.
- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. D’Ascoli (early grade rep):
 - Check the calendars that come out with the Bees Buzz, there are a lot of events coming in the spring.
 - Try to keep routines in place at home and support your students as we head into the busy springtime at school.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Book Fair** (Gigi Bennett):
 - Spring Book Fair 5/2-5/10.
 - Important fundraiser for the library.
 - It’s extended this year since it’s our only one for the school year.
 - Looking for delivery of inventory to be 4/21-5/1.
 - We did well last year with the “in-school shopping” so we’re trying to offer that again. There will of course be after-school shopping times as well.
 - Gigi is looking for a partner to help who might also be interested in taking over the book fair in the future.
 - The guidance counselors will have \$12 certificates to help those who can use the assistance. Maybe we can do what we did for holiday shop and turn those into cash to help not stand out.

- **BES Ball** (Paige Skrickus):
 - The Broadneck Ball will be Friday, April 5th, at the school in the gym/cafeteria. We have split the dance into two time slots (4:30-6pm, 6:30-8pm) in order to keep within the 400 person capacity. The time slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.
 - We booked the same DJ and Photo Booth Company as last year's spring night.
 - We've talked about having snack stuff (donated, sign-up genius will be sent out) and possibly a popcorn bar (maybe \$1 for a bucket of popcorn).
 - Wildflower florist has offered to give us \$1 towards the dance for every corsage or boutonniere purchased.
 - We're trying to figure out how to do the actual ticketing.
 - Possibly use a separate PayPal link made just for the dance. The PayPal link can be used to pay using PayPal or using Credit/Debit card.
 - Cash?? Trying to think of ways to tie payment to a Google Form.

Other Discussion:

- None

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Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Kristen Musallam
2. Paige Skrickus
3. Gigi Bennett
4. Virtual attendees (Laura Sparks)