

# Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

April 9, 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 (virtual), Sue Ellis, and Mr. Cordts.
- Additional attendance: See final page for full list.

## Officers Reports:

- President (Alex Berberian):
  - Broadneck Ball – BIG thank you to Paige & committee!!
  - Golf Outing will be Mon., May 20<sup>th</sup>.
    - 4 foursomes are signed up. 3 more are coming. Hoping for a total of 10-12 when all is said and done. Please share the info and post so word gets out. We have one major sponsor, that's how it was planned.
  - MCAP PTO involvement: Amy Green will work with teachers to arrange for a classroom Sign-Up Genius for snacks. PTO will provide supplies for Orange Crushes, if wanted again.
- Vice President (Amy Green):
  - Spirit Wear: the Spring online store is open. It is scheduled to be open for another week. We could extend it, if wanted. It does include the Music Department shirt for students.
- Treasurer (Karen Davis):
  - Treasury report printed and available, as it is each month.
  - We have a healthy bank account right now and we don't have a "big project" that the money is slotted for now that the audio system in school has been done. So, we are in good shape to start planning for a good, long-term, big project that we can set our sights on. Maybe now is a good time to gather ideas and pick a project(s) before the end of the school year so we're set to start either end of this year, if not, at the very beginning of next year.
    - Outdoor classroom space, STEM supplies, outdoor/recess area improvements, etc.
    - PTO will put out a Google Form to solicit ideas/votes from staff and community.

## School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
  - Echoed sentiments of fun and great time everyone had at the Broadneck Ball.
  - Parent Volunteers – PBIS paint parties have been great. The kids really have been enjoying it. So, thank you to all the volunteers.
  - We've had some teachers out at a reading conference thanks to the funding from the PTO so they can go. So, thank you for supporting our literacy department.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade going to Watkins Park on Fri 4/12.
  - MCAP starts next week with 3rd & 4th grade, M/T/W math. 5<sup>th</sup> grade 4/24 & 4/26 & 5/1 for MCAP math. (MCAP are state assessments. First it's Math and then it's ELA in May)
  - Terrapin is going on a trip next Wednesday to be released with Mrs. Wakshul and 10-12 students.
  - 4/18 & 4/19 are the Finding Nemo performances. Students have a lot of rehearsals coming up.
  - Volunteer breakfast is on 4/25 during volunteer appreciation week.

- Kindergarten field trip to Downs Park on 5/9. Fifth grade 5/16 & 5/20 field trip to Maritime Museum.
- Thank you for the Assistant Principal Appreciation Week love.
- PBIS celebration for the end of the school year will be 5/31. Will probably be popsicles and chalk like last year.
- Literacy change for next year will include removing Foundations and F&P and being replaced by one overall program, which will have its own breakdowns for differentiation to fit students' different levels. Teachers see the new curriculum as positive and are excited for this new particular curriculum.
- **Teacher Reports:**
  - Mrs. Fisher (upper grade rep):
    - Training for the new curriculum will start this spring for the literacy department and then extend to the rest of the staff this summer and into the beginning of the next school year. More information will go out to parents closer to the start of next school year.
    - Staff trying to ease more into MCAP and less a "countdown to MCAP". Trying to teach test taking skills since that is a factor, along with reviewing concepts with students.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

- **Hospitality (Jessica Manchester):**
  - Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up the first full week of May. Right now, thinking of ideas for each day. Tentative plans: coffee & muffins/breakfast sandwiches day, flower stand day, dessert day/ice cream truck day, charcutier boxes day, and luncheon on the Friday.
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- **Book Fair (Gigi Bennett):**
  - 5/1, 7-7:50am teacher preview day.
  - Spring Book Fair 5/2-5/10.
  - In-School Shopping: 5/7 10:10-11:10am, 5/9 8:10-9:10 and 12:10-1:10pm, and 5/10 is the final one from 10:10-11:10am.
  - After School Shopping for families: 5/7 3-7pm, 5/8 2:45-6pm, and 5/9 3-7pm
  - Please sign up to volunteer on the Sign-Up Genius
- **BES Ball (Paige Skrickus):**
  - Thanked everyone for their help and participation for Broadneck Ball. Asked for any thoughts/feedback:
  - First dance had like 140+ students and the second dance had around 220+
  - Maybe only need 15 minutes between the two time slots rather than 30 minutes.
  - The corsages and boutonnières were a nice touch.
  - Maybe a way to get a number or a time slot for the photobooth so not as much time has to be spent in line.

### **Other Discussion:**

- Asking about teachers who have been excessed for next year, including Mr. Brinton. Mr. Cordts explained that those changes in staffing numbers come from county/state based on number of students due to be in the school the next year (schools get told the number of staff positions they have based on the number/population count of enrollment). The practice is by seniority so those who are the most recent hires are, unfortunately, the ones to get excessed when it's required. There is a new Maryland Blue Print the state is using so this has changed the classroom size/staffing positions.

- Chromebook question – about turning them into the school at the end of the school year. Mr. Cordt’s understanding is the school will provide them in school, families would be responsible for having a device at home (doesn’t have to be a chromebook), and there should be help available for those who financially need support. He is still waiting for more information as well.

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Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Paige Skrickus
2. Nina Adams
3. Jessica Manchester
4. Kristen Musallam
5. Kristen Mollet
6. Lisa Bosnjak
7. Andrea Beckman
8. Chelsea Koski
9. Colleen Courtney
10. Angie Pope