

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

May 9, 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 (virtual), 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.
 - 10 foursomes signed up. It should make about \$3,000.
 - Treasurer Position Election:
 - Karen Davis completed her 3-year term. We have had the opening posted for a few weeks. Nina Adams was nominated, seconded, and voted into office to take effect June 1st.
 - We have the popsicles for the end of MCAP testing.
 - As of June 9th, Alex will be resigning, for personal reasons. Paige Skrickus is one parent interested in filling the role for the rest of his term. If anyone else is interested, please contact the PTO. The PTO tries not to have the Treasurer and President terms end in the same year. So the newly elected “term finisher” President would be President for one year to finish Alex’s term, and then the Office of President will be up for its scheduled election in May of ’25.
- Vice President (Amy Green):
 - Spirit Wear sale – we were able to include the music shirts in the spring store, so now we can always include the music shirt if wanted. We can also open a full store or just one for the music store whenever we want since we’re working with Boosterthon for our online store. We will look into trying to bring the shirt cost down with Boosterthon when it’s a big 100+ order.
- Treasurer (Karen Davis):
 - Treasury report printed and available, as it is each month.
 - Officers and attendees gave a shout out to Karen and all her hard work.

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - We feel like spreading out the “spring” events across more of the “spring” months has helped with people’s busy schedules.
 - We are in the middle of “field trip season” with lots of trips happening.
 - No school on Tuesday, May 14th for election day.
 - Trying to get the Annapolis Blues soccer team back to do something with the school. In the meantime, we’ll be having a wear blue day to help kick off their season (coming soon to Bees Buzz).
 - Blue Angels perform on May 22nd, permission forms have gone home.
 - PBIS celebration with popsicles and chalk will happen on May 31st.
 - Field Day will be June 4th. T-shirt orders took place (\$5 each) to get the “team colors” for the students.
 - 5th grade promotion is June 10th.

- We decided to go with the quick popsicle celebration after MCAP over Crushes for the ease and less mess but there will still be a celebration with music, etc.
- A big thank you to Jessica Manchester (and team) for a fabulous Teacher Appreciation week!!
- Thank you to Mrs. Bennett for a wonderful book fair.
- Thank you to Ms. Self for creating an online Lost & Found. It's been amazing!! Clothes can be reclaimed or donated.
- Thank you to Mr. Berberian & PTO for the flowers to staff for every special event. It's a much-appreciated tradition.
- People have asked about the idea, again, of an outdoor classroom space. Wondering if the 5th grade wants to do it as a legacy gift. Or the PTO wants to do it. Or the two groups want to work together on it. We will put the committees/groups together.
- This year the Spring Concert was all inclusive on one night – band, strings, orchestra all together at the middle school. Soliciting feedback on thoughts/feelings.,
 - One comment was that it was great to be all together. It was questioned about not being able to see the kids because they weren't on the stage. It was then explained that even the middle school has to do it similarly because the stage is just not big enough to fit the band/strings on the actual stage.
 - Mrs. Welsh talked about how a possible rotation schedule is possible where the band is from this time to this time, strings from this time to this time, etc. She hasn't done one this way, but we could look into it.
- Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
 - MCAP is coming to a close. Thankfully without any major bumps or problems. We are just working on finishing make-ups. Thanks to the parents for getting students to school on time in a good mindset and well fed.
- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. Welsh (music department):
 - The new sound system has been fantastic. They're coming soon for the final "perfect" tuning. It's set up so Mrs. Shuck can use the sound system and have it only go to the gym and use wireless mic. It has the ability for assemblies to have headsets so everything can be heard.
 - Fabulous job on the 5th grade play! 2nd graders did a wonderful job singing at the Volunteer Breakfast.
 - Band, Strings, Chorus assembly is tomorrow (5/10) in school.
 - Chorus will be performing the National Anthem at a Baysox game.
 - PTO voted to support the Steel Drum experience again next year for 4th graders.
 - She inquired about the PTO paying for the show-kit for next year's musical. PTO said we will discuss it at the Budget Meeting since it's for next year's budget. We are trying to figure out how it becoming a "club" thing might effect things.
 - Mrs. D'Ascoli (primary grade rep):
 - Just wanted to say a big THANK YOU from all the teachers for the wonderful teacher appreciation week and a big shout out to Mrs. Manchester for ALL her thoughtful work.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Book Fair** (Gigi Bennett):
 - Gave a thank you to all for their hard work in helping to run the book fair.
 - \$16,000 in sales as of tonight (5/9). BES Media Center gets 50% of that.
 - There is one more in-school shopping time tomorrow (5/10) for an hour from 10-11am.
 - This will be Gigi's last year running/overseeing the book fair. She has identified someone interested in taking it over.

Other Discussion:

- **Boosterthon** (Natalie Ray): 10/4/24-10/15/24 are the dates for Boosterthon in the fall. Oct. 15th for the Fun Run since it's the early dismissal day. Shannon VanHoesen & Natalie Ray will head the Boosterthon Committee, again, for the Fall of '24, but that will be their last one as heads of the committee. They will be posting about any interest to see if some people would like to shadow them to learn the ins and outs this fall. The summer is when things start to get rolling for Boosterthon, so they will post about it soon.
- Can we buy some of our own spirit wear in bulk and then set up a sales table at some of our events?? Something to look into.
- PTO might get a "space" at the school, like one of the portables. And then if we do need to store things like spirit wear products, Boosterthon prizes, Holiday Shop, etc. We need to wait and hear from county that they're not going to take away the portables we have that we don't need as a classroom.
 - This could possibly allow PTO to stop paying for their storage unit.

Meeting called at: 8:04 pm

Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Nicole D'Ascoli
2. Natalie Ray
3. Liz Welsh
4. Kristen Musallam
5. Additional participants online