

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Oct. 7, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Paige Skrickus, Cindy Sumner, Nina Adams, Shannon VanHoesen, Sue Ellis, Mr. Cordts, and Mrs. Miller.
- Additional attendance: See final page for full list attendees.

Officers Reports:

- President (Paige Skrickus):
 - Welcome
 - Harvest for the Hungry (10/13-10/17): Volunteers needed, Donation “schedule”
 - Monday the 13th – canned protein or boxed crackers/snack, Old Bay Day (wear crab or nautical themed attire)
 - Tuesday the 14th – canned fruit/vegetables, Crushing Hunger (wear orange for Unity Day)
 - Wednesday the 15th – peanut butter or jelly (plastic containers), Maryland Flag Day (wear Maryland flag colors or patterns)
 - Thursday the 16th – canned beans, chili, or boxed meals, State Bird Day (Oriole) (wear orioles gear or orange & black)
 - Friday the 17th – canned soup, Soup-er Bowl Bound (wear gear from your favorite football team)
- Vice President (Cindy Sumner):
 - Committee updates (see committee section below)

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - A big thank you to all the volunteers making all these great events happen at our school. Faculty, staff, and students are very grateful.
 - We had our Volunteer Orientation on Sept. 26th. There was a nice turnout.
 - We are moving away from the Holiday Shop this year. The feedback from staff is that it was just too detrimental to the school day for what it is the kids get out of it. We are looking into an experience where all students have the chance to hand-make a craft as a gift to leave school with for the holiday break. Everyone is sorry that we couldn't make it happen in a way that fits with school and learning.
 - We will share a slide deck that explains the Dibbels assessment and score. It will include a video further explaining the information.
 - Halloween parade will start around 8:15-8:30am. Mrs. Miller will send out information soon with a more definite time once they finish working out the details. The parade will be in the front parking lot loop. This is obviously weather dependent.
 - Teachers will be sending out Halloween party information through their classroom parents.
 - 95% of survey responses have voted to have fewer 2-hour early dismissal days and then just one full day of teacher work day in the place of two 2-hour early dismissal days. This would go into effect this school year.
- Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
 - Looking forward to Boosterthon/Fun Run and Fall Festival!!
 - First week of November will have CoGat assessments for 2nd and 5th grade students.

- Unity Day and 2-hour early dismissal on Oct. 14th.
- The end of the marking period is at the end of the month with two 2-hour early dismissal days on Oct. 27th & 28th.
- **Teacher Reports:**
 - Mrs. Hawkins (Intermediate Grade Lead Teacher):
 - Girls on the Run – we are supposed to be trained in November for the Spring season, so please reach out to Mrs. Hawkins ASAP.
 - Mrs. Cockcroft (Co-Leader of Green School Initiative):
 - Inquiring about the opportunity to get a school wide assembly. (She will discuss this with the PTO outside of the meeting to help move this forward.)
 - Sometimes after school she is able to grab students from SAC and work on the run-off collection and rain barrels. Inquiring about possible funding opportunities via the beautification budget to help with supplies for maintenance and re-painting of the barrels. (She will reach out to PTO with specifics via email.)
 - Mrs. Welsh (Music Department):
 - Band and strings currently have 194 students. Chorus has 127. 75 students are in the cast for the musical. More will be added as stage crew in November. Musical rehearsals started this week.
 - The steel drum residency grant got approved by the arts council. Information about the residency went home to 4th grade families last week. Reminder, only adults are able to attend the event. We are not able to have children not enrolled at our school enter the building for this event.
 - We will not be planning any BSO or Opera field trips this year. Our cluster is adding a new event called Broadneck Sings. Our fifth grade chorus students will be taking a field trip to the high school in January to learn from and perform with the middle school and high school choirs. Grade level teams can opt to plan their own trips to the BSO/Opera if they choose to and have funding.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Boosterthon** (Colleen C./Jessica B.):
 - Currently going on this week, Fun Run this Friday the 10th
 - We are halfway to our fundraising goal, as of today
 - T-shirts are in and the Boosterthon team will get those out to classes. Teachers will then hold them until Friday morning and distribute them first thing in the morning.
- **Fall Festival** (Rachel McMahon):
 - Happening this weekend, Sat. the 11th from 11am – 3pm, Volunteers needed (especially with the cash box), Amazon Wishlist still has items that can be donated
 - Craft vendors, food trucks, games, prizes, raffles, etc.
- **5th Grade Committee** (Sheri Berberian):
 - Will have a Lucky Draw table at the Fall Festival.
 - 5th Grade Dance will be Nov. 14th
 - Next meeting will be Oct. 16th.
- **Restaurant Fundraiser Nights** (Melissa Patterson):
 - Chipotle on November 18th from 5-9pm.
- **Hospitality** (Lettie & Christine):
 - Delivered gifts to our wonderful custodians for Custodian Appreciation Day last week.
 - School Psychology week is coming up in the beginning of November.
- **Yearbook** (Heather S. & Caitlin G.):
 - Mrs. Miller has approved “Classroom Photographer” volunteer role for each class to have at class parties, details will come out soon.
 - The committee also posted about photos from Fun Run on the PTO FB page and the type of camera they’re hoping photos are taken with.

- **Golf Outing** (Alex Berberian): Will start planning in December for the Spring event
- **Girls on the Run**: We are in need of one or two parents to take the lead with Mrs. Hawkins & Mrs. Davis (our teacher sponsor), as well as other volunteers to help support the number of girls we tend to have come out for the wonderful program.
 - **For girls grades 3-5**
- **Broadneck Ball** (Molly Fleenor):
 - Dance will be March 13th, two sessions, as before, 5-6:30pm & 7-8:30pm, the theme will be Pop Star Party!, finalizing vendors. Official notice/Save the Date will be sent out soon, after this busy week or so of events are over.

Open Discussion

- Photo Mini Sessions are still available. They are on October 28th (at the WW2 Memorial) and November 12th (at Ulmstead Barn).
- Inquiry about clubs/activities after school for the younger grade students
 - In order to do such things, we do need teacher sponsors who are willing to give their time or have a way to stipend their time.
 - Outsourcing to “programs” who run these are no longer allowed by AACPS. The county school rule is that it must be run by staff members (and then can have parent volunteers with them).
 - If there are parents who are interested and would like to explore options of club ideas and reach out to teachers, we would definitely welcome the research.
 - Belvedere Elementary runs some after-school clubs and may use PTO funds to help back them, so they would be a good resource to see how they handle it. (Paige will tap their PTO President to see what they say as well.)
 - Mrs. Miller will reach out and get the most up-to-date rules from the county, so we know what we’re dealing with.

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Music Calendar for the '25-'26 School Year

Oct 6	Musical rehearsal start Mondays and Thursdays	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
Oct 20	Steel Drum Residency Assembly (4th grade)Time: TBD	Cafeteria
Oct 20-24	Steel Drum Residency	Welsh Music Room
Oct 24	Steel Drum Family Showcase	Welsh Music Room
Oct 29th	Spooky Strings (cluster concert)	SRM/MRM
TBD	Band Dress Rehearsal	Cafeteria
TBD	Strings Dress Rehearsal	Cafeteria
Dec 8th 8:10am	Chorus dress rehearsal	Cafeteria
Dec 11th	Band/strings/chorus concert	Cafeteria/Gym

Dec 12th	Winter Concert Assembly	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
January 8th	Cluster chorus concert-field trip	Broadneck High school
January 22 or 23	Middle School Band/strings assembly	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
Jan 23, 26, 27, 28	Musical Tech Week 2:25pm-7pm	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
Jan 30th	Musical Assembly	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
Jan 30, 31	Musical evening shows	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
TBD	Volunteer Celebration Performance	Cafeteria/stage
May 4th	chorus dress rehearsal 8:10-9:10am	Cafeteria/stage
Thursday May 7th	band/strings/chorus combined concert	BES cafeteria/gym
May 8th	spring concert assembly 8:30am	Cafeteria/stage/gym
5/15/2026	Kings Dominion Chorus Trip	Kings Dominion
TBD	Bowie Baysox	Bowie Baysox Stadium
TBD	3rd grade Recorder Showcases	Welsh Music Room

Additional Attendance from Google Meet

1. Angie P.
2. Eden T.
3. Jaclyn C.
4. Jamie B.
5. Jennifer R.
6. Jessica B.
7. Lindsay E.
8. Lindsay N.
9. Lisa B.
10. Megan H.
11. Michelle T.
12. Molly F.
13. Rachel C.
14. Sarah
15. Stephanie E.
16. Megan H.