

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Paige Skrickus, Meagan DiSalvo, Nina Adams, Cindy Sumner, Ms. Noe, Mrs. Miller
- Additional attendance: About another 18 virtual attendees.

1. Officers Reports:

a. President (Paige Skrickus):

- The next restaurant night is November 11th at Broadneck Grill.
- The spirit wear store closed this week. Orders will be processed and delivered to the school and distributed to students.
- Hamilton Photography is running a family photo fundraiser with mini-sessions around the Broadneck Peninsula. Sign up can be found online and a few slots remain.

b. Vice President (Cindy Sumner)

- Room parent coordinator, Sue Camper, received all room parent names and email addresses on Monday Sept. 28. Room parents were all emailed about general responsibilities and told that other opportunities could vary by teacher. They were told to get in touch with each other and their teacher to find out class sizes and start Halloween party planning.
- The date for the Broadneck Ball has been set for Friday, March 5th. Molly Fleenor will be committee head again. The theme is "A Golden Celebration" to go along with the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the school. The committee is working on a save the date and will share it soon. If any parents are interested in being involved with the Broadneck Ball, they should contact Molly or email the PTO to connect.

2. School Administration and Faculty Reports:

a. Principal (Mrs. Jamie Miller): Principal's Update

- iReady results have been collected. Results are for grades 1–5. Reading: 54% of students are on grade level, mid-grade level, or above; 24% are one grade level below; 17% are two grade levels below; 4% are three or more grade levels below. Math results are weaker: 25% are on grade level or above; 58% are one grade level below; 12% are two grade levels below; 4% are three or more grade levels below. The school is implementing new Bee-block support sessions focused on math. Parents are encouraged to let students practice on iReady Math at home.
- A new state initiative called the Student Reading Intervention Plan (SRIP) will be implemented this year. Any student in kindergarten through 3rd grade with an overall composite DIBELS score in the red zone will receive a year-long

reading intervention plan. Kindergarten DIBELS testing is wrapping up. Parents will receive detailed information from the county and school in the coming weeks. SRIP scores are expected to be released on or around October 16th.

- Upcoming events:
 - i. The Boosterthon Fun Run is on Friday and is expected to have good weather. Mrs. Miller and Ms. Noe are trying to come up with creative incentive ideas from students for reaching the fundraising goal, as they have exhausted previous ideas (slimming, ice cream sundaes, duct-taped to a wall, rooftop campout, tricycle races, blow-up costumes). One idea being considered is a 70s/1976 dress-up theme tied to the school's 50th anniversary. That was voted down as we don't think the kids will understand or enjoy.
 - ii. A fall cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 10 AM–noon.
 - iii. There is a two-hour early dismissal on the following Tuesday October 13th at 12:25 PM. Students are encouraged to wear orange that day to celebrate Unity Day.
 - iv. October 23rd is the last day of Marking Period 1.
 - v. October 26th is a teacher work day (no school for students).
 - vi. October 30th is the Halloween parade starting at 8:30 AM; parents should not arrive until after 8:00 AM when all students are safely inside. The parade order will be 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades first, followed by K, 1st, and 2nd.
 - vii. Halloween class parties will have 2–3 volunteers per classroom; room parents will communicate details.
- Fingerprinting Policy Change:
 - i. Effective October 1st, the county now requires fingerprint-supported background checks for all volunteers and chaperones aged 18 and older, including classroom visitors, field trip chaperones, club advisors, PTO volunteers, and anyone in the school building where children are present — even if not working directly with students. Cost is a one time fee of \$65.
 - ii. Previously, classroom visitors supervised by a teacher (e.g., for Halloween parties or guest reading) only needed an ID check and visitor sticker.
 - iii. The Office of Investigations handles all fingerprinting questions: 410-222-5287.
 - iv. There was discussion about potentially subsidizing costs
- b. **Assistant Principal (Ms. Kristen Noe): Assistant Principal's Update**
 - November events:
 - i. There will be a Veterans Day celebration and this year it is on November 11th.
 - ii. The 50th Anniversary Celebration is on November 13th, with a

dedicated planning team working on details. The planning team is looking for old yearbooks, particularly from the 1980s and 1990s, as there may be no yearbooks from the 1980s. PTO is assisting with decorations including a sponsor banner, balloons, and tablecloths. Extra volunteers to help decorate are welcome.

- iii. American Education Week is November 16–20, with specific grade-level family visit days and times to be announced.
- iv. Education Support Professionals Day will celebrate TAs and TSAs. That is on November 18th.
- v. The COGAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) will be administered in the second week of November to 2nd and 5th graders over three days, covering verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal reasoning. Each day has three different subtests and each day has a different focus on one type of reasoning. This allows for another data point to see how our students are learning and thinking. This factors into appropriate placement.
- vi. MCAP reports for intermediate students are now electronic only for the first time; parents who need help accessing them should contact their child's teacher or Ms. Noe.
- vii. The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) is concluding this week, assessing math and literacy knowledge via Chromebooks.

c. Teachers Reports:

- **Music update**

- The 5th grade musical, The Little Mermaid has been cast and rehearsals started. 4th and 5th grade chorus has also started. All grade levels are learning the school song for the 50th Anniversary Celebration, which was originally brought in on cassette tape by a former music teacher.

- **Mrs. Crockroft:**

- Fall cleanup this Saturday, October 9, from 10-12. There are currently 3 adult volunteers and 19 NJHS/NHS students. Arnold Farms and Providence provided plants, Cape Ace donated \$200. The plans for the cleanup are to spruce up the raised garden beds, revamp the rain garden, re-dig the trench and lay rocks, and spruce up the rain barrels. A sign-up genius for the cleanup is posted on the PTO Facebook page.
- The school is applying for our Green School Application. We are the only school on the peninsula without this distinction. Broadneck High School environmental literacy students will partner with the school as part of their capstone project. The hope is to apply mid-December. It's \$125 to apply and the application would be finalized on March 5, 2027.
- A Green School Club was proposed.
- Coreshark partnership needs approval to continue for this year. Last

year we gave them a \$300 donation for coming to meet with one grade level. PTO has a budget for assemblies and can use some of those funds. The next step is for Ms. Crockcroft to determine how many grades would participate and propose a donation amount for PTO approval.

- **Mrs. Hawkins:** End of unit funds are being used effectively and the teachers are grateful. Third grade is transforming their hallway into a jungle next week; photos will be sent to PTO.
 - i. Girls on the Run registration opens in November and sign-ups happen in December for the spring season.

3. Standing Committee Reports

a. **Boosterthon** (Christine M.):

- The Boosterthon fundraiser is well underway and the school is less than \$5000 from reaching the goal of 40k.
- Last year we had more students at the school and almost didn't reach the goal. 80% of students are currently registered.
- All registered students will receive a day pass for Great Wolf Lodge at the end of the program. Students need to be registered to receive the day pass, even if they don't get any donations.
- Proposed dates for next year October 4-13, 2027.
- Concern raised over the date being so close to the Fall Festival and difficulty in securing sponsors for both events when they are running at the same time.
- Over \$14,000 raised in corporate sponsorships. Bethany Sampsel did a lot of leg work with that by calling businesses on the phone or visiting in person.

b. **5th grade committee**- The committee thanked Emily, Megan, and Sue for managing the Lucky Draw table, which raised about \$150. Teachers also donated prizes.

- Hannah has agreed to be the musical's parent liaison.
- GLOW Dance is tentatively planned for early January.
- Subcommittees are up and running with their leads in place.

c. **Yearbook**- Heather S. has co-led the yearbook for the last two years. Her co-leader moved on to middle school. Heather is willing to lead solo this year, but is seeking an understudy for next school year to oversee photographers, building the yearbook with the photos, handling sales, marketing, communication, etc. Please reach out if this is of interest to you.

- The cover art contest launches next week and Heather will visit the 5th grade classes to explain the rules. The submission deadline is before Thanksgiving, school-wide voting before winter break.
- Baby face and special message photos will open in January with a deadline in March.
- Sales will be all online this year. Prices are \$21 for softcover, \$26 for hard cover and \$5 to add personalization.

d. **Class Photographer**- Recruitment for class photographers going well. We have moved to having a designated photographer for each class and is expected to attend at least 2 of the 3 class parties. There are 13 photographers that are interested in the

special events team. This team is expected to have more experience and equipment and will photograph events like the fun run, concerts, and dances. Parents with photography businesses who volunteer will be able to have their business logo included in the yearbook.

4. Open Discussion

- Questions on fingerprinting were answered:
 - Appointments at Riva Road are fully booked; the first available appointment found was November 2nd.
 - A satellite fingerprinting event may be hosted on the Broadneck Peninsula to alleviate backlog; no dates confirmed yet.
 - Cape St. Claire is reportedly hosting an event on December 2nd.
 - A grace period is in effect while appointments are being scheduled; Mrs. Miller confirmed she will work with volunteers who have upcoming appointments. This is especially important for the volunteers for the upcoming Halloween parties.
 - Room parents will need to be informed of this requirement ahead of holiday class parties. Clarification is still needed on whether grandparents/observers attending events such as American Education Week will require fingerprinting.
 - Mrs. Miller has not heard when this grace period will end, but will share that information as soon as she knows.

Meeting concluded 7:50pm