

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Sept. 2, 2025

Meeting called to order in the library 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 message
 - PTO Meeting plan for this school year
 - Monthly virtual “business” meetings. One meeting a quarter will be more like a “Town Hall” forum.
 - Spirit Wear store/Music shirts
 - Store is open now. You can find the link on the PTO FB page and website. It is open through Oct. 5th.
 - BES involvement with a float for BHS Homecoming Parade – still looking for anyone interested in heading up a float
- Vice President (Cindy Sumner):
 - Committees and their heads (see committee section below)
- Treasurer (Nina Adams):
 - PTO '25-'26 Budget
 - Submitted for approval. PTO officers and Mrs. Miller & Mr. Cordts have gone through it.
**Budget passed
 - This year's funds will focus a lot on Field Trip support/financial help and backing the CKLA end of unit enrichments
 - Process for CKLA Reimbursements
 - Maybe one teacher per grade per marking period makes the purchases and then gets reimbursed? If there is a teacher who wants to be in charge of their grade level, that would be ok too?

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - Thank you all for the teacher welcome food and treats and stocked teacher lounge!
 - Back to School Block Party – survey got some mixed reviews. Some liked the one night, some said they liked the “old” way. Looking for more feedback from teachers and parents before tweaking it for next year to figure out how it will look.
 - Dare to Dream Big – read aloud book that Mrs. Miller got to guest read in the classrooms.
 - Mold in the school – the community has rallied to support the school and trust the school. The school has been working with all the experts and county facility department. It has gotten everyone's full attention. It was never black mold. It wasn't “growing” or “spreading”, just having more spots noticed that may have been missed in previous walk-throughs. We now know how to treat it and possibly prevent it (coming from high humidity in the building, like in the summer with the air turned off). Dehumidifiers are running and the air is, obviously, up and

running regularly now that people are in the building. Lots of walk-throughs and checks continue to occur.

- We did have asbestos removed this summer. They followed all the important protocols to clean and replace as needed.
- Plumbing has also been an issue at our school. We have done a good job communicating with the people in the county who need to know so they can do all they can to prevent problems as much as possible. They are trying to stay on top of all the plumbing, but problems may arise with rain and/or flooding, so again, in these cases we will continue to try and pivot as quickly as possible. One of the more “problematic” rooms from last year is not being used as a classroom this year.
- The Health Department visited last week, stemming from a student mentioning brown water at school. We immediately called the county for them to check it out. It was sediment that settled and briefly colored the water. Everything has been checked out and cleared.
- Administration is doing all they can to make/keep the school a healthy learning environment.
- MCAP - our school was 1 of only 4 elementary schools in the county to move up in scores for Math & Reading in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. We moved up in all 6 possible categories. Hopefully in December we'll find out more about our star rating.
- Currently iReady diagnostics are happening this week.
- Looking to host volunteer orientations at school. Both for general volunteers and our special program with our elder group.
- Dibbles testing will be coming up soon as well as a Kindergarten only assessments. These are all the usual beginning of the year assessments and will not be a regular thing all the time throughout the school year.
- We need all the Emergency Cards to be submitted by parents/guardians.
- From our counselors – during the '24-'25 school year the PTO made a \$1,000 donation to the Kindness Fund to help financial support in our school community. They are very appreciative and ask if we can make the same donation for this school year as it was very helpful.
- Harvest for the Hungry will happen again near the end of October. We will need parent volunteers again to help collect donations during arrival hours. The school is looking for a parent who is willing to be the “lead” to organize the volunteer efforts and plan with the school as a lesson for the program.
- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. D'Ascoli (Primary Grade Lead Teacher):
 - Teachers are excited and appreciative that fundraising efforts this year will help fund the CKLA end of unit enrichment opportunities. And agree that added assistance with field trip funding is very beneficial.
 - Mrs. Welsh (Music Department):
 - Band, Strings and Chorus classes will start the week of Sept 15th.
 - Music Staff: Mrs. Welsh (general music, chorus, musical), Mr. Bailey (band & strings), and Mrs. Rossell (general music part-time, in the building on Mondays and Fridays).
 - Music T-shirts: We are working with the PTO to have our band, strings and chorus students be able to order our performance t-shirt through a spirit wear sale. We should be able to have the shirts to the students by the beginning of December.
 - Madagascar Jr. Musical: There is an informational meeting for adults on Monday Sept 8th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Atticus Boidy from CTA and Theater in the Park is joining us this year to direct.
 - Steel Drum Residency: Mrs. Welsh is working on the Arts Council Grant for the Residency. The residency is scheduled to take place on Oct 20-24th. 4th grade families will be invited to watch their students perform on Friday Oct 24th during the school day.

- If you are interested in funding an assembly using the arts council grant, please let Mrs. Welsh know.
- Winter Concert: We are unable to use the middle school this year for our winter concert. Their space is already booked for the days that Mr. Bailey and I are able to have the concert. We will have the concert at BES. We will try a 3-stagger approach. Each group will perform at different scheduled times that evening.
- Please see the end of the meetings for the Music Calendar for the whole school year.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Boosterthon (Colleen C./Jessica P.)**
 - Boosterthon will launch on Oct. 3rd. Fun Run is Friday, Oct. 10th
 - Will be submitting t-shirt order on Monday, Sept. 8th. This year Boosterthon provides a tool that helps estimate how many shirts in each size we roughly need. Extras in each size will also be ordered to make sure all students are covered.
 - We have raised \$7800 so far in sponsorships (we get 100% of the sponsor donations)
 - More information will be coming out about how to register your students for when the time comes. Teachers can also register themselves this year.
- **Fall Festival (Rachel McMahon):**
 - Saturday, Oct. 11th from 11am – 3pm.
 - The flyer is posted on the PTO FB page and website where you can find a QR code if you are a vendor or know a vendor who would like a table.
- **Restaurant Night (Melissa Patterson):**
 - We are working on lining up a date for The Point (12/15 or 12/29, leaning towards 12/29) and then one in the spring as well.
 - Looking into Red Hot & Blue, Rita's (can have celebrity scoopers) for September (maybe the 17th) and then again in the spring, and then the four establishments in the Bay Dale shopping center.
- **Room Parent Coordinator (Sue Camper):**
 - Still need room parent names from many teachers. We had trouble with it going into SPAM.
- **Sign Marquee (Laura Sparks):**
 - Could benefit from a calendar of events to keep on her radar
- **5th Grade committee (Sheri Berberian):**
 - Committee met once already. They will meet again on 9/16. They are in the early stages of planning fundraising events. Also plan to do the raffle table at the Fall Festival again.
- **Girls on the Run:**
 - Mrs. Hawkins says it will be in the Spring season again. We have our teacher sponsors. We will be in need of parent helpers/coaches.
- **Holiday Shop (Cheri Self):**
 - Need a list of dates that are NOT available already so they can find a week that works and start planning.
- **Broadneck Ball (Molly Fleenor):**
 - Would like to check in with some of the members of last year's committee to get the lay of the land (new Broadneck parent).
 - Starting to brainstorm ideas.

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Music Calendar for the '25-'26 School Year

		Location
Aug 25th	Band/strings/chorus registration sent out	BES email
August 29th	BHS Band/Orchestra perform during student arrival	Front sidewalk
Week of Sept 15th	Band and strings lessons start (introductory lessons on 9/10-11 if possible)	band/strings room
Week of Sept 15th	Chorus Starts	stage
Sept 2nd	Musical Show Revealed	morning announcements
Sept 8th	5th Grade Musical Family Meeting 6:30pm	Cafe
Monday Sept 15th Thursday Sept 18th	5th Grade Musical Audition Workshop	Music Rooms/Gym
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
Thursday Sept 25th Monday Sept 29th Tuesday Sept 30	Musical Auditions	Music Rooms/Gym
October 5th	Audition results revealed	email
Oct 6	Musical rehearsal start Mondays and Thursdays	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
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 Sign-In Sheet

1. Alyson T.
2. Amy W.
3. Bethany S.
4. Brandon S.
5. Chelsea K.
6. Christine M.
7. Colleen B.
8. Eden T.
9. Effie
10. Isabelle L.
11. Jamie B.
12. Jessica B.
13. Kristen M.
14. Lisa B.

15. Loretta G.
16. Melissa P.
17. Michael N.
18. Monque M.
19. Nicole D.
20. Natalie R.
21. Rashel H.
22. Shannon M.
23. Sue C.
24. Tenika W.