

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Feb. 3, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Paige Skrickus, Nina Adams, Shannon VanHoesen, Sue Ellis, Mr. Cordts, and Mrs. Miller.
- Additional attendance: About another 20 virtual attendees.

Officers Reports:

- President (Paige Skrickus):
 - Welcome
 - Big CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Miller for receiving the well-deserved award for Maryland Music Educators Association Outstanding Administrator Award!!! There is a MD state-wide conference and on the 21st there will be a reception at it in Baltimore where Mrs. Miller will be recognized.

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - 2nd Marking Period report cards were sent home virtually today (2/3).
 - Feb. 5th Kindergarten will take a trip to the opera
 - Feb. 6th middle school dance company will be coming to the school
 - Feb. 11th & 12th will be the first two 4th grade trips to Arlington Echo
 - American Heart Association celebration of heart health will come to kick off their efforts and information in school.
 - Valentine's parties will be on Feb. 13th. Party times will come in the next Bees Buzz
 - A HUGE thank you to our amazing custodial staff for their incredible work through all the difficult weather and conditions!!!!
 - Musical tech week is in progress this week for the 5th grade musical. Tomorrow night's has been cancelled (2/4) because things are going well and there were some other commitments/conflicts going on.
 - Counselor Appreciation week is this week. Feel free to have your students make cards and send them in to show our counselors some love and appreciation.
 - Polar Bear Plunge is still on for Thursday, 2/5.
 - Madagascar Jr. shows are coming this weekend – Friday, Feb. 6th & Saturday, Feb. 7th at 6:30pm. In-school assembly on Friday, Feb. 6th.
 - Next Tuesday (2/10) is a 2-hour early dismissal day/Unity Day.
 - Monday, 2/16, there is no school for President's Day.
 - We have two student interns – one with Mrs. Cockcroft in Art and one with Ms. Ryan our Reading Specialist.
- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. D'Ascoli (Primary Grade Lead Teacher):
 - Shared some slides of pictures of CKLA extensions that were purchased to enrich our students' experiences at the end of units. Some very wonderful experiences and materials!! The photos will also be shared on the PTO FB page.

- Mrs. Welsh (Music Department):
 - **Musical:** Performances will now be on this Friday, Feb. 6th and Saturday, Feb. 7th for evening performances and school assembly will now be on this Friday, Feb. 6th as well.
 - Full music department schedule can be found at the end of the minutes.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Trivia Night** (Amy Green):
 - Sunday, Feb. 15th, 7pm. Google Form sign-ups are open. \$20 per person. 2-8 people per team. Have one point of contact for the team.
 - So far, we have about 11 teams, 70 participants
 - Not a FULL silent auction this year due to 5th grade having a big one at their GLOW dance later in the month. But there will still be the 50/50 and some other raffle type games.
 - We don't have a teacher team submitted yet, but there's still time.
- **Hospitality Committee** (Loretta Goodridge):
 - Hearts for the hallway this month. They will get hung next week. There may be a sign-up coming out if they need more people to help hang them.
 - Tomorrow the committee will be bringing gifts in for Counselor Appreciation Week.
- **5th Grade Committee:** Glow Dance is on Feb. 27th. Everything is in place for it. Teachers were given folders with the flyers for tickets, so those should start coming home.
 - Last week of school spirit week sub-committee will start to make plans but know they might need to pivot once the "official final" day of school is announced after spring break.
- **Golf Outing** (Alex Berberian): Event is on May 4th. Registration is open. \$125 per golfer this year (breakfast, golf, lunch, and non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase). Sponsors are already committing and some golfers have started to register. FB posts to come, flyers to come, and information is included in the weekly PTO email blast. And Mrs. Miller agreed to add it to the Bees Buzz as well.
- **Broadneck Ball:** Flyers will be coming home later this month in advance of tickets going on sale (should be Feb. 13th). PayPal is the preferred method of payment, but cash will be accepted. The event is on Friday, March 13th. We are finishing up final details, but everything is moving along smoothly. A sign-up genius for volunteering food supplies and time help setting up/cleaning up will come out later, closer to the event.
- **Yearbook Committee:** Flyers should be coming out soon for 5th grade messaging.
- **Girls on the Run:** A big shout-out to Ms. Davis and Christine Anastasi for stepping up as our leaders, and Kristin Ellington & Sue Ellis as helping coaches! GOTR is now a go!! We have 37 students taking part again this season. We start on Monday, Feb. 9th, and will meet on Mondays & Thursdays from 2:45-4:00pm. Parents, please remember to pack extra snacks for the participating students on those days.

Open Discussion

- There is talk of a maximum number of virtual learning days allowed. Some teachers at various schools, including ours, heard there are no more than 3 allowed per marking period and no more than 8 total. Our staff will try to research this and find it in writing.
- BES alumni, Tyler Gabarra, who is a former professional soccer player and player for the Annapolis Blues, is offering to host a 1-hour free soccer clinic with his local training company, Pelota Training at our school this spring. It would be after school on our fields for an hour. The clinic would be open to players of all ages and ability levels. He sent us a number of Wednesdays and Fridays to choose from as our day this spring. The PTO will look further into the dates and will send out more information as it develops.
- Question arose about the promotion ceremony since there are no early dismissal days at the end of the year.
 - More decisions will be made once the information comes in from the county about the end of the school year timing and other ceremonies for the middle schools and high school.
- Town Hall style in-person PTO Meeting – we are still hoping to have one next month, March 3rd. We haven't nailed down a speaker yet so if you have any suggestions/contacts, please let us know. Mrs. Miller and a couple of others are reaching out to contacts trying to line something up.

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Music Calendar for the '25-'26 School Year

Feb 2-5	Musical Tech Week 2:25pm-7pm	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
Feb 6th	Musical Assembly	Cafeteria/stage/music classrooms
Feb 6, 7	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
5/21/2026	Bowie Baysox	Bowie Baysox Stadium
TBD	3rd grade Recorder Showcases	Welsh Music Room