

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

Dec. 2, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: 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 (Nina Adams, Treasurer, filling in):
 - Welcome
 - There is a Toys for Tots collection bin in the office of the school (new, unwrapped toys), headed up by Mrs. Fitzpatrick.
- Vice President (Cindy Sumner):
 - Committee updates (see committee section below)

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - We had Veteran's Day visitors come and do some readings. We kept our honor wall up an extra day so families who came for American Education Visitation Day could see it.
 - American Education visitation day went smoothly, and we had a great turnout. The front office helped things run smoothly.
 - Parent/Teacher conferences went well.
 - Slime Time!! So much fun!! Despite 4 or 5 shampoo rounds to get it all out.
 - Mrs. Welsh, our Teacher of the Year Nomination from Broadneck, has made the Semifinal Round (top 18 teachers). Also, Ms. Moran (our part-time STEM Cultural Arts teacher) has also made the Semifinals (nominated by West Annapolis Elementary).
 - The county is running their Attendance contest. Students who are present 14-15 out of the 15 days will get a certificate. Students whose attendance improve by 10% or more will get some prizes from Dr. Bidell. There are some in-school popcorn party prizes available for classes also
 - Broadneck High School has their STEAM night from 5-7pm tomorrow night (Wednesday the 3rd).
 - We will be having a Spirit Week the last week of school – Dec. 15th-19th. Themes to come soon.
 - Our HVAC system on top of the cafeteria/gym has gone caput. We have a generator system set up, temporarily, to make sure there is heat coming into the rooms. It's a huge job, so it will probably be done permanently this summer. This is what is taking up some of the parking out back.
 - There will be a reading incentive for reading over winter break where we may get an author in to speak to students, so students completing the challenge can earn an invitation to that. Details are still in the works. Other small incentive assemblies are also in talks.
 - We need the parents/community help with Car Riders. The Car Rider loop is getting more and more dangerous. People are getting out of their cars. Children are getting out of the cars in incorrect, dangerous spots and trying to cross. And many other situations. We need to stress the SAFETY in the car loop that is very important. More reminders will continue to come out to all parents stressing the importance of this situation. There have been emails and blurbs in the Bees Buzz and more will continue to come because it is just that important.

- Teacher Reports:
 - Ms. Cockcroft (Art):
 - Will be leading the craft projects for each grade level that are happening in lieu of the Holiday Shop. There will also be wrapping supplies. Students will be finishing them up next week in time for them to go home.
 - For the Beautification Green School, Ms. Cockcroft reached out to the group about doing assemblies. But they can only do small ones (one grade level at a time) this year. They are booked until next school year for larger assemblies. So, we'll do more research on this for next year to hopefully get them.
 - Maybe we can look to see if we can get them in for a grade level tied to a Science Curriculum to get on their calendar and work our way in further for next year.
 - Mrs. Welsh (Music Department):
 - **Musical:** We are currently collecting ad sales and well wishes for the program. We would appreciate it if you could post our ad flyer on the PTO page and in the newsletter.
 - **Winter Concert:** The winter concert will be held at Broadneck Elementary School.
 - Strings students will perform first and will enter at 5:45pm. Their performance will start at 6pm. Chorus students and families will enter around 6:20pm and start their performance at 6:30pm. Band students and families will enter around 6:50pm and start at 7pm.
 - We are having a fundraiser night before/after the winter concert with Froyo house, Spizzico, and Vivi's Chicken n' Mac in the Bay Hills shopping center.
 - On January 8th, our 5th grade chorus students will be taking a field trip to the high school to participate in Broadneck Sings!, formerly our cluster concert. During this field trip our students will get to meet and work with the middle school and high school chorus directors as well as meet and work with the other Broadneck cluster elementary, middle school and high school students. The field trip will culminate with a concert at the high school at 6pm that evening.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Hospitality:** Sign up is out for the Staff Cookie Exchange on Dec. 17th
- **5th Grade Committee** (Sheri Berberian):
 - 5th Grade Glow Dance will be on Friday, Feb. 27th. Cost is \$15 per student. All students must be accompanied by an adult. Invitations are coming out soon (probably around Feb. 1st). Vendors are being booked and we're making progress.
- **Restaurant Fundraiser Nights** (Melissa Patterson):
 - At The Point 12/29 from 4:00pm to close.
 - **Broadneck Ball:** Planning meeting set for Jan. 9th to kick off planning.
 - **Girls on the Run:** We are still looking for a few parent volunteers to lead this year's Girls on the Run Club (for grades 3-5) for the Spring Season (which starts soon after winter break).

Open Discussion

- Inquiring about the Four Square and Basketball lines that have worn off the playground.
 - Years past, we could put in a request with facilities to see if they could come out and do that, so Mrs. Miller will investigate that. If it's not something they will do, we can then circle back to the PTO and see if it's something they can help with.

Meeting called at: 7:36 pm

Music Calendar for the '25-'26 School Year

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
5/21/2026	Bowie Baysox	Bowie Baysox Stadium
TBD	3rd grade Recorder Showcases	Welsh Music Room

Additional Attendance from Google Meet

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| 1. Ashley P. | 10. Lisa B. |
| 2. Brandon S. | 11. Meagan D. |
| 3. Colleen C. | 12. Molly F. |
| 4. Courtney H. | 13. Monique M. |
| 5. J. Cockcroft | 14. N. D'Ascoli |
| 6. K. Mollet | 15. Sarah |
| 7. Karlin H. | 16. Tenika W. |
| 8. Kristen M. | |
| 9. Lindsay N. | |