

Broadneck Elementary School Monthly PTO Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

Meeting called to order in the library at: 7:01 pm

Attendance:

- Board Officers in Attendance: Paige Skrickus, Amy Green (virtual), Nina Adams, Shannon VanHoesen, Sue Ellis, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Cordts.
- Additional attendance: See final page for full list of in-person attendees. Also had 30 virtual attendees.

****Special presentation on the DIBELS assessment and scoring**

Officers Reports:

- President (Paige Skrickus):
 - Upcoming Restaurant Nights - December 2nd at The Point (5th Grade Fundraiser) and January 6th at Chipotle (whole school Fundraiser).
 - Holiday Shop dates have been set (12/16, 12/17, 12/19, 12/20). Volunteer Signups to come out soon. More information is in the Principal's section.
 - The 3 color printers for teachers have been ordered, along with the first round of ink supplies. We will provide a second round of ink later in the year.

School Administration & Faculty Reports:

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - Holiday Shop shopping time - every grade level will be shopping at their Recess time. So those who are not shopping, just continue with recess.
 - World Kindness Day is tomorrow, the 13th. Encouraging everyone to do one thing of kindness for each other.
 - CKLA Information Nights will be on Wednesday, November 13th at South River High School and on Tuesday, November 19th Virtually. The events are from 5:30-7:00pm.
 - Nov. 20th is American Education Visitation Day at BES. Times will be sent out soon. They are 8:10-9:10am K & 4th, 9:10-10:10am 1st & 3rd, 10:10-11:10am 2nd & 5th.
 - Nov. 25th & 26th are Conferences with Teachers. Some teachers have started "hosting" some earlier ones as well. Monday the school is open, Tuesday the building is closed so all conferences that day are virtual.
 - Nov. 25-29 No school for students, Nov. 27-29 No school for teachers.
 - Dec. 3rd is the kindergarten field trip to Downs Park
 - Dec. 10th is a Unity Day with a 2-hour early dismissal.
 - Dec. 16th is the Winter Concert (Chorus, Band, and Strings) at Magothy River Middle School.
 - Dec. 20th will be class Winter celebrations. Times to come out later
 - Dec. 23-Jan. 1 No School/Winter Break.

- Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
 - CoGAT main testing is done. Just finishing up some makeups. These are for second graders to see if they qualify for GT (gifted and talented) or ALPS (advanced learners) and then for fifth graders to help with scheduling for 6th grade (middle school).
 - Monday the 18th will be a security drill. It's like a fire drill evacuating the building. And then a reverse evacuation to get them back inside as quickly as possible, and then it will go into a lockdown drill (where the students get in the classroom and out of sight and use the black-out shades on the door windows).
 - PE program is doing a bike education program for 3 days for grades 3-5 from Nov. 20-22nd. There will be different bikes here that Mrs. Shuck will review with them.
- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. Hawkins (Intermediate Grade Lead Teacher):
 - A thank you to the PTO and all involved in Boosterthon fundraiser for the new color printers coming in!!
 - Mrs. Welsh (Music Department):
 - 112 parents/guardians attended the steel drum performances.
 - Music t-shirts came in and have been delivered.
 - The winter music concert is on Dec. 16th. Chorus, band, and strings are all on that night at Magothy Middle School, operating under a staggered schedule. There is then a fundraiser at Fro-Yo house after. The school assembly concert will be on the 18th of December, so please make sure students bring their instruments back into school that day. We found a high school student to be an accompanist for the chorus.
 - The chorus will also be performing at a cluster concert.
 - Trying to make a kindergarten music field trip to Maryland Hall. Teachers are researching the event and costs to see if it's doable.
 - Peter Pan Jr. musical has started rehearsals. The show will be in February.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Teachers' Lounge (Lettie Lavallee):
 - Teachers have been polled for color schemes, what they would most use the lounge for, the areas they felt needed the most improvement, etc.
 - Right now, it looks like we can get some of the furniture donated by a parent that works for a company that can help (some chairs and a dining table).
 - Lettie had wonderful floor plan options that she shared with us.
 - Attendees discussed layout #2 because it had two square like tables that could be kept separate or then put together to make a big table when wanted.
 - Also, layout #7 but with a wall potluck pop-up.

- They're trying to work on getting a good surface for crock pots and things for potlucks. Also figuring out ways to organize with the water jug storage.
- Once we get more final plans in place, we'll get a wish list out to parents for any way they can help and donate.

Other Discussion:

- Question about the PBIS celebrations - in this case focused on the leis from the last one, as to why students had to spend their Bee Bucks on a lei if they wanted one.
 - PBIS celebrations are meant for all students to celebrate all the hard work and positives they've been doing. But there are "extras" that can be purchased to help encourage students to make good choices and earn Bee Bucks because those who may not have made the best choices, otherwise, have all the same "reward" options as others. This comes down from the county run PBIS program. But the bottom line is to maybe have the teachers handle the "extra" part in their classroom or receive a ticket for the "extra" so the volunteers are not on the spot to know who paid money or didn't, etc.

Meeting called at: 8:08 pm

****Music Department Important Dates & Events****

Dec 16	Band, strings and chorus concert 6:30pm
Dec 18	Winter Concert Assembly
January 8th	Middle School Band/strings assembly
January 9th	Cluster chorus concert
Nov 4th-Feb 17	Musical rehearsal start Mondays and Thursdays
February 20,21,24,25,26	Musical Tech Week 2:25pm-7pm
February 26	Musical Assembly
February 27 & 28th 6:30pm	Musical evening shows
May 7th	spring concert assembly
May 7th	band/strings/chorus combined concert 6:30pm
Friday May 16th	Kings Dominion Chorus Trip
TBD	Bowie Baysox Chorus Performance

Additional Attendance from Sign-In Sheet

1. Liz Welsh
2. Linda McCarthy
3. Sue Camper
4. Loretta Lavallee
5. Megan Hawkins
6. Christina Lankaitis
7. Kristen Musallam

Virtual Attendees

1. Andrea Beckman
2. Angela Danlag
3. Brandon Saumenig
4. Colleen Ross
5. Isabelle Lagda-Lopez
6. Jesse Reiger
7. Karen Davis
8. Kimberly Listman
9. Lettie Lavallee
10. Lindsay Nolle
11. Molly Nye
12. Nick Courtney
13. Kristin Ellington
14. Nick Savas
15. Nicole D'Ascoli
16. Stacy Vachon
17. Suzie Crosby
18. Ashley Parresol
19. Sharon
20. Cindy Sumner
21. Juan Arias
22. Christine McDowell
23. McConnell
24. Charity Vanderwall
25. Jennifer Ryan
26. Ann Saunders
27. Stephanie Earley
28. Dana L.
29. Michelle Ebersverger
30. James Wood