

BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PARENT FACULTY CLUB (PFC) MEETING MINUTES **FINAL**

October 13, 2020, 7pm @ Zoom Video Conference

The meeting was called to order by PFC President Sarah Rhodes at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Rhodes / President	Mrs. Dunn / Principal
Heather Salter Vice President	VACANT / VP Fundraising
Dory Barnard / VP Communications	
Ben Nie / Treasurer	
Cyndi Joly / Financial Secretary	
Jennifer Enson / Parliamentarian/Historian	
David Barnard / Recording Secretary	

OTHERS PRESENT

Alan Shekofteh, Alisa Kutsel, Alyson Ogden, Amanda Markwith, Andrea Chertoff, Ashley Rho, Carrie Winchell, Catherine Beier, Christina Hendricksen, Deanne Giffin, Emily Andrews, Eric Kyono, Irina Rivera, Jacqueline Sindoni, Jessica Aguilar, Jessica Hoversen, Jon and Jodie Shikuma, Katie Brown Davis, Laura Fox Berko, Leo Guglieri, Marsha Galicia-Monroe, Mary Anne Parker, Melissa Johnson, Rita Bogachova, Samantha Parodi, Stephanie Lee, Tal Shwarzman, Tom Walsh

Welcome

- Sarah Rhodes welcomed and thanked all for attending.

Prior Meeting Minutes

- September 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

- Bancroft Parent Survey Results
 - Shared observations from survey, some contradictions
 - More feedback on assignments
 - More communication
 - Dunn Weekly newsletter
 - More small group instruction, small breakouts
 - Art
 - Garden
 - More social time
 - Less homework
 - Early lesson plans
 - More one-on-one time
 - SeeSaw not user friendly
 - Increase engagement
 - Increase achievement
 - Increase social
 - Coming Back to School

- January 2021 at the earliest
 - Many considerations
 - Encourage parent volunteers
 - All volunteers must be fingerprinted by the district
 - Sharing survey results during PLC (Professional learning committee) / Grade level time
- Campus Updates
 - Looking at technology: Bancroft will need new computers for next year
 - Current lead time for ordering Chromebooks: 6 months
 - 480 Chromebooks need replacement in September 2021
 - Garden: seeds are on the fence for families to take home and plant
 - Library: Ms. Gomes working on a system for pre-order/check-out, targeting first week of November
- Parent teachers conferences will begin soon:
 - Parents should join with student
 - Three primary areas of focus
 - Success: what are they doing well at
 - Data: opportunity of where to grow
 - Goal setting
- Reminder: sign up for the weekly Friday letter from Superintendent Dr. Clark for updates from the district and stay connected

Treasurer's Report

Ben Nie provided the financial summary as of end of September 2020

Income: Dollar a day at 100%
 Matching gifts at 72%
 Walk-a-thon at 0%
 Auction at 0%
 Total income YTD: \$64K vs budget of \$76K (85%)

Expenses: Checks written for Teacher materials, Quickbooks fees, etc. 2 year Website fee paid.
 Total Expenses YTD: \$43K vs. budget of \$90K (48%)

Net Cash Available (9/30/20): \$199K

Cash Balance Jun 2021: \$154K if we meet our income goal

Additional Chromebook Replacements: \$34K (within next two years)

Remaining Strategic Funds: \$120K

Faculty Reports

Ms. Parker Kinder & 1st Grade

Kindergarten Team

1. Kindergarten team is preparing for conferences. Assessments have proven difficult for Kindergarten teachers since the district took away ESGI and replaced it with ILLumination, an assessment program completely new to teachers.
2. Excited for Halloween activity Friday Oct. 30th.
 - a. All Kindergarten classes with room parent leadership are going to decorate front of classroom doors. Students will arrive in costume (if they wish) and teachers will have a goody bag for them. All will be masked and practice social distancing.
3. Teachers are so grateful for room parent support and general parent support.
4. Thanks to PFC for teacher funds. So happy we can continue our kindergarten projects.

The First Grade Team

Clarified that as a First Grade team we use Konstella for school wide announcements, classroom announcements for library, music, school activities and other classroom announcements and volunteer

sign-ups for the classroom, etc. That as a First Grade team we use Remind and We all use our District E-mail as our direct communication platform.

1. The First Grade team is preparing for conferences with many assessments.
2. Teachers no longer have the I-Ready assessments and are being introduced to a new assessment program called Illuminate.
 - a. We also have a new report card computer program that the District is currently rolling out.
3. Teachers are grateful for our room parent and all of our parent support.
4. Thank you to PFC for the teacher funds. So excited to be able to continue first grade activities using these funds.
 - a. Currently, we have been using supplemental Teacher Pay Teachers Wonders Materials for our students including stories, vocabulary, spelling words, sight words, and math games and much more!
5. Themed learning projects for the Fall including the Apple Life Cycle and Writing, Spider Life Cycle & Writing, and soon the Pumpkin Life Cycle Writing and Owl project.
6. In Math, we are focusing on addition, fact families, and equivalent equations and the 120 chart.
7. We wish to thank the Garden Teacher, Mrs. Burns for our Organic Pea Seed Project. She prepared all the bags with dirt, a cup and seeds for the children. We are watching and recording their growth. Also, thank you for all the extra seeds families have been able to pick up on the Kindergarten and DayCare fences!
8. Shout out to Mrs. Cindy Dunn being back on campus and a shout out to Linell in the office!
9. Also, to all the Noon Supervisors helping with so many activities for the school and the teachers...preparing materials for many teachers, from copying to cutting, and being there to help with distribution of materials, and much more.
10. We really are appreciative! Thank you PFC!
11. Shout out to Mrs. Symthe, our Music teacher and our Librarian, Ms. Gnomes.
 - a. Ms. Gomes has been doing lessons on Digital Citizenship which has been so helpful for the children and is helpful for any age.
12. Also, a shout out (in comments) to Stephanie Lee and the DayCare staff, they are Amazing!

Again, Thank You PFC for all your support!

Ms. Andrews 2nd & 3rd Grade

2nd and 3rd- Fiction and Non-fiction, using our strategies asking and answering questions, making predictions, and using our skills of identifying key details, main characters, setting, and plot

Writing- complete sentences, capitalizing proper nouns, and using proper punctuation. We are also practicing writing narratives right now.

Phonics- long and short vowels, beginning blends and digraphs

Grammar- 2nd grade: subjects/predicates and nouns, 3rd grade: adjectives, commas (i.e. in a list and in a date)

Math- 2nd: fluently add and subtract within 20 using mental strategies, place value, measurement

3rd: multiplication and using fact families to do division as well, rounding, place value

Social Studies- Families and cultures

Shout outs:

Thanks to Mrs. Lee and her wonderful Dianne Adair staff! Our students in D.A. are thriving!

Thanks to Ms. Gomes and Mrs. Smythe as well as Ms. Alisa and Mrs. Burns

An additional thanks to our resource specialist, Ms. Purcell as well as our noon supervisor staff

We are excited to have Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Rooney in the office!

Ms. Giffin 4th & 5th Grade

All doing cultural study/projects around Dia de Los Muertos- history, art, STEM

All growing/grew micro greens- garden connection
Some 5th- special growing project with mushroom kit

All writing Personal Narrative
Some- Small groups/1:1 writing support

All reading anthology (Wonders) and epic (online)
All Library lessons every other week
Some 4th- October Realistic Fiction
Some 4th- Because of Winn-Dixie applying Notice and Note strategies for close reading
Some 5th- Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe

All Math ENY and Ready Math
Some- Math Projects
Some 4th- encouraging multiplication fact practice

Art lessons- grade level and teacher/class

All mystery science
Some STEM challenges- catapults, bridges, towers
Some 5th- water cycle
Some 4th- spooktacular science from CA Academy of Sciences

Plans for some Halloween fun

Committee Reports

- Andrea Chertoff is researching walk-a-thon fundraiser platforms for event before winter break. Need teacher input.
- Dine-to-donate:
 - Roundtable Pizza event raised \$318
 - Next event at Mooya Burgers on 10/21
- Spiritwear distribution on Friday 10/16 from 10:30-12:30
 - Additional day following week: potentially Wednesday 10/21

New Business

- Alisa Kutsel suggested a Winter theme drive-thru family night
- Parent requested information about Picture Day
 - Principal Dunn: will happen after winter break, no date has been scheduled
- Parent inquired about 5th grade yearbook status
 - Principal Dunn to research
- Principal Dunn:

- 4th & 5th grade planners have been distributed
- School folders were not purchased

Adjourned.