

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

November 10, 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

Agam Patel, Ali Tubio, Alisa Kutsel, Alyson Ogden, Amanda Markwith, Andrea Chertoff, Andrea Rivas, Ashley Rho, Asma Shaikh, Carrie Winchell, Claire Anderson, Claudia Vazquez TWDI Teacher, Deanne Giffin, Diane Quinn, Eric Kyono, Erpan Arkin, Gaby & Hewi Angel, Gail Strohl, Giesel Velez, Hazel Wetheford, Irina Rivera, Jacqueline Sindoni, Jessica Palomino, Jon and Jodie Shikuma, Joyce Tsai, Kelly Mullarky, Kristina Johnson, Maria Sky Topf, Marsha Gallicia-Monroe, Mary Anne Parker, Melissa Johnson, Roshini Greenwld, Stefanie Lee, Tal Shwarzman

Pre-Meeting 6:30 - 7:00

- Joanne Cosmos Finn presented "Supporting Your Children with Distance Learning: Coping with Stress"
 - Presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/LessStressBobcat>

Welcome

- Sarah Rhodes welcomed and thanked all for attending.

Prior Meeting Minutes

- October 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

Income: Dollar a day at 102%
Matching gifts at 97%
Walk-a-thon at 0%
Auction at 0%
Total income YTD: \$65K vs budget of \$76K (86%)

Expenses: Checks written for Teacher materials, Quickbooks fees, etc.
Total Expenses YTD: \$47K vs. budget of \$90K (52%)

Net Cash Available (10/31/20): \$197K

Cash Balance Jun 2021: \$155K if we meet our income goal

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

Remaining Strategic Funds: \$121K

Committee Reports

- Move-A-Thon fundraiser scheduled for week of December 7th, planning to use MyFunRun app to track pledges and activity
- Online Scholastic Book Fair lasts for week, starting Sunday 11/15
- Dine to Donate at Chipotle to be held on 11/18

Faculty Reports

Ms. Parker Kinder & 1st Grade

Kindergarten Dual and Monolingual Grade Level

-Teachers have completed assessments

-Teachers are doing Report Cards

-Teachers have expressed the increased time pressures in learning and training themselves on the new assessment program "Illuminate" (Kinder does not have ESGI anymore as an assessment program).

-Teachers are also watching the new report card videos adding to the extra time pressures needed to learn new programs and teaching platforms in addition to teaching, grading and planning lessons on Google Classroom and Seesaw platforms.

-Parents are really supportive, thank you Kindergarten parents!

- In Kinder we are enjoying our fall themed units, including 'thankful and grateful' activities for the season

-The kids are learning and growing!

First Grade Level Team

-Teachers have finished conferences and have enjoyed meeting with all our families!

-Teachers are finishing assessments on Illuminate, a new program in which we are teaching ourselves from watching videos and collaboration.

-Teachers are working on Report Cards while learning the new Report Card Program.

-First Graders are working on non-fiction informational texts, searching for evidence.

-First Graders are writing book reports on Spiders. This month, First Graders are writing about Pumpkins and the Pumpkin Life Cycle. Later, First Graders will be doing book reports about Mammals.

-We are also enjoying our fall themed units including 'thankful and grateful' seasonal activities and units about 'community helpers'.

-Thank you First Grade Parents for all your support!

-We are so proud of our First Grade students completing the 1st Trimester of school!

-The First Graders have shown so much growth and we are looking forward to an amazing 2nd Trimester.

Shout Outs:

Thank you to Mrs. Finn for her presentation tonight and for visiting the First Grade classrooms to teach coping tools especially during the "spare the air days" as well as singing and sharing a story.

Thank you to Mrs. Dunn for the Donuts and Coffee at the end of Conference Week and before Halloween! It was a wonderful and festive treat and very much appreciated by all the Teachers!

Thank you Parents for the Wonderful Lunch!!!

Kinder and First Grade teachers want to say it meant a lot to us to have the Mexican Lunch for the teachers. It was so nice to have a hot meal while we had our Grade Level meetings; it made it quite enjoyable and was so thoughtful of the parents. Thank you again from Kindergarten Teachers and First Grade Teams!

Recap:

All Kinder and First Grade Teachers, Thank our parents for all their support!

All Kinder and First Grade Teachers have seen so much growth in our students and are so proud of our Bancroft Bobcats!

Ms. Andrews 2nd & 3rd Grade

First and foremost, we want to extend a HUGE thank you to our families for taking time out of your schedules to meet with us for parent/teacher/student conferences. We enjoyed getting to know our wonderful families and working together to set goals for our students. We would also like to thank you SO MUCH for the wonderful lunch "fiesta" that you gifted the Bancroft staff. That meant so much to us. Many of us work on campus daily but don't see one another. It was wonderful to sit out in the courtyard with our colleagues and have conversations and hear laughter again, all while enjoying a tasty meal. This is all thanks to our Bobcat parent community--we love you!

We have finished the Illuminate testing (a new platform where we are collecting data). For monolingual classes there was an ELA and math test, and in dual immersion there was an additional Spanish test. We are so proud of our students who have showed flexibility and resilience as we all navigate this new system.

2nd and 3rd grade teachers are receiving a lot of questions from families about the new, hybrid learning schedule released by the school district. The teachers received this schedule in an email at the exact same time as families did last Friday. We don't have information at this time, but we are meeting in professional learning communities, with grade levels, with cross-grade levels, and among programming (mono/dual) as we learn and collaborate to find ways to best support our students. Families can go to the MDUSD website to view Dr. Clark's presentation from Monday's board meeting regarding the hybrid learning plan.

We had a successful Red Ribbon Week and appreciate our families supporting our students with honest conversations at home, as well as helping children deck out in spirit wear!

2nd grade academics: ELA/SLA- Fiction (fables) & Non-Fiction, Strategy: Ask and Answer Questions, make predictions. Skill: Main idea and key details, events, problem, and solution. Writing- complete sentences, narrative text, writing structure, and organization of details. Phonics- Blends/Digraphs and long vowel sounds. Grammar- subjects and predicates, nouns. Social Studies- families and cultures.

Math- fluently add and subtract within 20 using mental strategies, use addition and subtraction to solve word problems, place value, addition with regrouping, measurement.

3rd grade academics: ELA/SLA- Historical Fiction, Expository Text, Poetry and Folktales. Strategy: Theme, Point of View. Phonics and writing- prefixes and suffixes, possessive nouns, similes. Math- division (It is very important that our students know their multiplication facts so that division will come much easier to them. Please practice multiplication flashcards daily with your child.) Social Emotional Learning- we are learning about "empathy." Art- mosaic, Social Studies- voting, Veteran's Day. Mystery Science- oceans.

Ms. Giffin 4th & 5th Grade

Thank you parents for lunch last week. Such a wonderful gesture.

All:

Art lessons- Ms. Alisa has done/is scheduled for zoom lessons.

Raising baby Sequoia trees with Mrs Burns.

Learning about Dia de Muertos.

Ongoing lessons for SEL.

Many students enjoyed library pick up.

4th

My Father's Dragon

Strategies:

I notice

I wonder

It reminds me

Nature journaling

Central San online lesson next week

5th

All-explorers, non-fiction, informational writing.

STEM projects

Mono- finished Lion, Witch and the wardrobe and will watch movie after class on Thursday.

Water cycle

TWDI- reading Esperanza Rising in Spanish

Principal's Report

Campus Updates:

- Preparing for students' return to campus
 - Setting up Example Classroom with supplies (e.g., Kleenex, sanitizer, tables)
 - Arrows on the ground for walking in the same direction (i.e., everyone will walk to the right, not across the courtyard)
 - Guiding principle: safety first
- Report cards available via Homelink on 11/20

Limited Hybrid / Distance Learning:

- District is working on posting a new plan

- Five bargaining units need to approve plan; board has approved
- Recent district meeting was a study session
- Still two groups (full-time distance learning, hybrid of distance/in classroom)
- Clearing up confusion on timing - not 3 hours straight class, may be phased and with breaks
- Bancroft parents want to keep teacher
- Plexiglass shields planned to be put in place
- Teachers will have shields
- Classrooms will be fogged
- Plan to return Kinder/1st grade in January
- Pastries with the Principal: plan to have parent meeting to discuss in the future via Zoom, limited to 300 parents

Other Updates:

- School Messenger has been retired and replaced by Parent Square which integrated with existing Airies system; parents will be invited to sign-up

Adjourned.