

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

January 12, 2021, 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

Alisa Kutsel, Alyson Ogden, Andrea Chertoff, Andrian Galben, Carrie Winchell, Catherine Beier, Christina Hendricksen, Mrs. Giffin, Erica Kaminsky, Giesel Velez, Jane's Phone, Jeff and Roma Villafania, Jennifer Walsh, Jessica Aguilar, Jessica Hoversen, Jessica Palomino, Jodie Shikuma, Jose & Melissa Porras, Katie Brown Davis, Marsha Gallicia-Monroe, Mrs. Parker, Ms. Cromwell, Nick Hendricksen, Ria Bhatt, Roshini Greenwld, Stacy Scanlan, Stefanie Lee, Suzanne Yahiro Liebowitz, Tal Shwarzman, Tammy Lohmann

Welcome

- Sarah Rhodes welcomed and thanked all for attending.

Prior Meeting Minutes

- November 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 107%
Matching gifts at 172%
Walk-a-thon at 0%

Total income YTD: \$75K vs budget of \$76K (99%)

Expenses: Checks written for RazKids licensing, Teacher materials, Garden Supplies, Insurance Premium

Total Expenses YTD: \$52K vs. budget of \$90K (58%)

Net Cash Available (12/31/20): \$194K

Cash Balance Jun 2021: \$148K if we meet our income goal

Additional Chromebook Replacements: \$34K (within next two years)
Remaining Strategic Funds: \$114K

Faculty Reports

Ms. Parker Kinder & 1st Grade

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Kindergarten and Dual Kindergarten

-The classes enjoyed the Move-a-thon!

-The virtual gingerbread hunt for Kinder was a success in December.

-Kindergarteners are working on beginning addition, sentence writing, reading the story "The Mitten", Martin Luther King Jr. and non-fiction writing, and preparing for the 100th Day January 28th, 2021.

-They are finishing up on the "Snowman Theme", with activities such as the adding of snowmen, various snowmen stories, and making their own snowmen craft.

Dual Kinder & Kindergarten Shout Outs

Thank all parents for all their support from home.

Thank you for the PFC funds that we are using to send more hands-on learning activities, such as chalk math activities and hands-on crafts and STEAM activities!

Dual Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade are implementing the Bancroft Best incentives to the students. These incentives help reinforce the Life Skills such as Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Kindness!

First Grade and Dual First Grade

-Students are learning the symbols for the United States and George Washington.

-Everyone is celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. and preparing for the 100th Day of School on January 28th, 2021.

-First Grade started our next Math Module working with addition and subtraction to 20.

-Dual First Grade is working with place value in Spanish and addition to 20. Dual First Grade is utilizing the I-Ready Spanish books and I-Ready resources purchased by the PFC for the students.

First Grade is studying habitats.

Dual First Grade classes are studying the Polar Region Animals –Penguins and the Arctic Fox.

First Grade is studying all about Polar Bears that live in the Polar Regions.

Thank you PFC for the teacher funds that help to provide these online resources for learning in math, reading and our STEAM projects!

MOVE-A-THON was a HUGE success for Bancroft! First Grade classes rounding out the top 10!

Our First Grade Teacher, Mrs. Cromwell's Class won 1st Place with the HIGHEST classroom donations at Bancroft!

Mrs. Cromwell's First Grade Class also won 1st Place with the HIGHEST individual student donation!

As a classroom reward Mrs. Cromwell had a special lunch with her winners!

Her class enjoyed the Grand Prize of a Magic Show! The magic show was a hit with all the students and families in Mrs. Cromwell's class. The show was very interactive with tricks. A highlight of the Magic Show was when the magician did a card trick with the teacher, Mrs. Cromwell which amazed all!

Shout Outs:

Thank you again PFC for making such a great Move-a-thon Fundraiser! Thank you to all the Bancroft students and families for participating and making it such a success!

Bancroft Winter Story night with Mrs. Dunn & the 10 Days of Holiday Fun Calendar by Mrs. Dunn brought smiles to the children and Holiday Spirit to the Bancroft Community. Children enjoyed seeing and hearing Mrs. Dunn read to them. It added to the 10 Days of Holiday Fun spirit of wearing plaid, wearing headgear day, pajama day, etc. making each day something special at Bancroft.

Thank you to the librarian, Ms. Gomes for the Book Fair, and the Holiday stories she read in the class. Thank you to the music teacher, Mrs. Smythe for the festive holiday music lessons and songs.

Mrs. Burns, our Garden Teacher, made Lentil soup mix packets for all of our students at Bancroft and they have been distributed at our Materials Pick-up Days. Thank You, Mrs. Burns!

Thank you Stephanie Lee for keeping our kids and school staff safe and doing a great job at the daycare with Distance Learning for our Bancroft students. Mrs. Lee works hand in hand with teachers and families creating an atmosphere of caring and community at Bancroft.

A Warm Welcome to our new Bancroft Office Manager, Minna Banuelos!

Mrs. Rooney retired but came back to Bancroft to fill in. We are very fortunate that Linell Rooney helped in the smooth transition this year, from August through December! We will miss you Linell.

Thank you for the hard work of our resource teachers, such as Ms. Purcell, our counselor Mrs. Finn, and our speech teacher, Mrs. Flicksteen, and school psychologist, Melissa Navarro. They are helping to support all our teachers and students at Bancroft!

Ms. Andrews 2nd & 3rd Grade (not presented at meeting)

Some of us will be welcoming Ygnacio Valley High School students from the Education Academy as interns. We look forward to having these seniors work with our students!

Second Grade:

ELA & SLA- fiction & non-fiction genres

Strategies- rereading and finding main idea/key details

Grammar- verbs and verb tenses

Math- Place value, comparison of numbers, time, using addition and subtraction to solve word problems

Third Grade:

ELA & SLA- expository text

Strategies- summarizing, sequencing, rereading, cause/effect, main idea/key details

Vocabulary Strategies- suffixes, multiple-meaning words

Math- our focus is learning how to model two-step word problems using any mix of the four operations: multiplication, division, addition, or subtraction, and soon we will explore fractions

Science/SS (embedded in Wonders/Maravillas)- What ideas can we get from nature? How is each event in history unique?

2nd and 3rd Thank yous!

Thank you to Ms. Alisa for continuing art appreciation with our classes!

Thank you to Mrs. Burns for preparing the kits for us such as microgreens, lentil rice soup, and the New Year seed balls!

Thank you Mrs. Dunn for the engaging story night!

Thanks to Mrs. Rooney for her incredible work in the office this school year! Welcome Ms. Minna!

Thanks to Ms. Tammy for returning to support us in the office!

Thank you Dianne Adair staff for your awesome work with our DA kiddos!

Thank you for being fabulous & flexible, Ms. Gomes and Mrs. Smythe!

Thank you for your support on campus, Noon Sups!

THANK YOU STUDENTS!!! WE LOVE YOU!

Thank you Bancroft families for all of your support at home! :)

Ms. Giffin 4th & 5th Grade

Thank you for the Breakfast Burritos for staff in December. Such a wonderful treat.

Congratulations to 4th graders in Mrs. Wright's class for the highest participation in the Move-a-Thon. They enjoyed a magic show as a reward.

We are focusing on Civil Rights/Martin Luther King. 4th and 5th graders are doing critical thinking and considering what we can all do to make the world a better place for all.

We all enjoyed holiday activities adapted to online. Students and teachers had fun dressing up for theme days.

4th grade is working on strategies for multiplication and division for four digit by one digit and two digit by two digit equations. Strategies include standard algorithm, partial product, and area model.

Thanks for PFC funds which we were able to use for Nature Journals, tape, and rulers for students to have a journaling kit at home.

4th grade special events via zoom:

All: Contra Costa Water District and Black History Museum

English: Central Sanitation and Artist visit

TWDI: Dia de Muertos Music via Oakland Museum and Mission San Juan Capistrano

Committee Reports

Move-A-Thon fundraiser raised \$25,000 well above forecast

- Class Prizes - Magic Show
 - Most Funds Raised: Mrs. Cromwell - \$3,765 raised!!
 - Most Participation: Mrs. Wright - 93% of students submitted Moveathon Minutes!
- Individual Prizes
 - 1st Place, Fit Bits - A sibling tie!
 - Ethan K (4th gr Wright), raising \$1,865
 - Lauren K (1st gr Cromwell), raising \$1,865
 - 2nd Place, \$75 Target gift card = William D (K, Velasquez), raising \$1,160
 - 3rd Place, \$50 Target gift card = Nathan Y (3rd Stiles), raising \$1,000
 - 4th Place, Principal for a Day = Liam L (1st Sugarman), raising \$860

Hats off to Andrea Chertoff and Jessica Aguilar for volunteering and organizing this all remotely and doubling our success!! It was their first time volunteering for a committee role and we could not have done this without them!

Principal's Report

Campus Updates:

- Welcome back everyone!
- No information on re-opening plan
 - 1/13 school board meeting for discussion of reopening plan
- Story Night next Wednesday (1/20)
 - Winter/Snowman theme

Q&A

Q: Is there a good way to get everyone in the school to use same platform?

A: Prefer more forms of communication than not enough. Possible conversation with the PFC about using Parent Square.

Parent Square (District/School) allows for email, text, phone calls

S'more (Mrs. Dunn) is for the weekly school newsletter

Konstella is used by the PFC

Class Dojo & Remind are used by teachers

Q: Are dates confirmed for Outdoor Ed this year?

A: No one provider is willing to commit. No science camp will be held this year. Parents will be given the option of a refund or make a donation. There will be a letter sent by 1/18/2021. Funds not refunded to parents (e.g., donations for the event) could be used for other things.

Q: Can there be more lead time on materials pickup?

A: Reach out to the teacher if you aren't getting enough warning. Teachers are flexible.

Q: Is the school encouraging the teachers to get the Covid-19 vaccine?

A: No, neither encouraging or discouraging.

A From Mrs. Giffin: There's a lot of talk but no plan on receiving it from the district

Q: How much is in the 5th grade fund?

A: Approximately \$3,400

Q: Is there a plan for 5th grade transition/promotion

A: Plans are up in the air

Q: Kindergarten registration?

A: Starting; zoom meetings only; dual language meetings

Q: Any plans for the 4th grade students Outdoor Ed for next year?

A: Need to get together Mrs. Giffin

Q: Is the campus open for use without masks?

A: We do not have a locked campus. Perhaps need signage for dogs. Call MDUSD Security 925-709-4847 to file a report.

Q: Update on ordering new Google Chromebooks?

A: Filled out request form; waiting for a response; district has identified a new vendor

Adjourned.