

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

**February 9, 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, Anna Rowe, Baez, Cameron Jahn, Christina Hendricksen, Darleen Garcia, Deanne Giffin, Diane Quinn, Eric Kyono, Erica Tapiarene, Foryal, Jacqueline Sindoni, Jason Horst, Jeff and Roma Villafania, Jennifer Jungman, Jessica Aguilar, Jodie and Jon Shikuma, Kathline Gomes, Katie Brown Davis, Kristina Johnson, Lucas and Florencia, Melissa Johnson, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Giffin, Mrs. Parker, Ms. Andrews, So, Stefanie Lee, Suzy Olafsson, Tal Shwarzman

## Welcome

- Sarah Rhodes welcomed and thanked all for attending.

## Prior Meeting Minutes

- January 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed & approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Ben Nie provided the financial summary as of end of January 2021

**Income:** Dollar a day at 108%  
Matching gifts at 189%  
Walk-a-thon (Move-a-thon) at 244%

Total income YTD: \$102K vs budget of \$76K (136%)

**Expenses:** Checks written for Teacher materials, Art Appreciation materials, Quickbooks fees, etc.

Total Expenses YTD: \$58K vs. budget of \$90K (65%)

**Net Cash Available (1/31/20):** \$219K

**Cash Balance Jun 2021:** \$174K assuming no additional income (goal exceeded)

**Additional Chromebook Replacements:** \$48K (within next two years). Unit cost increased from \$240 to \$275.

## **Remaining Strategic Funds: \$126K**

### **Budget Action Items for 2020/2021 School Year**

- Approved increase of Art Appreciation budget to \$3,000
- Approved increase of Principal's Fund to \$2,500
- Approved \$15,000 for Read Across America Program for Bancroft
  - Ms. Gomes proposed school-wide program to include tracking of minutes, rewards of book mark, pencils, journal, and author visits

## **Faculty Reports**

### **Ms. Parker Kinder & 1st Grade**

#### **Kinder**

Kinder just is finishing assessments with extra 1 on 1 extra zoom times with the students and they are so thankful to Mrs. Dunn for the recent purchase of ESGI that collects great data and is so student friendly!

Thank you PFC for the teacher funds for the supplies, crafts and learning materials for the children!

They had a great 100th day celebration and there was a special 100 year old Granny appearance to greet the kids on 100th day.

Everything's coming up Valentine Hearts for Valentine's celebration.

The children have been studying words, letter sounds, handwriting, writing, and math concepts! Despite the circumstances the kids are making progress and will have a very good foundation for 1st Grade!

Kinder Strong is their motto!

Also, a big shout out to Ms. Alisa's STEAM/ART Appreciation lesson with watercolors!

#### **1st Grade**

Is also working on finishing assessments and scheduling Extra Zoom time 1 on 1 sessions with the students,

First Grade is working on book reports for animals and learning all about animals in our Wonders Reading Program, we are continuing to learn about addition and subtraction to 20, and place value and learning numbers from 1-120.

120 is a special number as part of our Math Standards and we are having a 120th Day Celebration with our classes on March 1st for 120th Day of School. Students may dress up wearing 120 items on a t-shirt! We are looking forward to much excitement and presentation sharing for 120th day in first grade.

We had our first Art Appreciation/STEAM lesson with Ms. Alisa learning about insects and their symmetry in Art! It was an amazing lesson and a fun learning experience for all!

We are also celebrating many special holidays this month, Valentine's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, and Black History Month. Mrs. Burns from the garden has shared books with us for our Black History Month including a special book about Dr. Washington Carver!

First Grade has scheduled a Virtual Field Trip with the Wildlife Museum in Tucson, Arizona! A live zoologist will share live animals on screen from the desert habitat as well as other animals from the Zoo! All the first graders are excited to have this shared experience!

First Grade has planned our next Materials Day pickup to coincide with Mrs. Dunn's Popcorn Storynight on Feb. 17th! Looking forward to popping good time at storytime with Mrs. Dunn!

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

#### **2nd Grade**

- Celebrating Love and Friendship
- Reading- Fiction & Non-fiction, author's purpose, main idea, setting, and plot
- Writing- Informational text and poems, writing structure and organization of ideas
- Grammar- adverbs, verbs, adjectives
- Math- Word problems, fluently adding and subtracting within 20 using mental strategies, addition and subtraction with regrouping, time, money
- Science- How Earth's forces affect us

#### **3rd Grade**

- We are so excited to be exchanging valentines/notes of friendship with our classmates!
- Third Grade is continuing our assessments (Illuminate) in English, Spanish, and Math. The fractions test will not be given until after we conclude our fractions unit.
- Third Grade has just finished up our math unit on multiplication and division with two-step word problems, and we just started our unit on fractions! Students will not only identify fractions and equivalent fractions, but also plot them on a number line.
- We are currently studying realistic fiction and excerpts from fiction books in Wonders
- We celebrated the 100th Day of School and students brainstormed 100 things they are thankful for!
- On Thursday, 2/11/21 we will attend a virtual field trip to the California Academy of Sciences for a penguin presentation.
- Some students participated in a talent show after we read a story from our Wonders curriculum about students in a talent show. Our Bobcats are amazing!
- Ms. Alisa has come into our classes to lead art classes. We loved our most recent project of using Model Magic to create an animal, and then design and color its habitat.
- Maestra Calender has put together STEAM kits for at-home engineering
- Mrs. Burns has provided us with Garden Journals and we want to acknowledge her hard work with all six grade levels.
- We appreciate Mrs. Lee and her staff at Dianne Adair who are doing a fabulous job supporting our students who attend the center.
- Looking forward to a POPPING good time at Mrs. Dunn's story night next Wednesday, 2/17/21 at 7:15 PM. Each student will receive a bag of popcorn (from their most recent pick-up) to pop for this fun night!
- We appreciate our wonderful noon supervisors who are hard at work on campus, as well as our office and custodial staff!
- Thank you Ms. Gomes for allowing us to check out books!!!

### **Ms. Giffin 4th & 5th Grade**

#### **All:**

Assessments in Illuminate for 2nd Trimester and Informative Writing.  
Valentine exchanges at Pick Ups

#### **4th Grade:**

Field Trip experiences include Contra Costa Water District, Sutter's Fort, Ranchos under Mexican rule, Athlete Sissi, 1850s Frontier, Black History Museums

Math: Fractions

Science: Energy kits going home for hands-on lessons. (Giffin/Wright)

Giffin/Wright finished reading Hatchet using Notice and Note comprehension strategies.  
Ceja/Korsgaard learning about Lunar New Year with red envelope surprise.

### **5th Grade**

5th grade teachers are looking into virtual outdoor school camp. More info to come on this as we get approval and are able to schedule. 5th grade teachers have also been planning out the Respect, Rights and Responsibility Curriculum that will be taking place in the month of March. Parents will be receiving access to that curriculum to preview as well as a letter outlining the lessons. Currently working on random acts of kindness and reflections, American Revolution, Water Cycle and an intensive writing clinic.

Information on incoming Foothill students coming soon.

TWDI 5th. We have used our funds for buying Spanish science and language arts journals as well as art, and science materials that we send home.

Thank you to our yard duties who have helped prep materials to send home.

Thank you Mrs. Burns for garden lessons and zoom visits.

Thank you Ms. Alisa for our creative zoom art lessons.

### **Mrs. Burns (Garden Educator)**

- Thank you for supporting the Garden
- Kids Cooking Challenge bag of oats & cinnamon stick
- 3rd -th grade: receiving enough flour to bake two loaves of bread: one family, one to share with someone else
- Coming: Trout in the Classroom
- Almost all classrooms participating

### **Principal's Report**

#### **2021 Updates:**

- School Board Meeting (2/10) will provide the latest update on the next stage for school year & instruction
- Story Night next Wednesday (2/17)
  - Popping Good Time (Popcorn to be distributed) / Zoo Theme
  - Received many ideas from teachers for future nights
- School Site Council Meeting (2/23)
- Virtual Outdoor Ed
  - Planning for spring
- Picture Day
  - Planning for 3-days (Thursday / Friday / Saturday)
  - Drive-thru and scheduled

#### **Q&A**

Q: Comment on the fact that math books are not provided and how kids would be evaluated. Specifically, Engage NY practice book note provided.

A: Evaluations & assessment provide a way to guide teacher planning, focused on how much the students have grown.

[Extended discussion during & after meeting regarding math instruction, availability of books, standards, expectations]

Q: Is annual testing still happening?

A: Yes, an abbreviated version of the CAASPP testing is planned for the spring

### **Committee Reports**

Art Appreciation: art instruction the classroom continues virtually with materials being distributed through pick-up with a tie between literacy & art with painting, collage, mixed media, weaving, and artist visits when possible.

Dine to Donate: Round Table (Wed. 2/24); Gotts Roadside & Kendra Scott planned for March; See's Candy spring 4th grade fundraiser; additional 4th grade fundraiser with Chef Jeff

Communications: Publishing Bobcat Tracks next Monday. Please send write-ups.

#### **From PFC President (Sarah Rhodes):**

- Planned lunch event for teachers in February, working on date
- March draft budget
- Forming a nominations committee for PFC positions
- Teacher appreciation (1st week of May)

Adjourned.