

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

January 10, 2023, 7pm @ Zoom Video Conference

The meeting was called to order by PFC Vice President Sandra Gonzalez at 7:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sandra Gonzalez / Vice President
Yotam Levine / Treasurer
Dory Barnard/ VP Fundraising
Irina Rivera / VP Communications
David Barnard / Parliamentarian/Historian
Agam Patel / Recording Secretary
Mrs. Cindy Dunn / Principal

OTHERS PRESENT

Evelyn Barrera, Jarrod Epps, Deanne Griffin, Minjung Ji, Kristina Johnson, Stefanie Lee, Tatyana Leskowicz, Mary Parker, Maggie Rinow, Sarah Rhodes, Markus Siebeneick, Jodie Shikuma, Oksana Ushkalova, Jessica Walsh

Welcome Sandra Gonzalez welcomed all joining Zoom meeting.

Approval of October 2022 Minutes Motion to approve October 2022 meeting minutes carried.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Summary

Yotam Levine reported on the October income and expenses for the PFC, highlighting the progress made of the Dollar-A-Day fundraising campaign. Detailed report available on Konstella.

Income:

- Dollar a day at 97k collected funds (107% of goal)
- Matching gifts at ~\$10k (64% of goal)
- Total income YTD: \$119k vs budget of \$176K (67%)

Expenses:

- Teacher Material Fund, \$879
- Principal's Fund, \$137
- Office Supplies, \$256
- Insurance Renewal, \$475
- Stump Removal, \$359

Net Cash Available (12/31/2022): \$324,636K

Cash Balance Dec 2022: \$114,742k

Remaining Strategic Funds: \$172,720k

Faculty Reports

- Ms. Parker reporting for TK - 1st Grade
- Ms. Barrera reporting for 2nd and 3rd Grade
- Ms. Giffin reporting for 4th and 5th grade

TK / Kindergarten / First Grade

Shout Outs to the Parents that decorated and brought treats for the teachers and staff before Winter Recess, it was so beautiful and bountiful and was very much appreciated by all!

January TK activities and learning in Mrs. Linda's:

All about Snowmen, Mittens, penguins and the Lunar New Year. TK and K are planning some Lunar New Year activities together. TK are working on Social Emotional Learning Activities. Currently, they are discussing the importance of community and friendships. 100 th Day is coming up and many TK school activities are in the works!

Kindergarten- Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Winbery, Mrs. Stiles, Mrs. V, Mrs. Thornby Kinders had an EPIC Gingerbread hunt before Winter Recess with a Real Life Gingerbread Man (Drew from Dianne Adair Daycare!) January Kinder activities include learning about MLK Jr.

Other January activities include, The Mitten book, Penguins, and the 100 th Day of School...with a special "Granny appearance on the 100 th Day! Kinders are learning their "Snap Words" to help them with their reading skills. Kinder is focusing on solidifying number sense, getting ready to dive into addition and teen numbers. Carolina Science for Kinder!

Push Pull Go is the Kinder Science Unit learning about Physics! They are talking about force and motion and made ramps for a ball to go down, collecting data, and reporting out their findings! It's great to have the science materials that are user friendly! SEL lessons are about building community and working on relationship skills with empathy for one another. Beautiful times and wonderful times in Kindergarten!

1st Grade - Mrs. Cromwell, Mrs. Giron, Mrs. Kay, Ms. Parker First Graders are focusing on phonics, spelling, reading and writing in our themes of Getting to Know Each Other, Our Community and Working Together to Build Community. Additional January themes are all about goals in the New Year 2023, learning about Polar Bears and writing a research report together! First Grade is celebrating Martin Luther King Jr., with activities in our Big Buddie Classes. 100th Day is Thursday, January 26 th, 2023 and in First Grade we also celebrate 120th Day! In our First Grade curriculum, students are learning to read, write and say numbers to 120! Also in Math, we are working on Addition and Subtraction to 20 and using strategies of making a 10 when adding three addends. In our 1st Grade Carolina Science, Our Unit is all about Organisms! The Unit materials are interactive and engaging with hands-on activities that compliment activities First Graders are learning in the Garden and STEAM Lab! Shout Out to our Parent Volunteers at Recesses and Lunch Duty helping our fabulous Mrs. Ingrid Beasley taking care of our kids at recess and lunch. Shout out to Mrs. Dunn for the 12 Days 'Till Winter Break Calendar which made it really fun for the kids with the snowflakes, pajama day and Candy Canes on Friday! Thank you to the PFC for making the 12 Days of Winter Break "Donut Day" memorable and a feast for all students at Bancroft Elementary!

Second Grade / Third Grade

Ms. Sajjad is focusing on Martin Luther King Jr and the Chinese Lunar New Year

Ms. Young and Mrs. Barrera are finishing up measurement in math and moving on to addition and subtraction with regrouping.

Informative writing and rocks and sand in Science. Had a wonderful Winter celebration before break and learned from our wonderful parent volunteers about Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, pinatas

from Mexico and St. Nick.

Mr.Cejas and Ms. Garcias made beautiful pinatas

Mrs.Ramos focusing on self awareness for SEL time, finishing up measurement in math

Ms.Bogni working on informative writing

All of third grade preparing for a field trip.

Fourth Grade / Fifth Grade

Thank you for the fabulous winter decor and goodies in December. It was much appreciated.

4th graders have all read the wonderful novel, Save Me a Seat, and had great conversations and reflections. We were pleased to see increases in iReady diagnostic scores in the area of reading comprehension. We have been working on many strategies to improve in this area. We will be reading Hatchet this month.

We have completed our Earth Science Unit and will be extending erosion activities during our garden time. Our next unit is learning about energy, including electric circuits.

Coming up at the end of January and beginning of February, all 4th graders will go on a field trip to the John Muir Historic Site and have our Walk Through California interactive experience at Bancroft.

Writing for the second trimester is Informational. 4th graders will be doing a research report in class and a project on a topic related to California history.

5th grade students are now receiving homework to take home and bring back to school in order to prepare them for middle school.

The Delta Discovery Voyage field trips will be January 24 and January 31.

Students have been assigned character cards in preparation for Walk Through the American Revolution in February. They will be working on their battle scenes.

TWDI students are also working on their speech presentations in Spanish.

Outdoor School is coming at the end of March. This month we are working on recruiting high school students for counselors and will do interviews and training beginning in February.

Committee Reports

Dory Barnard gave updates on Auction and Fundraising:

- **Auction Update** - Scheduled for Saturday, April 15th, reminders will be sent out to get tickets. Looking for help from the community for items to donate for auction, things like gift cards, toys, etc. Also looking for people to host "buy in parties" and any business owners have sponsorship opportunities. There will be an online auction a few weeks before the in person auction, sometime in March.
- **Fundraising Update** - Next dine to donate is at Panera Bread on Wednesday Jan 11th, 2023 from 4pm-8pm.

Principal's Corner

Mrs. Dunn provided updates on:

- California Distinguished School - Bancroft is one of 3 schools in MDUSD to be named
- Vacant 3 hour learning center IA position - 3 hour IA in learning center has left to go back into teaching. Position will be listed soon, paperwork has been submitted before the end of last year (2022).
- Still need 2 lunch supervisors for 8 hours each. (currently have 3 supervisors for 12 hours a week).

Old Business

- **Multicultural Night** - Irina Rivera gave updates that multicultural night will be happening on Friday Jan 27th from 5pm-8pm. The suggestion is that younger kids come from 5pm-6:30pm and older kids from 6:30pm-8pm to help manage the amount of people waiting in lines. So far we have 7 country booths but still looking for more. Kids will get passports and a prize at the event (if they complete the passport).
- **Playground Storage Shed** - Shed has been purchased and delivered. Also the work has been done to prepare the ground for the Shed (and the walkway and mural). The shed does need to be assembled so looking for volunteers to help put it together. Maggie Rinow offered to help lead finding volunteers.
- **Talent Show** - Jarrod Epps gave updates on the talent show progress. May 5th is the target date for putting it on. We are looking for a variety of acts, e.g. groups, individual and even whole classes. Still figuring out lights and sounds, would have to pay for help to run sound but also potentially may get a sponsor to help cover the cost. Current estimate to run audio/visual would be ~\$600. Would like to announce this near the end of January with sign up sheets to help planning. Looking at March to start firming up plans for remaining action items.

New Business

- **PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Representative** - Tatyana Leskovicz introduced herself as our PAC Representative and gave us an overview of that work. PAC reps from all the schools ask questions of the District and report back to us on those discussions.

Updates from PAC include:

- We should be seeing a dedicated team for maintenance along with an emergency team.
- Next week's meeting Jan 17th, is discussing school safety and specifically bullying. Can message Tatyana with questions so she can ask the District at the meeting.

Did you know the PFC has a website? Check it out at <http://bancroftpfc.org/>