

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

November 14th, 2023, 7pm @ Bancroft Elementary Library

The meeting was called to order by PFC President Sandra Gonzalez at 7:09 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sandra Gonzalez / President
Tamara Jimenez / Vice President
Yotam Levine / Treasurer
Hajra Shah / VP Communications
Sarah Rhodes / VP Strategic Funds
Andrea Chertoff / Financial Secretary
Agam Patel / Recording Secretary
Cynthia Dunn / Principal

OTHERS PRESENT

Priscilla Angeles, Evellyn Barrera, Deanne Giffin, Tatiana Khan, Alisa Kutsel, Stefanie Lee, Jaimie Ricchiuto, Maggie Rinow, Heather Salter, Jodie Shikuma, Katrina Stortz

Welcome Sandra Gonzalez welcomed everyone and we had introductions.

Approval of October 2023 Minutes Motion to approve October 2023 meeting minutes was passed given fixes to typos.

Financial Report/Budget Update

Yotam Levine went through the current budget and explained the line item income and expenses (available on Konstella). There were some questions on where the book fair income number came from, some follow up needed to verify that. There was also a discussion about right sizing projected expenses and income for the rest of the year given lower dollar-a-day participation on the income side and less realized expenses for the IAs to date, given the discussion we are updating projected expenses estimates for funded positions (Line 41 in Expenses) for IAs from 77k to 38k, Math Intervention from 40k to 30k and Counselor from 20k to 10k.

Faculty Reports

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

Full faculty reports are added as an attachment and available on the Bancroft PFC Website.

Principal's Corner

Mrs. Dunn provided updates on:

- Donuts with Dunn on Dec. 1st with the Chief Business Officer of MDUSD. For February planning to have Nutrition Services come.
- Presentation of plan for Student Achievement and also MDUSD multi-tiered System of Support plan - will be available on school website
 - From this came a discussion about how to get extra support specifically for 4th and 5th grades
- Still working on Young Audiences for field trip / activity
 - There was a question about if approved vendors of DEI got sent to the Principal

- Review of school SPSA goals that align to district LEA and LCAP goals

Committee Reports

Fall Fest - Alisa Kutsel gave an update on Fall Fest that it was successful, one suggestion was to potential separate the haunted house and fall fest into two distinct events

Walk-a-thon - Heather Salter gave an update on walk-a-thon current results. Around 40k of the 47k goal has come in. Should get close to the goal. Overall around 50% of the student body participated. Expenses were under 2k which included balloon art, printing, paper cups, the DJ and headbands. Some feedback was that we could need more clarification for the awards and communication with custodians.

Dine-to-donate - Tamara Jimenez gave an update that for the Kebab Shop we received > \$650 and for Mooyah > \$300. The next one is Mendocino Farms.

No PAC update.

No Fundraising update.

Old Business

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New Business

Planning a Winter Caroling event on December 20th after school. Potentially roll this up with Principal story time.

Planning to do a holiday mingle instead of a foram December PFC meeting on Tuesday December 12th at Calicraft.

Family Dance discussion for February, potential date is Feb 9th after discussion.

Looking for a Multicultural night lead and Family night lead.

Looking for volunteers / help for the Auction.

Marquee is at the warehouse and waiting for maintenance to install.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

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

Faculty Reports

TK / Kindergarten / First Grade (Ms. Parker's notes, update given by Mrs. Barrera)

TK is finished with assessments.

TK is finishing November with the themes of Family, Friendship and Being Thankful. One of their activities on Wednesday will be making a Friendship Soup together!

Kinder is also finished with assessments and enjoyed meeting with all the Kinder parents for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

The Theme for October in Kinder and Kinder Dual is learning about the parts of a pumpkin and counting number pairs or number partners to the number 9.

Kinder Dual learned about Dia de los Muertos, with a special bread tasting and writing about the Pan de Muertos bread.

The Halloween Parade was spectacular and the Walk-a-Thon was a great wrap-up to the week and month!

First Grade also finished with assessments and enjoyed meeting with all the First Grade families during Conferences.

Our Themes in October are Pumpkins, Bats and Spiders which ties in well with our new Carolina Science Books about Living and Non-Living Things and Animal Habitats and our Informational Text Animal Book Report Writing with the First Graders.

First Grade is starting Subtraction and continuing using Math Tasks in collaborative groups.

Thank you again to all the volunteers for a fantastic Book Fair, Halloween Fall Fest (extra shout out to Ms. Alisa and Mrs. Burns), the Halloween School Parade and Bancroft Walk-a-Thon (Special shout out to Mrs. Stefanie Lee and the entire Dianne Adair Team!) so Fantastic!

Second Grade / Third Grade (Mrs. Barrera)

2nd Grade (Ms.Sajjad.Ms.Bogni.MsYoung and Mrs.Barrera)

- ELA/SLA - Wonders/Maravillas Unit 2 - Animals and Narrative writing
- Math - Place value and addition & subtraction of two and three digit numbers
- Science - water cycle
- Prepping for Harvest/Fall celebrations
- Finishing up report cards

3rd Grade (Ms.Ramos, Mrs.Freitas, Ms.Garcia and Mr.Ceja)

All of 3rd:

- Social Studies: Diwali celebration, Dia de los muertos and sugar skulls, finishing learning about California geography
- Science: Heather Farms Gardens in-house field trip - learned about worms and composting, learning about the weather
- Math: Finishing module 3 (multiplication and division), will be in module 2 (measurement and data) next week
- Language Arts: Finished unit 2, working on Personal Narrative writing, learning how to use a Google Doc
- SEL: We are focusing on Responsible Decision Making

Fourth Grade / Fifth Grade (Ms. Giffin)

Thanks to Mr. Larson for ongoing support with Promethean boards.

Thank you PFC for our Field Trip funds. 5th grade is planning a trip to Chabot and 4th grade is looking at adding to our original three.

We have all been busy with assessments and report cards which will be available this Friday.

We enjoyed a fun Halloween, including our school parade and learned more about Dia de los Muertos.

4th grade

All students are reading Save Me a Seat and practicing predicting and inferring. This book provides great opportunities for good conversations and the students are loving it.

In math we are working problem solving using all four operations and beginning fractions.

In Social Studies we are learning about the Mission System and California under Mexican Rule. We have had some great ZOOM field trips to State Parks. All 4th graders can get a pass to California State Parks. Parents can enroll online. Libraries also have lending passes for Parks if your family is interested you can check one out with your library card.

We continue working on writing narratives, improving skills of formatting and punctuation.

All classes have now experienced Los Vaqueros in Brentwood.

In Earth Science, we are making model stream tables to study erosion and then layering to form a model for fossils.

5th grade

Writing Personal Narratives continues with a focus on strong introductions and conclusions.

In Math students are working on fractions and decimals. Some special projects in math include Fraction Feast, Thanksgiving meal planning, and a pizza party project.

Science continues with Physical and Chemical Changes in Matter in two classes and Earth Systems in two classes.

In Social Studies students have been studying Explorers and will be doing an Explorer Project.