

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

January 16th, 2024, 7pm @ Bancroft Elementary Library

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sandra Gonzalez / President
Tamara Jimenez / Vice President
Yotam Levine / Treasurer
Sarah Rhodes / VP Strategic Funds
Agam Patel / Recording Secretary
Cynthia Dunn / Principal

OTHERS PRESENT

Eveyn Barrera, Rakel Cromwell, Tatiana Khan, Stefanie Lee, Isabelle Nguyen, Mary Anne Parker, Amanda Pinkham, Jaime Ricchiuto, Maggie Rinow, Elizabeth Silva, Katrina Stortz, Jon Shikuma, Oksana Ushkalova

Welcome Sandra Gonzalez welcomed everyone and we had introductions.

Approval of November 2023 Minutes Motion to approve November 2023 meeting minutes was passed.

Financial Report/Budget Update

Yotam Levine went through the current budget and explained the line item income and expenses (available on Konstella). Things of note were the Marquee expenses ended up at ~\$13,900.00 (with no more expenses expected) and also zeroed out the Garden converted benches expenses.

Faculty Reports

- Mrs. Parker reporting for TK - 1st Grade
- Ms. Barrera - reporting for 2nd and 3rd Grade
- Ms. Dunn (on behalf of Mrs. 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:

- Outdoor Ed - have brought in ~40k so far with some payments still outstanding. May need around 5k from PFC, but actual amount may vary depending on how the rest of fundraising goes. Cost for outdoor education is going up, probably around ~\$500 per child next year.
- Math intervention - No new applicants for the math intervention role, but have hired a roving sub that helps with math all day on Thursdays and half the day on Fridays.
- Lunch share table - Will have shared bins available for food that can be washed and reused
- Attendance - Will be a concerted push to incentivize school attendance, one of the areas we are weak on

Committee Reports

Auction Update - Amanda Pinkham gave an update on the upcoming Auction. Early ticket sales (105 sold) are similar to previous years, and still have 111 seats available. Need help with procurement, volunteers for the day of the event and buy-in parties. The online auction will start Feb 17th and probably last for a week. Also planning to send out a guide for potential event attire.

No PAC meeting update

Fundraising Update - Sandra Gonzalez gave an update from Kelly Bottarini the VP of Fundraising that the fundraising push at the end of 2023 brought in ~\$3,500 for dollar-a-day. We are at 80k of the 140k goal.

Multicultural Fest - Isabel Nguyen gave an update on the upcoming Multicultural Fest. Occurring on Jan 26th from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Will have an art show, performers, booths and flavors of the world tables. Cost is ~\$650 to host the event. Volunteer requests will be coming out on Konstella soon.

Family Dance Update - Tamara Jimenez gave an update on the upcoming Family Dance. The date is set for Feb 9th with more details coming soon.

PFC Board - Sandra Gonzalez gave an update that the PFC Board is looking to fill the Financial Secretary role and also still need a lead for the DEI initiative that has \$1,000 allocated in the budget.

Old Business

Marquee Update - Sandra Gonzalez gave an update on the Marquee that it is installed. The total cost was ~13k (10k of that raised from the auction with the rest coming from PFC).

New Business

Strategic Funds - Sarah Rhodes gave an update that there is a request for funds of \$800 to get a pizza oven for the garden. Sarah Rhodes makes a motion to use 1k of strategic funds to purchase a pizza oven for the garden with Mary Anne Parker seconding the motion. During discussion there was a question about who would maintain the oven (which would be Mrs. Burns). The motion passed by vote with 18 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain.

There was a discussion about using strategic funds for playground equipment (hula hoops, etc). Rakel Cromwell will work with Mrs. Dunn to get more information about what is needed.

Talent show - Maggie Rinow gave an update about the upcoming Talent Show on April 19th. There is a lot of interest and sign ups, the next steps are to get video audition submissions by March 1st. The projected cost to provide sound is ~1k.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

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

Faculty Reports

TK / Kindergarten / First Grade (Ms. Parker)

The theme for TK is All About Winter!

The TK students are reading the Mitten Story and made mittens. They are learning symmetry using the mittens they made in class! TK students also learned about MLK Jr. to celebrate his Birthday. TK and K wish to thank PFC for the Field Trip Funds. They are planning a TK and K field trip to see a play at a theater and TK is planning to go to Fairyland!

Kinder

The Theme is Winter: including Winter Snowmen, Happy New Year Goals for 2024, winter animals and weather. They are learning letter formation, and introducing writing a sentence using ending punctuation. In Math, they are learning about "Gus the Plus" who brings things together, or brings things altogether when adding.

First Grade

The theme is All About Winter! We have been learning about Snowmen, Snowflakes, Reindeer and Artic Animals...students are writing a research report about Artic Animals. In Wonders, students are learning about Long Vowel sounds and the "silent" also known as the "magic e" in Common Core. In Math, the students have been using our new Vertical Boards in random groups of 3 or 4 students to problem solve curricular math tasks. In ENY Math, we are learning place value and using addition and subtraction with numbers to 20.

Shout out to Mrs. Alisa and Mrs. Burns for the wonderful Holiday store of handmade student crafts in December. Shout Out Diane Adair Stephanie Lee for their Holiday Show which was absolutely amazing with all our Bancroft Daycare Students on stage including a dance number by the staff! Shout Out to Mr. Wright for the Music Show it was awesome to see all the students singing on stage performing at Bancroft.

Second Grade / Third Grade (Mrs. Barrera)

Second Grade -

- Getting back into our daily routines after Winter Break and holidays
- Discussions about Martin Luther King Jr.
- Moving forward with our ELA/SLA in Wonders and Maravillas
- Moving on from narrative writing to Informational texts
- In math, Module 4- two digit addition and subtraction with regrouping and word problems
- In science, water and landforms

Third Grade -

D5/D6:

Math. Students recently completed a math test on volume, time and weight. We continue learning about bar graphs, area and perimeter (Module 4).

Language arts. We just finished Unit 3 with a review. We start Unit 4 on January 22. The students are also working on improving their spelling and grammar skills when writing. They also began cursive writing this month.

Science. We are wrapping up the unit on inertia, friction and gravity.

Social Studies. We continue our studies in early California.

D3/D4

Math: Finishing Module 2 (Place value and problem solving with units of measurement) and Starting Mod 4 (Area)

ELA: Reviewing and assessing Unit 3 that focused on Problem/Solution, Cause/Effect, Sequence, and Key details.

Writing: Finished Fictional narratives, going to be starting opinion writing.

SEL: Self-Awareness

Science: Forces and interactions. Talking about friction, pushes and pulls, and bridges.

Social Studies: We continue our studies in early California.

We are going to Coyote Hills on January 30th to learn about the Ohlone/native people and their land.

Fourth Grade / Fifth Grade (Ms. Giffin's notes, update given by Mrs. Dunn)

5th grade:

Thank you to Mrs. Burns and Ms Alisa for working with our 5th grade students to create and sell so many wonderful things at their holiday market to benefit our fundraising for 5th grade camp. Students were excited to sell and students throughout the school were excited to buy. All fundraising helps as we get closer to our goal.

We are recruiting high school juniors and seniors to apply to be cabin leaders for camp. We (Mrs. Spalding and Mrs. Giffin) will be interviewing candidates in February.

Thank you PFC for our Field Trip funds. Last week, 5th graders went to Chabot Space and Science Center where they were able to interact with many hands- on exhibits, view a star and planet through a telescope, view two different planetarium shows as well as see a science demonstration on how rocket fuel puts rockets into space.

5th grade is preparing for the upcoming Delta Discovery Voyage aboard the Brownlee vessel. Students will learn about our delta, how we can preserve it, water conservation, the delta habitat and animals that live there, and the types of fish caught and which are safe to eat.

4th grade

All students are reading Hatchet and practicing Notice and Note strategies for reading comprehension. This is a wilderness survival book and provides many examples of descriptive passages.

In math we are working on fractions and problem solving. Please continue to support your student at home with daily math practice (iReady, flash cards, math fact apps, real life problems using math) as well as daily reading.

In Social Studies we are learning about California after becoming a state. Later this month, students will begin an in class research report, based on California, and will take home information about a project to do at home that will support their report. This will be our main writing activity for Informational Writing.

We are beginning our Energy Unit in Science.

In two weeks, all 4th grade students will be going to the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez where we will learn about early California ranches, John Muir's life, and the National Park System.