

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

February 13th, 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
Kelly Bottarini / VP Fundraising
Agam Patel / Recording Secretary
Cynthia Dunn / Principal

OTHERS PRESENT

Eveyn Barrera, Deanne Giffin, Devin Jackson, Stefanie Lee, Brooke Nie, Mary Anne Parker, Jodie Shikuma, Oksana Ushkalova

Welcome Sandra Gonzalez welcomed everyone and we had introductions.

Approval of January 2024 Minutes Motion to approve January 2024 meeting minutes with a correction for number of available auction tickets remaining was passed.

Financial Report/Budget Update

Yotam Levine went through the current budget and explained the line item income and expenses (available on Konstella).

Faculty Reports

- Mrs. Parker reporting for TK - 1st Grade
- Ms. Barrera - reporting for 2nd and 3rd Grade
- 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:

- Math intervention - Interviewed a candidate and made an offer, waiting to hear back
- Lunch share table - has been implemented and started being used by the kids, available during second chance breakfast and lunch
- CABA (California Association for Bilingual Education) - Mrs. Dunn and some staff will be attending for a workshop
- Upcoming day of planning and collaboration for teachers across grade levels
- Lunch Supervisors - Currently down 2, so will be putting out request to try and hire replacements
- Amplification System - starting to replace old Redcat system piecemeal over the next 3 years

Committee Reports

Auction Update - Kelly Bottarini is reporting for Amanda Pinkham. Auction will be March 9th and online

auction will be from Feb 20th - 27th. Ticket sales will continue until Feb. 27th or sold out, so far 175 tickets have been sold which is on pace with previous years. Still need volunteer help for the day of the event and taking donations. The school will also be auctioning parking spots and naming the circle.

Family Dance - Tamara Jimenez gave a recap of the family dance. It went well and will plan to do it again next year, tickets sold out quickly and was a good start for funding Outdoor Ed for the current fourth graders.

Dine-to-Donate - Tamara Jimenez said the next Dine-to-Donate will be for Starbird Chicken on Feb. 28th.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Financial Secretary - Sandra Gonzalez appointed Agam Patel as the replacement Financial Secretary.

Fund-a-Need (Auction) - Sandra Gonzalez went over the Fund-a-Need options and that funding PE equipment school wide is the most likely candidate.

Nominating Committee - Tamara Jimenez talked about forming the Nominating Committee. The purpose is outreach to find new potential PFC Board members, the committee will be formed during the March Meeting, with the April meeting having the slate of candidates and voting during the May meeting.

DEI Initiative - Oksana Ushkalova is leading the DEI initiative and gave an update. Currently in the planning stage with comparing and contrasting existing DEI calendars and picking things appropriate for the elementary level. Will also put together communication to send to parents to request which important cultural events and dates they would like highlighted. Open to any suggestions and feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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

Faculty Reports

TK / Kindergarten / First Grade (Ms. Parker)

TRANSITIONAL KINDER

In January we TK, K, and 1st Grade all celebrated MLK Jr. Day, and our 100th Day of School at Bancroft!

TK – they are making their valentine boxes for the Valentine exchange tomorrow.

The theme this month is all about Life Skills of Caring and Friendship.

The TK class went around to school classrooms doing a Chinese New Year Parade with their paper puppet dragons and dragon kites! It was a wonderful school event by the Transitional Kindergarteners!

KINDER

Kindergarten -is also finishing up assessments.

They are preparing for tomorrow's Valentine exchange, and celebrating the Chinese New Year and Black History Month for February and Life Skills of Caring and Friendship.

Kinders are learning their snap words and using their snap words or sight words to make a sentence. They are continuing to concentrate on good letter formation in writing a sentence and using ending punctuation.

In Math, they are using "Gus the Plus" to bring things together for adding and have introduced subtraction.

FIRST GRADE

First Grade is finishing up assessments.

In LA, we are learning about Long Vowels, verb tenses in grammar and writing, Sequencing Events, descriptive writing, and finding evidence in nonfiction texts.

In Math, we are learning about Subtraction, fact families, Balanced Equations, and Place Value. The students also have been performing Place Value Curricular math tasks on the Vertical Whiteboards in cooperative math groups.

February 27th is the 120th Day for First Graders and is celebrated as part of one of our learning goals of learning and working with numbers to 120! Students wear 120th Day T-Shirts and make a Mystery Bag of 120 items to present as a Public Speaking Presentation to the class!

In Social Studies, we are learning about American Symbols, Black History Month, and Chinese New Year!

Students are excited to exchange Valentine's tomorrow and the Theme for February is Friendship & Caring which are part of Bancroft Life Skills. Friendship and Caring are on our Bancroft Bests, it is a key building block for our classroom communities!

First Graders are working on Animal Research Reports about animals in the Arctic Regions. First Graders are using Graphic Organizers for their writing.

Lindsey Wildlife comes to Bancroft School to be here for a in house field trip for First Grade in March to learn more about animals!

Thank you PFC

Students are still taking about the Multicultural Night! Thank you for a great event at Bancroft.

The Valentine Dance was a spectacular event with photo areas, dancing, food, friends and fun for all!

We are looking forward to the Bancroft Auction Fundraiser!

Picture Day is coming up next Tuesday, February 20th, 2024.

Second Grade / Third Grade (Mrs. Barrera)

Second Grade

Writing: informational text, research, nonfiction

Math: regrouping, two and three digit addition/subtraction

History: map skills

Science: landforms, water cycle, and practicing making predictions

Preparing for Valentine's/Friendship Day/Chinese New Year

Grade level will be meeting for PLC day Feb 15, 2024

Third Grade

Met as a grade-level for a PLC day and discussed data, students, pacing, projects, and report card calibration. Additionally, all teachers committed to holding a Parent meeting in which parents will be walked-through CAASPP practice testing to prepare for May assessment of state testing.

Speak Up and Be Safe has been scheduled for 2/26 (all 3rd grade students will participate on that day).

Opt out forms will go home this week.

Writing: Opinion Writing

Math: Beginning work with fractions

Social Studies Project: Students researching, creating, and presenting their "Black Excellence" project

Science: Invisible Forces

Preparing for Valentine's/Friendship Day/Lunar New Year

In dual (adding to 3rd grade):

- Parents came to give a presentation about the Lunar New Year
- Finished our studies about early California and took a quiz
- Will continue with science at the end of this month
- Mr. Ceja and Ms. Garcia will be away at CAFE from Feb 21-23

Fourth Grade / Fifth Grade (Ms. Giffin)

4th grade

Our field trips to the John Muir National Historic Site were great, despite the rain.

Students are finishing/reading Hatchet and beginning reading LOVE THAT DOG and A RIVER OF WORDS with a focus on Poetry.

Spanish students are reading stories about powerful voices.

All students are working on Informative Writing and currently doing the research and rough drafts for their California History Report. Projects to support their report topic are being done at home. All will be due at the end of February.

Spanish students are beginning Opinion Writing.

In Math we continue working on fractions and problem solving, including mixed numbers and comparing fractions with different numerators and denominators. 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 during the Depression, Dust Bowl, and World War 2. In April we will have an at school experience from Ancient Artifacts about the Gold Rush. Thank you PFC for additional funds for field trips and experiences.

In Science we continue learning about energy, conducting investigations that explore the transfer of energy.

5th grade

Field trips for the Delta Discovery Voyage aboard the Brownlee vessel were great.

Students are preparing for Science Camp by learning about the tidepools and the animals found there.

In writing, students are working on Opinion Writing, researching and collecting evidence that supports their reasoning. Next, we will write Biographies on a famous or noteworthy Naturalist.

Spanish students are working on fictional narrative to participate in the contest "Escribo en Espanol"

In Math we continue to work on multi-step problems involving adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. Students completed a math project which involved doubling and halving a recipe and then sharing in a fraction feast.

Camp is coming at the end of March. Mrs. Spalding and Mrs. Giffin have completed interviews with 36 high school students to select cabin leaders. There will be an evening online meeting for parents next Tuesday evening. Links sent to parents.