

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

March 12th, 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 / VP Activities
Yotam Levine / Treasurer
Sarah Rhodes / VP Strategic Funds
Hajra Shah / VP Communications
Agam Patel / Recording Secretary
Cynthia Dunn / Principal

OTHERS PRESENT

Julieta Alfonso, Eveyln Barrera, Jenna Boyd, Marissa Cedarleaf, Rakel Cromwell, Deanne Giffin,, Stefanie Lee, Mary Anne Parker, Maggie Rinow, Ruth Rossimov, John Shikuma, Elizabeth Silva, Katrina Stortz, Oksana Ushkalova

Welcome Sandra Gonzalez welcomed everyone and we had introductions.

Approval of February 2024 Minutes Motion to approve February 2024 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).

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:

- Staffing Updates
 - hired math intervention teacher at 0.4 FTE to support 4th and 5th grade primarily
 - looking for a noon lunch supervisor
- Pastries with the principal on Friday March 15th
- School Site Council - more information coming in May, but looking to fill the council positions. Some of the focus areas include disaster preparedness, school clean up
- Staff Appreciation Week coming in May
- Playground / Recess -
 - Discussion about touch football and caution on playing on wet grass
 - Also will look into having the blacktop swept (maybe district can do it)

Committee Reports

Auction - Sandra Gonzalez giving recap on auction, still waiting for final donation numbers but amount raised may be less than last year.

Talent Show - Maggie Rinow gave an update on the auction. Had 5th graders audition in front of the staff to be an MC for the event, with 6 getting ultimately picked. The first rehearsal is next Wednesday, March 20th. There's going to be two shows with TK-Second being the first one lasting around 45 minutes to an hour. Then 3rd-5th grade will be next. The acts are about 2 minutes long. Dress rehearsal will be on April 18th and the show on the 19th. Fourth graders will sell snacks during the show, and we are looking for volunteers to help run the event.

Crossing Guard - Sandra Gonzalez gave an update about crossing guard payment. Walnut Creek sent an invoice to the PFC to pay for having crossing guards which PFC did not agree to. Upon further investigation it was found there is no known contract or commitment between Walnut Creek and PFC regarding crossing guard payment. The PFC does not have an obligation to pay for the 2021-2022 school year (or other years). PFC also got confirmation from the city representative there is no agreement in place and there will be no new bills regarding this issue.

Nominating Committee - Tamara Jimenez gave an update for the nominating committee that recruits members to fill board positions for the next school year. The committee will consist of Tamara Jimenez, Sandra Gonzalez, and Kelly Bottarini

Budget Committee - Yotam Levine is looking for members for the budget committee to review and draft a budget that will be presented at the PFC to discuss during the April meeting.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

The next PFC meeting will be on April 16th to accommodate for spring break. The next board meeting will be on April 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

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

Faculty Reports

TK / Kindergarten / First Grade (Ms. Parker)

Mary Anne Parker- Report: Transitional Kinder, Kinder, First Grade TK – the TK children have been reading Dr. Seuss Books, Learning about Leprechauns and Weather and Rainbows! The TK children are learning how to write their name with a capital letter and lowercase letters for the rest of their name! They are creating their own STEAM project of building a car out of cardboard boxes! This is for the end of the month “Drive In Movie and Popcorn Day in TK”! Students will watch a movie and have popcorn sitting in the cars they created and designed.

Kinder and Dual Kinder

Dual Kinders have learned about the Ground Hog Day and Graphing who thought the Ground Hog would see his shadow or not! They are learning their sounds in Spanish and English and writing a sentence in Spanish. In Kinder, they are using Gus the Plus to learn about addition and introduce Linus the Minus as they learn about subtraction. The Kinders, having been creating charts of the letter of the day, naming all the words they can think of that start with that letter, today they were reviewing E. extra, exciting, eggs!

First Grade and First Grade Dual

We are continuing learning about Long Vowel sounds and Beginning Blends. In reading and writing, we are practicing writing sentences using adjectives, sequencing events, and using visualization in reading comprehension.

First Graders have been working on their 120 Days of School writing project and editing paragraphs. First Graders are starting to create their own book about planets and will make their own astronaut spacesuit. Students are finishing their arctic animal research writing reports. In Math, we are learning Place Value, Subtraction, True and False equations, greater than and less than and using the Vertical Boards to solve math problems collaboratively. Lindsey Wildlife Museum came to Bancroft for our In-House Field Trip for First Grade! The Museum brought specimen animal samples and Live Animals for the students to see and touch, a snake and pond turtle. The children felt a racoon pelt, saw a woodpecker, skeletons of small animals and a pond turtle shell and “experienced learning” Academic Vocabulary Words, such as camouflage, adaptation, predator, prey, etc. The pond turtle seemed to enjoy the children crawling at the netted playpen to see all the students along edges of the netting. Thank you PFC for the Field Trip Funds!

Thank you Parent Volunteers for a Wonderful Book Fair and the books for the classrooms! The children are so excited about the new classroom books. They just are a delight to see reading the new books together and buddy reading at the carpet! The Auction was amazing thank you for everyone’s hard work and thanks to Deanne, our Faculty Liaison, too!

Second Grade / Third Grade (Mrs. Barrera)

Second Grade:

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ELA: Wonders Unit 4 week 1 (Reading Volcanoes)

Writing: Book report/diorama

D1/D2 - animal report research project

Science - Land forms & habitats

Math: Adding/subtracting triple digit numbers and word problems
C6 students will be singing in the talent show April 19th
Observing St.Patrick's day/Easter/Spring

Third Grade:

ELA: Wonders Unit 5 Week 2.

Writing: Research writing.

Math: Continuing with fractions.

Speak Up and Be Safe had their second presentation on 3/12.

Social Studies: Students working on Women's History digital slide project where students are researching, creating, and presenting their slide on an influential woman in history. Starting Early Exploration Chapter in SS text.

Science: Starting life in ecosystems.

D3 and D4 have their walking field trip to Heather Farms Gardens on 3/18.

Adding another field trip to the Oakland Coliseum (May 8), parents asked to help with the cost of tickets since PFC so generously donated the buses.

Ceja field trip to Shadelands on 3/18.

Fourth Grade / Fifth Grade (Ms. Giffin)

4th grade

Congratulations to Mrs. Wright for being selected Teacher of the Year for MDUSD.

We had an awesome California History Showcase last week where all 4th graders wrote a report at school and completed a project at home to go with their report. 4th graders got to view all of the other students' projects and write reflections on their learning. Our 3rd grade classes came through to get a glimpse into what they will do next year. Our 4th graders gave an oral presentation in their classroom.

We are reading/finishing Love That Dog and writing POETRY. Our next novel study for Close Reading is Dear Mr. Henshaw with a focus on summarizing using the Somebody Wanted But So strategy. For nonfiction reading, we are learning to read from a questioning stance using Three Big Questions and nonfiction signposts.

In Math we continue working on fractions and problem solving, including mixed numbers and comparing fractions with different numerators and denominators. We are multiplying fractions and creating decimal equivalents for tenths and hundredths.

In Social Studies we are learning about California after the war and equal rights. On April 19 we will have an at school experience from Ancient Artifacts about the Gold Rush.

In Science we continue learning about energy, conducting investigations that explore the transfer of energy, making electric circuits, and sources of energy.

In April each class will go to Bancroft Garden for our final field trip.

5th grade

Camp is in two weeks and students are excited.

In science we are studying food chains getting ready for owl pellet investigations.

In writing, students are working on Opinion Writing, researching and collecting evidence that supports their reasoning. Students are completing a 5-paragraph opinion essay, giving evidence to support their claim.

Students are reading *Esperanza Rising* and focusing on character development and text details.

In Math we continue to work on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions through drawing models and applying those skills to solve multi-step word problems.

In Social Studies we have been learning about what life was like in the colonies and what events transpired that led to the American Revolution.