

BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PARENT FACULTY CLUB (PFC)

MEETING MINUTES **FINAL**

April 22, 2025, 6pm @ Bancroft Elementary Library

The meeting was called to order by PFC President Sandra Gonzalez at 6:06 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sandra Gonzalez / President – present

Tamara Jimenez / VP Activities - present

Agam Patel / Treasurer – present

Corrina Edwards / Recording Secretary - present

Yotam Levine / Parliamentarian – present

Linda Flynn / Principal - present

Kelly Bottarini - VP Fundraising – present (online)

Isabel Nguyen / VP Communications – present

Executive Board Members Absent: Brooke Nie - Co VP Communications, Ruth Rossimov - Financial Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

In Person Attendees: Maggie Rinow, Sarah Rhodes, Sean Harrington, Tatiana Khan, Alisa Kutsel, Mary Anne Parker, Deanne Giffin, Rakel Cromwell, Jessica Ayala, Oksana Ushkalova, Evellyn Barrera, Stefanie Lee, Heather Salter, Jaimie Ricchiuto

Zoom Attendees: Darya Leverant; Kelly Bottarini, Jennifer Cole, J Bourdreau

Welcome

Sandra Gonzalez welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Reading / Approval of March 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve March 2025 meeting minutes, Motion passes, unanimous, 1 abstention due to being absent in March meeting

Financial Report/Budget Update

Agam Patel went through the YTD March actuals and budget and explained the line-item income and expenses (available on Konstella).

Faculty Reports (Notes attached)

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

Principal's Corner

Ms. Flynn updated on the following:

- Went to Cabe conference at the end of March and got some great ideas and networking for dual immersion
- Principals of the Day from auction has started
- Adding a TK classroom next year
- Gearing up for state testing
- Intentional focus area at the school on fractions as it was an area identified by data as an area where students might need additional support

Committee Reports

Auction Update - (Kelly Bottarini / Amanda Pinkham)

- Brought in \$119,762 from the auction (including Fund A Need)
- Improving documentation for next year

Talent Show – April 25th – (Maggie Rinow)

- This Friday! \$5 per ticket
- 4th grade is selling concessions before
- Dress Rehearsal on Thursday

New Business / Other Topics

Nominating Committee – Slate of Candidates - (Tamara Jimenez)

- Presented the slate of candidates for 2025-2026 school year, and highlighted vacant positions for board positions and committees
- If we do not have a lead for event committees, we will not hold the event

Budget Committee – 25/26 Draft Budget – (Agam Patel)

- Reviewed line-item budget proposal for 25/26 school year and made changes based on discussions (Draft budget will be sent out prior to next meeting with details)
- PFC funds and site funds were reviewed holistically to allocate matching the School Site Council priorities. Priorities identified by school site council & teachers were an Intervention Program and Garden Program at Bancroft.
- Teacher Material funds are split between Site funds and PFC funds

Next Meeting: May 13, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

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

Teachers Updates:

Mary Anne Parker – TK, Kinder, First Grade

TK

TK students have read the Rainbow Fish book and having been working on Painting their Rainbow Fish.

This also was part of their Theme of Habitats, Farm Unit and Over in the Meadow Unit.

TK- Had their Auction Party Outing! They watched and sang along to Taylor Swift on Disney Plus, made friendship bracelets, had popcorn, lemonade and cookies!

TK knows how to have a “Swift” party at Bancroft!

Kinder

Kinder students learned all about Bunnies and did factual writing and art projects with Bunnies!

In Science they have been learning about living things and their needs – this includes planting seeds & Caterpillars! Kinder has caterpillars that are growing! Kinders have been drawing the life stages as their caterpillars grow into Butterflies.

In Math, Kinder students have been learning about subtraction and using the minus sign and equal sign in equations.

First Grade

First Graders are finishing up on their Animal Reports and The American Symbols Report for Social Studies.

Our Carolina Science Unit on Sound, ties in with our Wonders Curriculum on Inventions and Thomas Edison. We also did a Leprechaun Soundproof home and tested them with playing a song on the phone inside the home. Lots of Award Winners for students using insulating recycled materials, which ties in with Earth Day today!

Everyone is getting ready for Open House on May 21st

Looking for my parents that helped Lead the Amazing Fundraiser Auction for Bancroft!

Kelly Bottarini and Amanda Pinkham!

Thank you to All that attended the Bancroft Auction, loved the decorations, food and people! Great Energy and Great Fundraiser!

Ms. Barrera reporting for 2nd and 3rd Grade

Second Grade:

- Math
 - Addition and Subtraction within 1,000
 - Introduction to Geometry, Multiplication, Division, and Fractions
- Writing
 - Opinion Writing
- ELA
 - Fluency
- Science
 - Animals, Habitats, Landforms
- Social Studies
 - Governments, Maps, Directions
- Working on Reading and Math Spring Assessments
- Preparing for Open House

Third Grade:

- Module 5 (Fractions) for math
- Working on Informational/Research Writing
- Currently finishing up Unit 5 for ELA and will begin Unit 6 next week
- CAASPP testing to begin 4/28
- Field Trip to Big Break Regional Shoreline on May 8th - All 3rd grade classes will be attending together.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ classes have made it to the Shadelands Museum for a field trip. The last class will be going at the end of May.
- Continuing our study of early California history

Mrs. Giffin - 4th and 5th grade rep

4th grade:

All fourth grade students have completed fraction lessons and are reviewing/practicing all areas of 4th grade math standards. Before CAASPP testing in math in May.

We are all focused on Life Science learning about Plant and Animal structures and functions. Squid dissections will be in May. Many State Park Zoom field trips are supporting our learning about adaptations for plants and animals within their habitats.

Walking field trip to Bancroft Gardens for the first of our fourth grade classes went very well on Monday. The remaining three classes will each attend the following three Mondays students received lessons about succulents and Cactus in the garden, had a scavenger hunt all around the garden to explore its beauty and find specific plants and features such as the koi pond. students got to plant their own succulent to take home. They also learned a lot about Ruth Bancroft herself.

5th grade:

Fifth grade students had an amazing experience at Exploring New Horizons Outdoor School. We are thankful for all of the parental support with funding and packing students up so they were well prepared. This entire experience taught students a great deal about ecology and environmental stewardship. Students learned about teamwork through cooperative team building experiences and became more independent and responsible. Most importantly they learned how to be out in nature and without a screen.

We are currently in the middle of our Rights, Respect and Responsibility lessons. Parents, be prepared to answer some uncomfortable questions they may have. They are curious and need to learn accurate information regarding the changes their bodies will be experiencing during puberty. Finally we are also gearing up for CAASPP testing as well as starting promotion ceremony practices in a few weeks. Save the date, June 2nd will be 5th grade promotion.