

BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PARENT FACULTY CLUB (PFC)

MEETING MINUTES **FINAL**

October 21, 2025, 6:30pm on Zoom

The meeting was called to order by PFC President Tamara Jimenez at 6:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tamara Jimenez / President – present
Isabel Nguyen / Vice President – present
Kelly Bottarini / VP Fundraising – present
Sandra Gonzalez / VP Communications – present
James Heaton / VP Strategic Funds – present
Heather Salter / Treasurer – present
Sean Harrington / Recording Secretary - present
Yotam Levine / Parliamentarian – present
Linda Flynn / Principal - present
Susan Hartwig / Interim Principal - present

Executive Board Members Absent: Ruth Rossimov / Financial Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Jessica Lee, Morgan Doan, Evellyn Barrera, Maggie Rinow, Mimi Hardie, Jen Labrum, Jenna Boyd, Natalie Webb, Rakel Cromwell, Robert Arroyo, Tatiana Erosa, Charis Domador, Wendy Monino-Bentley, Audra Wheet, Paul Nissley, Mary Anne Parker, Elizabeth Silva, Tracie Watson, Stefanie Lee, Alisa Kutsel and 20 others

Welcome Tamara Jimenez welcomed everyone to the meeting..

Reading / Approval of September 2025 Minutes Motion to approve; motion passes unanimously.

Financial Report/Budget Update Heather Salter explained the line-item income and expenses for the past month (available on Konstella).

Fundraising Kelly Bottarini provided updates on Fundraising. Fall Pledge has raised over \$104,000, already more than last year, with more than 50% participation, also more than last year. Walk-a-Thon is the next big fundraising event.

Faculty Reports (in addendum)

- Mary Anne Parker reporting for TK - 1st Grade
- Evellyn Barrera reporting for 2nd and 3rd Grade

Principal's Corner Ms. Hartwig updated on the following:

- Parent-teacher conferences are coming up. Look out for messages from teachers
- No school Monday 10/27 for teacher in-service - implementing new math curriculum

Old Business Amendment to May '25 minutes

- Old language: "Motion to approve 20 iPads and a storage unit for up to \$15,000, pending App approval from the district"
- New language: "Motion to approve 20 iPads, protective accessories, and a storage unit for up to \$15,000, pending App approval from the district"
- Motion passes unanimously

New Business / Other Topics

Strategic funds requests

- Submit requests to James Heaton at vp.strategicfunds@bancroftpfc.org before the next month's PFC board meeting. (For November meeting, submit by November 4th.)

Haunted House Updates - Morgan Doan described upcoming plans.

- Haunted house in Dianne Adair
 - Lights-on tours from 6-6:15 and 7:30-7:45
- Night market: 345 pre-sold tickets
 - Doors open 6-9pm
 - Night market to include Musical Cakes, food & beverage booths, and a photo area with HUNTR/X and Saja Boys

Walk-a-Thon update from Heather Salter

- Walk-a-Thon on Thursday 11/20
- T-shirt sales link posted
- Class competition
- Question: Would it be possible to cover the cost of the shirts so all students can have one?
 - Would cost approximately \$8000
 - Not this year

Staff Appreciation Lunch being provided for staff on November 5th - sign ups coming

Dine to Donate Update:

- Raised \$410 from Round Table
- December Sip n' Shop at Wish on 12/11 - Donating 20% of sales from 12/11-13 if you mention Bancroft

Upcoming Events

- Haunted House and Night Market, Friday 10/24
- Dine to Donate at Sauced BBQ, Monday 10/27 - Present flyer to credit Bancroft
- Costume Parade, Friday 10/31

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Next meeting: November 18 2025

Did you know the PFC has a website? Check it out at

<http://bancroftpfc.org/>

Teacher Updates:

Mary Anne Parker – TK, Kinder, First Grade

TK – in August and September the children finished up learning about colors and wearing something with that color during the week!

The TK students just started learning about the alphabet. They are learning the alphabet song and are learning the letters of the alphabet. This week is the letter 'b'.

In Science, they are learning All About Pumpkins, reading pumpkin books, and learning about how pumpkins grow and the life cycle of pumpkins.

They were also learning about Sunflowers and are using sunflower seeds for counting to 5.

They are looking forward to the Halloween Parade!

Kinder- in September the children were learning All About Apples.

Currently students are learning All About October and All About Pumpkins!

They using graphic organizers as Learning Webs to help describe and organize information about the Month of October.

The Fall Theme and Science co-insides with Halloween and they are learning All About Pumpkins, including how the pumpkins grow and the different parts of a pumpkin!

Kinder is using the Science of Reading and students are practicing blending and segmenting sounds.

In Dual students are learning the 'silabas' and are on the 4th syllable.

In Math, they are focusing on Comparing Numbers using the academic vocabulary of what is greater than, less than or equal to, comparing numbers to 5.

For Hispanic Heritage Month students learned about Freida Kahlo with an art project.

Big News in Kinder: Mrs. R had a baby girl on October 1st Parker Lynn and she weighed 8lbs 3 oz.

Everyone is doing well!

We are happy to have Mrs. Batra substituting for Mrs. R and Mrs. R will be back in April.

First Grade –

We have been learning All About Apples, reading for information, such as, parts of an apple, how apples grow, and using the informational text -to find details for writing 'summaries' and using information for 'comparison writing'.

Next, we will be learning All About Pumpkins as part of Science, and our Fall theme, which also co-insides with Halloween.

In First Grade we are using the Science of Reading practicing sounds, learning sound blends, and blending and segmenting words in our reading.

In Wonders Unit 1 we started learning about each of the short vowels and 'beginning blends'. In Unit 2 we will continue learning about the short vowels and learning 'ending blends' in words.

In Math, we are using the new adoption California Reveal Math. We finished our chapter on using different strategies and tools to subtract, such as, using fact families, using doubles, 10 frames, number paths (which are number lines) and drawings.

Today, we started our next Math chapter, we will be learning about Tens, Ones and Place Value and we will be comparing two-digit numbers, using the academic vocabulary, greater than, less than and equal to - using numbers to 99.

The students are really enjoying STEAM lab and the creative learning stations with Ms. Alisa. Ms. Alisa was also working hard over Fall Recess on all the Fall Fest Masks for the kids!

In Garden it has been a treat to see all the growing vegetables, fruits and to taste pears this month.
Donated by a farmer Mrs. Burns knows!

Thank you PFC for making Bancroft movie night such a success! It was a great evening!

We are looking forward to Walk, Ride or Roll to school tomorrow, Fall Fest and Halloween Parade! And a special shout out for all the preparation Mrs. Stefanie Lee is doing for our Bancroft Walk-a-thon Fundraiser!