

BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PARENT FACULTY CLUB (PFC)

MEETING MINUTES **FINAL**

November 18, 2025, 6:30pm @ Bancroft Elementary Library

The meeting was called to order by PFC President Tamara Jimenez at 6:31 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
Ruth Rossimov / Financial Secretary – Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Seena Brownell, Mary Anne Parker, Evellyn Barrera, Astrid Lopez-Michelen, Christina Garcia, Jenna Morishita, Amanda Pinkham, Dean Baraba, Stefanie Lee, Jessica Kelmon, Oksana Ushkalova, Gloria Birch
On Zoom: Gina Khristo, Lauren Dalrymple, Wendy McHuron, Mimi Hardle, Alejandro Fernandez, Linda Krikorian, Jenna Kolstad, Jenny Labrum, Zohreh Mortensen, Traci Watson, Jennifer Winberry, Tatiana Khan, Sarah Harrington

Welcome Tamara Jimenez welcomed everyone to the meeting..

Reading / Approval of October 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.

- 1/3 of the way to Walk-a-Thon goal
- Auction tickets available starting Dec. 1st

Faculty Reports (in addendum)

- Mary Anne Parker reporting for TK - 1st Grade
- Evellyn Barrera reporting for 2nd and 3rd Grade
- Seena Brownell reporting for 4th and 5th Grade

New Business / Other Topics

Auction Budget Increase // Amanda Pinkham

- Motion to increase auction budget from \$28,000 to \$32,000
- Motion passes unanimously

Walk-a-Thon update // Heather Salter

- Walk-a-Thon on Thursday 11/20
- On the blacktop - otherwise similar to previous years
- T-shirts out Wednesday 11/19
- Parents allowed to watch on the perimeter - only registered volunteers allowed past the barrier

Strategic funds requests

- STEAM and Art Shed - Request from Ms. Alisa, presented by James Heaton
 - STEAM Lab relocation has reduced the amount of available storage space
 - 5x7 shed space already approved by district on the side of C7
 - Shed found at Costco for \$750
 - Concerns: Is a concrete foundation necessary for the shed to sit on?
 - Motion to approve up to \$900 from strategic funds for purchase of shed, contingent on verifying that the base and support for the sheds are appropriate to prevent damages
 - Motion passes unanimously
- TWDI Kinder Ipad request - Request presented by Gina Khristo
 - Ipads ideal for young learners due to ease of use vs. mousepad or touch pad
 - For programs like Raz Kids, Boom Cars, Reveal Math
 - \$3000 for 8 iPads, plus \$200 for cases, plus tax
 - Discussion Points:
 - Appropriateness of Ed Tech for Kindergarteners
 - Does it need to be iPads vs. another tablet?
 - Equity issues if TWDI gets iPads and monolingual classrooms do not
 - Recommended follow-up: Consult with principal to get more details about the process of ownership/responsibility for support/updates
 - Motion to approve \$4000 for 8 iPads and cases for TWDI Kindergarten classrooms
 - Tabled for now pending consultation with principal
- Submit requests to James Heaton at vp.strategicfunds@bancroftpfc.org before the next month's PFC board meeting. (For January meeting, submit by 1/6/26.)

New After School Enrichment Coordinator needed, and found!

Upcoming Events

- Wicked at Pleasant Hill Movie Theater 11/22 at 3:30pm
- Thanksgiving Break 11/24-28
- Sip n' Shop/PFC Mingle at Wish in Walnut Creek - Adults only, 12/11 from 5-8, 20% of sales to Bancroft (through the weekend as well)
- Multicultural Festival in January - sign ups coming up soon

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next meeting: January 13 2026

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

Teacher Updates:

Evellyn Barrera - 2nd and 3rd Grade

Second Grade:

- ELA/SLA - Unit 2 about animals and their habitats
- Writing: narrative and moving into informational; creative writing; sequencing
- Social Studies: community, traditions, holidays, culture
- (Dual language celebrating “Friendsgiving” this Friday the 21st)
- Science: Rock, Landforms, Habitats
- Math: adding & subtracting within 100, estimating sums & differences,

Third Grade:

ELA: Unit 2 Assessment in Wonders. Will be starting unit 3 on 11/17.

Writing: Opinion writing

Social Studies: American Indians of California. The tribes, their daily life, their customs, art, and folklore.

Science: Friction

Math: Finishing up Unit 5. Students will be reviewing and taking their unit 5 assessment before Thanksgiving break. We will start unit 6 when we return.

Seena Brownell - 4th and 5th Grade

4th grade:

They are wrapping up Unit 6, which has them multiplying larger numbers using the distributive property, and are using area models to help students visualize each partial product. Students solved word problems using all four operations. Students are enjoying Kahoot games from Reveal Math as an interactive way to review content. They studied and created a haiku poem. 4th grade is also creating Google slide presentations on a rock of our choice and sharing them with table groups

Started multiplication with decimals. Almost done with Unit 5 and then moving on to fractions. In Science, we started a new unit, Matter, Energy, and Ecosystems. The students had the opportunity to dissect owl pellets and thoroughly enjoyed it. Heather Farms Water Conservation and Treatment Program will be visiting all 4 classrooms.

In language arts, opinion writing, and the entire grade level is reading Blood on the River, which correlates to our social studies.

The 5th grade created a buddies math game board, and the kindergarten buddies will play it

Speak up and be safe started last week and will end this week.