

BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PARENT FACULTY CLUB (PFC)

MEETING MINUTES **FINAL**

January 13, 2026, 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 / VP Activities – 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/Historian – Present
Ruth Rossimov / Financial Secretary – Present
Cheryl Champion / Substitute Principal - Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Seena Brownell, Mary Anne Parker, Evellyn Barrera, Stefanie Lee, Elizabeth Silva, Dean Baraba, Christina Garcia, Toni Ricchini, Jessica Kelmon, Gloria Birch, Mimi Hardie, Tatiana Khan
On Zoom: Andrii Pronkin, Linda Krikorian, Jenna Kolstad, Yulia Yuryeva, Linda Flynn, Raket Cromwell

Welcome Tamara Jimenez welcomed everyone to the meeting..

Reading / Approval of January 2026 Minutes Motion to approve; motion passes unanimously

6:39-47 Financial Report/Budget Update Heather Salter explained the line-item income and expenses for the past month (available on Konstella).

6:47-50 Fundraising Kelly Bottarini provided updates on Fundraising.

- Raised 81% of the amount made last year for Walk a Thon
- 94% of last year's spiritwear fundraising
- In total, 68% of what was raised last year: \$188,000

6:50-58 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

6:58-7:11 Principal's Corner

- Looking forward to Ms. Flynn's return!
- Discussion of current use/effectiveness of academy time and instructional assistants/intervention teacher; more information to come from Ms. Flynn

New Business / Other Topics

7:11-18 Auction update / Kelly Bottarini

- Auction tickets are already sold out! Waitlist for those who are still interested
- 7 staff attending; 4 staff tickets available
- Currently under budget
- Needs: buy-in parties, sponsors for teacher tickets, event sponsors, drink donations, volunteers

7:18-20 Multicultural Night update / Isabel Nguyen

- Performances from Spain, Taiwan, Iran, and Mexico
- Free to attend (sponsored by PFC, tables run by families)

7:20-24 Dine to Donate updates / Gloria Birch

- *Wicked 2* private showing a success; maybe another in the summer?
- Sip n' Shop at Wish - raised \$587
- March 4 all day: Black Bear Diner - 20% to PFC

7:25-32 Strategic funds requests

- Doorbell/buzzer system for front office - \$2,755
 - Motion to approve up to \$3000 from strategic funds to cover the cost of a buzzer/doorbell system for the front office, as requested by Diane Maroongroge
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Submit requests to James Heaton at vp.strategicfunds@bancroftpfc.org before the next month's PFC board meeting. (For February meeting, submit by 2/3/26.)

7:33-43 Dianne Adair update / Stefanie Lee

- Parents to speak at MDUSD Board meeting 1/14 about need for expansion of site

7:43-8:04 Update on iPad Request from November meeting

- Maestra Khristo requested funds from PFC for iPads for TWDI Kindergarten classroom
- Current options include:
 - Sharing of iPads between STEAM Lab and Kinder classroom
 - Private donation of money for iPads to classroom
 - Revival of PFC strategic funds request
- PFC strategic funds request continues to be tabled until an update is received on the possibility of sharing

8:05-7 Open Board Positions

- Kelly Bottarini is resigning as VP of Fundraising - looking for someone new to fill the role

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Multicultural Night 1/23
- Valentine's Day Dance 2/13

Next meeting: February 10 2026

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

Teacher Updates:

Mary Anne Parker - TK, K, and 1st Grade

TK – their theme is all about Snowmen

They are learning the Letter 'Kk'

The Nursery Rhyme is "The Little Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe"

Kinder's Theme is All About January, Snowmen and Penguins.

In LA they are blending and segmenting words and they have emerging readers!

In Math, they are using addition and subtraction with numbers to 10.

They are also learning about New Year Goals and MLK Jr Day and Friendship.

First Grade – our Theme is about 'Long Ago and Now' comparing and contrasting how things are the same and different from long ago.

We are studying Long Vowels and the Magic 'e' also known as the Silent 'e'.

We are practicing Descriptive Writing, using 'describing words' in all of our sentence writing.

In Math, we are learning all about measurement.

Shout Out to Alisa for our Amazing Snow Globes for 1st grade which she hot glued each one, noting most students made 2 snow globes.

Ms. Burns and her amazing salad making experience in the Garden which have been calling the "Bancroft Garden Café"!

Mrs. Stefanie Lee thank you for a Wonderful Holiday Show! All the holiday songs by the Bancroft Diane Adair kids got everyone in the holiday spirit!

Looking forward to Multicultural Night, the Talent Show, and the DISCO FEVER Bancroft Auction.

Evellyn Barrera - 2nd and 3rd Grade

2nd Grade

- Science: Animal Research Report, Habitats
- ELA/SLA: Unit 3 - Our environment and community
- Math: Adding and subtracting up to 100 using different strategies
- Writing: Developing Informational Writing Skills
- Social Studies: Understanding maps/map making
- Mid-Year Assessments and Mid-Year SEL Survey

3rd Grade

Writing: Finishing up our narrative writing unit. We will be starting research writing in February.

ELA: Unit 3 reading assessment this week.

Math: Finishing up Unit 7 (Area). Unit assessment will be on 1/20.

Social Studies: Started Chapter 3: Changes in California Over Time.

Science: Magnetism

Online testing: Students will be taking an SEL, Star Math and Star Reading assessment on the computer by 1/23.

Seena Brownell - 4th and 5th Grade

4th grade

Math: multiple-step word problems, and adding fractions

Science: Night Sky and Energy, like exploring different kinds of energy, including stored motion from the energy lab.

Language Arts: Opinion writing, why the government is important

Reading: Genre study, fantasy, and comprehension, cause and effect

Social Studies: Learning about the goldrush

5th Grade

Math: Decimal multiplication, division with whole numbers

Science: Ecosystems water cycle. Eco-columns

Delta Discovery Field Trips focusing on terminology like Effluent

ELA: finishing *Blood on the River*, Next *Bridge to Terabithia*

Writing: Opinion

Public Speaking: Debate

Social Studies: Performed Skits on the founding of some of the first colonies