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

October 20, 2026, 6:30pm @ Bancroft Elementary Library

The meeting was called to order by PFC President Tamara Jimenez at 6:32 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE
Tamara Jimenez / President – Present
Jessica Kelmon / VP Activities – Present
Sandra Gonzalez / VP Communications – Present
Mimi Hardie / VP Fundraising - Present
Heather Salter / Treasurer – Present
Sean Harrington / Recording Secretary – Present
Isabel Nguyen / Parliamentarian/Historian – Present
James Heaton / VP Strategic Funds - Present
Linda Flynn / Principal – Present
Executive Board Members Absent:
Ruth Rossimov / Financial Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT
Seena Brownell Benavides, Evellyn Barrera, Lauren Rosenthal, Jenna Morishita, Mary Anne Parker, Tatiana Khan, Tracie Watson, Laura Diaz

6:32-34 Welcome
- PFC President Tamara Jimenez welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Attendees introduced themselves

6:34-35 Fundraising Update / Mimi Hardie
- Fall Pledge contest winners will be announced soon!

6:35-40 5th Grade Fundraising / Laura Rosenthal
- Fall Fest Friday 10/23: 335 tickets sold so far, more to be sold at the door
    - Distributing wristbands ahead of time to ease traffic on the night of the event
    - Not a haunted house; more of an interactive performance - not scary
    - Food vendors: Homemade empanadas, samosas, lemonade, Costco pizzas, desserts
- Ofrenda to be set up 10/21
- Outdoor Ed Fundraising: Looking set to surpass the initial goal of $20,000

6:40-42 Reading and Approval of September 2026 Minutes / Sean Harrington
- Motion to approve; motion passes to approve minutes

6:42-48 Financial Report/Budget Update / Heather Salter
- Explanation of line-item income and expenses for the past month (available on Konstella)
- Going through Teacher Material Funds quickly—good that teachers are using it!
- Thank you to Wendy Mac, Assistant Treasurer, for helping out!

6:48-56 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

6:56-7:04 Principal's Corner / Linda Flynn

- K-2 assessments on foundational literacy, unit assessments to wrap up Trimester 1
- Site goal for staff: 6-week cycles of inquiry to support student learning/growth, analyzing where students are. Just finished cycle 1, launching cycle 2
- Intervention team just finished cycle 1, shifting students
- Fine-tuning Halloween plans, costume parade
- New district policy for food-focused celebrations: food can be part of a celebration, but should not be the central piece; expect teacher requests for class parties to be more activity-focused and less food-focused

New Business

- Do you have ideas for ways to spend PFC funds to benefit the school and community? Submit a strategic funds request before the PFC's next board meeting (typically first Tuesday of the month). Email VP Strategic Funds James Heaton at vp.strategicfunds@bancroftpfc.org or find the link under "Contact Us" on the PFC website.

7:05-8 Spiritwear / Tatiana Khan

- Webstore open until October 30th - then closed for two weeks, then open again until ~December
- Special pink t-shirt for cancer awareness available now

7:08-21 Walk-a-thon / Heather Salter

- Walk-a-thon Tuesday 11/17
- Shirts will be posted tonight or tomorrow morning; last day for t-shirt orders 10/29
- Theme: Mission Pawsible - Camouflage/expedition pattern
- Reminder: New this year, all volunteers need livescan fingerprint, mandated reporter training
- Now using an automated counter system instead of bracelets, so fewer parent volunteers
- Note: Parents are welcome for the event, but asked to leave immediately after for safety reasons
- Shirt sponsorships: 8 so far
- Prizes/parties for highest participation and amount earned

Communication discussion:

- Parentsquare is a district platform for school/classroom communications
- Konstella is for parent-to-parent or PFC communications
- Hopefully parents are getting communications from both! A Parentsquare connection is required, but many parents are not connected to their student's classroom on Konstella

Student-initiated coat drive

- First two weeks of November, to be donated to One Warm Coat (infant through adult)

Mitchell townhomes

- One more district parent meeting 10/21
- Construction in 4-5 years. Decisions to be made now about where the children will go to school
- Walnut Creek nominated Bancroft; MDUSD is considering other options, possibly Woodside

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Fall Fest 10/23
- Dine to Donate @ Mountain Mikes 10/27
- Conference Week: Dismissal

Next meeting: November 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 - Fall pumpkins, getting ready for Halloween parade, using manipulatives for math, planting seeds, working on EFGH

Kinder - Cooking vegetable succotash in the garden, weather

1st - short vowel sounds, ending blends, subtracting with numbers 1-20, number paths, social studies unit on community

All - assessments, new cycle of inquiry. Movie night was wonderful!

Evellyn Barrera - 2nd and 3rd Grade

2nd: Young, Barrera, Steele, Freitas

- Continuing Narrative writing
- D3 Field Trip 11/18 to Heather Farms
- In Unit 4 of math
- Organizing classroom halloween parties
- Wrapping up Unit 2 in Wonders/Maravillas
- On Campus field trips from Heather Farms in C3/C4 last week (rocks)
- Working on assessments and preparing for conferences

3rd: Ceja, Diaz, Holmes, Freitas

- Continuing Narrative writing
- In Unit 4 of math. D4 Testing next week. D3, D5, and D6 testing at the beginning of November
- Organizing classroom halloween parties

Seena Brownell - 4th and 5th Grade

4th grade :

In Math, they are working on Multiplicative comparison, additive comparison, the distributive property, and the associative property

In Language Arts, they are working on personal narrative writing and creating Ofrenda projects

In Science, they are working on how animals and humans affect the ecosystem.

5th grade

In Language Arts, they are finishing the Year with the Boar chapter book and 50 States and Capitals or Blood on the River timeline and diary.

In Math, we are working on Unit 4: Modeling Multiplication with Multi-Digit Whole Numbers, which includes concepts like using Partial Products to Multiply Multi-Digit Factors

All 4 Classes are doing a pre-assessment with a personal narrative, and in Social Studies we just started studying early explorers.

Science: Solar systems and planets, or Structure and Properties of Matter, including lessons on how to distinguish between mixtures and solutions.
Our field trip was amazing, and the Mt. View Sanitary District did an incredible job with all 4 classes.