

Bancroft Elementary PFC Minutes – FINAL

February 13, 2018 <Minutes are organized by Agenda schedule; not necessarily in order of actual presentation>

The meeting was called to order by PFC President Sandra Heinen at 7:04 p.m.

Executive Board Members in Attendance

Linda Schuler - Principal; Sandra Heinen- PFC President; Amiee Gordon- Vice President; Matt Gould- VP Strategic Funds; Mari Mielcarski- Historian/Parliamentarian; Ashley Foster- Treasurer; Sarah Rhodes – VP Communications; Jennifer Enson-Secretary

Others Present

Sara Zoccoli, Alisa Kutsel, Pauline VanBeck, Sandi Rosenblatt, Stefanie Lee, Mary Anne Parker, Tatyana Leskowicz, Melissa Sanders, Gosia Dunning, Federico Bongiovanni

Welcome – Sandra Heinen

Welcome and introductions. Sandra gave thanks to all for their participation in the PFC and for the benefit you are providing to Bancroft.

Approval of Minutes – January minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer’s Report – Ashley reported for the month and provided a handout of the financial status. Ashley reported \$798 in total income for January; mostly comprised of Box Tops and matching gifts. Regarding in and out accounts, it was noted that the current 5th graders have \$215 in reserve from previous fundraising that will be applied to their farewell night. Total expenses for the month is \$1,008.

Current financial status as of 1/31/18: Cash balance is \$179.6K, net cash available is \$154.5K, cash reserve is \$43K and available free cash is \$66K.

Principal’s Report-

- Explanation of California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASP) scores (www.cde.ca.gov) – Background: in the past there was an annual performance index calculated for each school which provided a single number (Annual Performance Index, API). Bancroft was always in a high performing zone. With the adoption of the common core standards new standards for assessments were brought forward. The standards have been in flux and pilot stage for several years and California adopted the Smarter Balance assessments. These assessments make up part of the CAASP results. This system gives more information by using enrollment, attendance, suspensions, graduations rates (for high schools only), etc., to make up the California Dashboard. The dashboard looks at all the indicators to see how the school is performing on an annual basis and rather than a discrete number provides progress from year to year in the different areas.

Discussion during the PFC meeting:

- Reviewed the dashboard together, can be found at www.cde.ca.gov, put in Bancroft Elementary under school search
- The results show that Bancroft is high performing but indicates that there has been “significant decline” since the previous year in several areas. Since this is the first time this type of information has been available to the school, these results will be used going forward to determine how progress can be sustained and improved.
- There is a lot of additional information on the website to drill down to additional areas
- It was noted that teachers can look at their individual students to see where they are on the range and if they need additional support to maintain progress from year to year
- I-ready is also used as an indicator as generally if a student’s I-ready score is at 80% or above by the time they take this exam, they will do proficient or above on the exam
- Format of the exam can be found on the CAASP website with practice problems (practice in training website)

- Cross grade level connection – teachers are looking at what the progression should look like for each grade level to ensure students are on target when the test is given first in 3rd grade.
- Projected Student Enrollment 2018/2019 – the current projection for next year is 658 students and currently projecting 4 Kindergarten classes next year (2 TWDI). For TWDI, there will be three classes in 1st grade next year so one teacher will do both languages in one of the 1st grade classes (similar to what was done this year in Kindergarten). These projections indicate that we don't need another classroom to matriculate the students we currently have. Consideration for next year: where will art lessons take place (could continue on the stage if necessary or go back to the classrooms). STEAM lab and music rooms will not go away.

Faculty Report-Ms. Andrews (not present), Mrs. Giffin (not present), and Mrs. Parker reported out on what the grade levels are working on currently:

- Kindergarten: Students are doing a lot of writing working on adding more details and spacing between words with their finger. In social studies students are working on the holidays such as President's Day. Students celebrated the 100th day of school on February 5th.
- 1st grade: Students are doing a lot of project based learning including research on animals and habitats. They are creating dioramas. Students are using chromebooks to find evidence on informational texts. In math students are starting subtraction and using sentence frames (i.e. "I can show another way to solve this problem"). In social studies students are learning about national symbols (flag, statue of liberty). Steam lab and garden rotations are starting. Trout hatchery is starting at the garden due to donation from a flyfish organization. Cultural night was fabulous!
- 2nd grade: Students are getting excited about their field trip to Heather Farms Garden to look at rocks and minerals. They are working on writing opinion pieces and in math are working on time and money including addition and subtraction.
- 3rd grade: Students are studying outer space. They are learning about possessives and language conventions. In math, students are starting the fractions module. Garden rotations are starting.
- 4th grade: Garden and STEAM rotations are starting every 3 weeks. Mrs. Burns has arranged the baby trout to be released in April at Heather Farms and the students are excited about this as well as their trip to Los Vaqueros where they learned about effects of natural and chemical runoff. Thanks to PFC for support of art program.
- 5th grade: Students are very excited about their upcoming Delta discovery boat trip.

Old Business

- 50th Anniversary Committee – The committee has worked on an idea for a tile mural that will be added to the outside of the school commemorating 50 years. The tiles will be sold to families and the students will paint the tiles to highlight their favorite life skill. There will be three dates offered for painting of the tiles. Unveiling of the mural will be at the 50th anniversary party. Options were discussed for use of the money raised from sale of the tiles.
 - Vote passed unanimously to add the tile fundraiser for this year
 - Vote passed unanimously that the funds raised from this fundraiser will go to a new Bancroft sign for the front of the school, replacing the existing sign. The committee will look into District requirements for the new keystone sign
- Update on letter writing campaign to the District regarding need for additional classroom space – some people have received responses to their emails
- Instructional Aide (IA) Funding for next year - \$8000 additional (to budgeted amount) is needed this year to maintain the current IAs (\$100K total for 6IAs and 2day site tech). Had discussion on this at

the last PFC meeting and we need to vote this month. Dollar a day income has exceeded the goal by \$4000 and income from Excellence in Education also exceeded by \$4800...so there is an additional \$9K available to us. Discussion about the tradeoff between chromebooks and IAs took place and it was noted that the discussion needs to continue over time.

- Vote to fund the 6 IAs and 2day site tech for \$100K. The motion passed with 2 abstentions

Committee Reports-

- Auction Update – Invitations for the auction will be going out this week. Fund-a-need project is suggested to be the new school sign. The committee will be doing a special art project with the students on February 20th in the classes. Please let Suzanne know if you are available to help with this project. On-line auction will be out on March 3rd or soon thereafter.
- Dine to Donate – Next one will be at Sabores Del Sur on February 22
- PAC Update – Will be putting together a web-page linked from PFC website so all presentations from the PAC meetings can be loaded there and available to everyone. Main topics recently were the transfer policy and enrollment.
- Strategic Funds Update –March 3rd and 4th will be a volunteer work day for the garden area. Looking for 10-15 people to help out
- Art Appreciation program – proposing to do an art show next year as a family night, more details to come.

Announcements:

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Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Adjournment 9:38 p.m.