

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

April 13, 2021, 7pm @ Zoom Video Conference

The meeting was called to order by PFC President Sarah Rhodes at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Rhodes / President	Mrs. Dunn / Principal
Heather Salter Vice President	VACANT / VP Fundraising
Dory Barnard / VP Communications	
Ben Nie / Treasurer	
David Barnard / Recording Secretary	

OTHERS PRESENT

Alisa Kutsel, Andrea Chertoff, Deanne Giffin, Diane Quinn, Jessica Palomino, Jodie Shikuma, Katie Brown Davis, Kestrel & Everett, Melissa Johnson, Melissa Porras, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Giffin, Mrs. Parker, Ms. Andrews, Roshini Greenwld, Stefanie Lee, Tal Shwarzman, Tyler, Alyson Ogden

Welcome

- Sarah Rhodes welcomed and thanked all for attending.

Prior Meeting Minutes

- March 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed & approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ben Nie provided the financial summary as of end of March 2021

Income: Dollar a day at 110%
Matching gifts at 213%
Walk-a-thon (Move-a-thon) at 244%

Total income YTD: \$107K vs budget of \$76K (141%)

Expenses: Checks written for Read Across America invoices, Garden Educator, Art Appreciation, Teacher materials, etc.

Total Expenses YTD: \$76K vs. budget of \$112K (67%)

Net Cash Available (3/31/21): \$210K

Cash Balance Jun 2021: \$165K assuming no additional income (goal exceeded)

Additional Chromebook Replacements: \$48K (within next two years). Unit cost increased from \$240 to \$275. Remaining Strategic Funds: \$116K

Ben Nie reviewed draft of proposed PFC budget for 2021/2022.

Heather Salter reviewed full slate of candidates for PFC Executive Board.

Principal's Report

Chromebook Update:

- 150 Chromebooks arriving from PFC & Principal's Funds
- 200 Chromebooks from CARES Act funds
- 50 Additional Chromebooks for \$10,000

Virtual/Video Open House is being discussed and considered by staff as a means to celebrate what teachers & kids have done this year.

Abbreviated CAASP Testing is coming up: English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and 5th Grade will have Science

Thanks to Stacy and PFC for staff lunch of burritos & tacos

No date at this point for confirming full return in fall

Faculty Reports

Ms. Parker Kinder & 1st Grade

Kindergarten and First Grade

Welcome back hope everyone had an enjoyable Spring Recess!

Exciting to have the children back at Bancroft!

All the teachers and students are excited to be back at school!

The children are responding well to the new routines and are enjoying the activities of being in person at school!

- students are seeing friends and new friends from Zoom in person and are able to play at recess!
- Students are outside seeing each other in the Garden which is lovely

The children played "I Spy" and were explorers, observers, and scientists in the garden!

In Kindergarten they are doing many Spring activities in reading and math, including activities with rainbows.

First Grade has just finished up the Rainbows Unit, and has finished writing their Polar Bear Animal Book Report Project.

Our Spring Project Based Learning Unit is about 'Insects' and the students had a first hand experience with all the spring insects in the Bancroft Garden.

In Math, we are learning about Place Value. As part of the Common Core, solving problems in different ways, we will be learning to use tape diagrams to solve story problems in math.

1. Thank you PFC for the increase in funds that was just in time for getting our "in-person hybrid classrooms ready for students" with individual supplies and crafts, -helping to develop those 'fine motor skills' in the Kinder and First grade classes. The online purchases fulfil a dual purpose having both "on-line Zoom and printable in-person learning activities".

2. Thank you PFC for the wonderful lunch before Spring Recess! Teachers were very thankful for the warm burritos, tacos, apples, and more!

2. "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' Assembly or 'Recycling Zero Waste Chef Assembly was a great learning experience and fostered added in class discussions about recycling, just in time for April's Earth Day!

4 Looking forward to Mrs. Dunn's Storynight Wednesday, April 21st

5. Thank you Mrs. Burns for the wonderful garden activities, potting soil for planting, seeds on the fence, and Garden Leaf activity for Earth Day that ties in with Mrs. Dunn's Story Night.

6. We have our Author Visit with Peter H. Reynolds on Wednesday, April 21st ! Peter H. Reynolds will read his book "The Word Collector"!

Thank you, Ms. Gomes for organizing these author visits!

7. Earth Day is Thursday, April 22nd and we will continue with many garden and classroom activities throughout April.

8. Thank you Mrs. Dunn we are looking forward to "FALL FOR ALL"!

Ms. Andrews 2nd & 3rd Grade

Second Grade:

ELA- Opinion Writing, Informational Texts, Main Idea/Key Details

Math- Multi-Step Word Problems, 3-digit addition with regrouping

Third Grade:

ELA- Biographies, Expository Text, Realistic Fiction, Citizenship, Recycling, Teamwork

Math- Solving word problems involving elapsed time and telling time to the nearest minute, Learning about measuring liquid volume using liters/learning about measuring the mass of objects using units of grams or kilograms, Learning to solve problems about data in scaled graphs

Both Second and Third Grade:

Our classes are excited for our virtual field trip to visit with author, Sandra Markle as a Read Across America reading celebration! Ms. Markle has written books such as "What if you had Animal Eyes?" and students were given the opportunity to send questions to her ahead of time. All second and third graders will receive a copy of Sandra Markle's book, "What if you could sniff like a Great White Shark?" This author visit takes place at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 15th with the Zoom opening at 10:50 AM. Thanks to our librarian, Ms. Gomes, for setting this up for us!

We are all loving hybrid learning! Our distance teachers are enjoying supporting the students staying virtual in the afternoons. In-person teachers are having a wonderful time with students back on our Bancroft campus! Thanks to our noon supervisors who are making sure all Bobcats are safe! Thank you Mrs. Dunn for helping the car line run smoothly! Thanks to Mrs. Burns for giving us the opportunity to explore the garden each week!

Ms. Giffin 4th & 5th Grade

Thank you for the Mexican luncheon in March; it's always a highlight of our month.

Thank you for the increase in classroom funds which has allowed for needed materials going into our updated school format.

Some of the items purchased: white boards, individual supply baskets, books, basic school supplies, TPT lessons and activities for online learning, playground equipment and activities, folders, zip bags, notebooks, colored pencils....

Lots of changes with hybrid. It's great seeing students in person and also offering new opportunities for those remaining in distance learning.

For next year, 4/5 teachers are interested in continuing with the Studies Weekly subscription, Garden Educator, classroom funds, STEAM Lab assistant, and iReady for all students.

4th/5th Author visit Jennifer Bryant. We read Six Dots with Ms. Gomes and recently read River of Words in (4th grade) class.

5th grade finished their Rights, Respect, and Responsibilities Unit. 5th graders have visited with Foothill and will be visiting with Oak Grove soon in preparation for middle school. Students learning about the American Revolution.

4th grade has moved through the California Gold Rush and is learning about the impact of immigration on our state. We are working on Opinion writing, reading examples of opinion and then writing our own. We are learning Notice and Note Comprehension Strategies for Non-Fiction. We are learning fractions and decimals in math.

Committee Reports

Garden (Mrs. Burns)

- Celebrating Earth Day 2021 with pledge leaves
- Outdoor Activities

Art Appreciation

- Transition to Hybrid
- Art remains on zoom
- Can't see in person at this time

Dine to Donate

- Gotts Roadside raised \$1558
- Kendra Scott raised \$438

Outdoor Ed Fundraiser for 4th Grade (next year's 5th grade)

- Chef Jeff & Roma raised \$1138 from enchilada meal sales

Staff Appreciation Week (May 2-7) scheduled events:

- 5/2 Kona Ice 2-4pm
- 5/3 Stack the Staff Lounge
- 5/5 Appreciation Luncheon
- 5/7 Dessertapalooza

No new business

Meeting adjourned.