

Bancroft Elementary PFC Minutes (FINAL)

May 8, 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 7:03 p.m.

Executive Board Members in Attendance

Linda Schuler - Principal; Sandra Heinen- PFC President; Amiee Gordon- Vice President; Matt Gould- VP Strategic Funds (not present); Mari Mielski- Historian/Parliamentarian; Ashley Foster- Treasurer; Sarah Rhodes – VP Communications; Jennifer Enson-Secretary

Others Present

Tatiana Diaz, Alana Keefe, Karla Galvez, Gosia Dunning, Deanne Giffin, Emily Andrews, Stefanie Lee, Lisa Johnson, Tatyana Leskowitz, Pauline Van Beck, Kristin Cadigan, Alyson Ogden, Seena Brownell, Alisa Kutsel

Welcome – Sandra Heinen

Welcome to all and thank you for attending.

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

Principal's Report –

- Mrs. Schuler discussed the on-going recruiting efforts for teachers for next school year. Maestra Gomes will take Mrs. Gay's position as librarian. A new 4th grade TWDI teacher has been hired from Mexico.
- There will be a staff meeting tomorrow to discuss funding targets for next year by site council.
- Reviewing the use of new technology in the class rooms and the potential of creating classroom labs. Looking at creating a reserve with money funneled through the district by site council because we will need to preplace 3, 4, & 5 grade Chromebooks in the near future.
- Lion King performances begin tomorrow. There will be two matinee performances for the kids to attend in addition to evening performances for the whole family.
- Discussion of traffic challenges. Mrs. Schuler indicated that the school drop-off time cannot be adjusted because teachers can only work a certain number of hours. The wall at Country wood shopping center will be rebuilt to 8 feet to stop people from jumping it to get to school.

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

- No individual grade level reports were provided in the interest of time.
- CAASP testing is starting and teachers are working on final field trips for the year. There are lots of activities for the last 4 weeks of school, including the final STEAM/Garden rotations.
- PEAK Macy's Make Life Shine Brighter event is coming up this weekend. Choir will be singing at 12pm, 2pm and 4pm. Macy's is going to pay the choir \$250 - \$500 and there will be a \$5000 Grant from Macy's to PEAK. Art from Mrs. Stiles class will be displayed. Ticket booth at Concord carnival, earned \$300 for choir singing and \$480 for booth workers donated by the Mount Diablo Music Education Foundation. PEAK gave \$2000 to each elementary school including Bancroft. PEAK requested to be taken off as a budget line item as they would rather participate as a fund-a-need. Consider partnering with PEAK for an art show or other similar event.

Old Business

- PFC Nominations: ballots were passed out and votes were counted. All those nominated were voted in. VP of fundraising is the only position open.

Treasurer's Report – Ashley provided a handout with the financial status.

- Current financial status as of 4/30/18: Cash balance is \$181K, net cash available is \$154K, cash reserve is \$43K and available free cash is \$96K.
- 2018-2019 PFC Budget Proposal discussion:
 - Currently over by \$5000
 - Mathletics – change income to \$8000 and have further discussion on the value of this fundraiser late in the school year.
 - Spiritwear – consider moving to an income account
 - Discussion on additional budget being considered for funded positions:
 - Comment that it may not be the right year to add this if we have additional expenses
 - Mrs. Schuler indicated we have moved an Instructional Assistant (IA) to the learning center and this is more efficient support for targeted intervention
 - A question was raised if parents can participate in the classroom more to provide a resource to challenge students or to target specific areas as selected by the teachers? Teachers in the older grades don't ask as much for volunteers. Mrs. Schuler indicated this can be considered and the group indicated it would be beneficial to consider an overall training for volunteers so they can be more efficient in the classroom.
 - A comment was raised to consider "Open House" days where parents can come in to the classroom to see how instruction takes place and how technology is being used.
 - An additional \$25K to the budget could fund 2 to 3 more IAs for the afternoon (3 hour timeframe)
 - Mrs. Schuler recommends \$10K be added to the Technology reserve for this year
 - Operating budget – the group suggests to keep at 25%
 - Garden educator – PFC to cover the additional \$5500 required for next year
 - Discussion on technology: 415 chromebooks now at \$180 each. Need to update chromebooks at the point when Google operating system won't be updated any further on older machines (June 1st 2020)
 - What was the technology agreement? Committee convened and voted in June 2015 to spend \$60K on chromebooks for 4th/5th grade. Site council and Measure C money was used in subsequent years for technology infrastructure and additional chromebooks. Initially there wasn't any plan for replacement costs. Then in May 2017, strategic funds were approved for \$26K for 2 new 3rd grade chromebooks and \$12K for steam lab chromebooks.
 - Motion to raise the Excellence in Education by \$25 to make a total of \$125. Discussion – 12 in favor, 6 abstain
 - Motion to move \$10K from strategic funds into computer reserve, motion passed with 10 votes, 2 and 5 abstain
 - Vote to approve the budget with additional \$20,000 for funded positions (IA) – 14 approved, 1 opposed, 1 abstain – passed (see attached approved budget)

Announcements:

Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Adjournment 10:30 p.m.