

Bancroft PTO Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday November 8, 2011, 7pm

Call to order: A General Meeting of the Bancroft PTO was held in the Bancroft School Media Center, Andover MA on Tuesday November 8th, 2011. The meeting convened at 7pm. President Cathy Boese and Lisa Grecoe VP

Members in Attendance:

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| 1. Cathy Boese | 10. Claire Touseau | 19. Amy Joyall |
| 2. Lisa Grecoe | 11. Debra Jean Nichols | 20. Amy Holland |
| 3. Francine Goldstein | 12. Paula Frithsen | 21. Nancy Dankert |
| 4. Heidi Borenstein | 13. Kate Fergus | 22. Annie Gilbert |
| 5. Brad Weeden | 14. Beth Kirn | 23. Cindy Gottfried |
| 6. Karen V Stack | 15. Pater Macy | 24. Kelly Hudgins |
| 7. Cindy Hanlon | 16. Sheila Serrao | 25. Jeannie Sullivan |
| 8. Michelle Russo | 17. Monste Rivera | |
| 9. Jennifer Cho | 18. Nancy Snow | |

Officers Report

Welcome from the president Cathy Boese. Call to order and introductions of attendees.

Approval of October 11th, 2011 PTO meeting minutes

Minutes approved by Lisa Grecoe

Seconded by Heidi Borenstein

- **Diane Costagliola** - representing AYS. Diane explained the fundraising of the proposed Youth center to be built next to Doherty. There will be a special Town Meeting at the Collins Center on

December 5th at 7pm. To learn more visit Andoveryouthservices.com on. AYS will host a table at the Pasta dinner.

- **Bancroft Teachers** On Behalf of the Bancroft Teachers, Nancy Snow read aloud a letter explaining the reason for boycotting the PTO social events. Teachers will not attend PTO or school socials due to the contract issues. The letter was handed to the President, Cathy Boese
- **Annie Gilbert** On behalf of the Andover School Committee explained the contract indecisions. Also discussing the recent meeting with no decision as yet. Explained the process adding the explanation of a mediator needed at these meetings. The school committee wants this resolved just as much as the Teachers.

Open to questions

Jessica Horkan requested more information for parents from both the School committee and the Teachers Union. Grade Reps should meet to discuss.

Questions were asked of both the school committee and Bancroft teachers

Annie Gilbert discussed the next step in the contract discussions may be fact finding in which the state will enter discussions. Is there an end to using a mediator, not sure?

Mrs. Hanlon pointed out a reason why November 7th School committee meeting about the contract was not fulfilled, due to a document that went out with an unrealistic time line for the High School.

Jeannie Sullivan asked about the Work to Rule. Teachers are finding it hard to follow, our teachers volunteer naturally. 8.30 – 3.30 is contract hours, all prep work, calls etc. must happen in that time frame.

Teachers want this resolved...62 weeks without a contract, life's invested in teaching.

Principal update

Thanked everyone for coming especially the teachers and Annie Gilbert. Pointed out that both the teachers and the school committee do amazing jobs.

Katherine Boschetto will be on Maternity leave for 1 year, soon to have her baby. Bill Jones will be the new Psychologist.

New addition is Alice Durant, Administration assistant. Starting the November 8th, today!

Thanks to Parent Rep, Ann Michaels for helping with the hiring process.

Walk to school Day is now November 18th. We need parent volunteers for meeting points along the way. Bring food items along for the neighbors in need theme.

Teacher update

Mrs. Russo. Paperless notes, using email. Let parents know.

Cultural Arts has been great

Thank you to the Fun run committee, hopes to do it again next year

Can we continue the Math Bug enrichment programs? We have \$2000 to spend on Math enrichment. Teachers will decide what program to use.

Discretionary fund, can the teachers start buying? Karen Vigur Stack, yes.

- **Mrs. Nichols**, Kindergarten. Miss Emily for Paul Revere House Cultural Arts was amazing. The children loved it.

Treasurer report

Bancroft Buck – 18,000. Denise Wall, chair. Discussed the details. Budget was 15,000. 65% participated, 55% sold. Expecting more next year. Denise would love ideas/ suggestions. Send them to her via email or link on the PTO website. Denise would also like to move it forward to September and promote it maybe at the Kindergarten open House/registration night.

- **Fall Fundraiser**

Went over expected income. Would like less fundraisers at the beginning of the year.

- **Book fair** met target.

- **Extra money.** Cathy Boese discussed extra money in the budget to be spent on the Temporary playground, \$4,800. Curriculum Enrichment Fund is down \$2000, money to be moved over since Bancroft Bucks made around \$3000

Discussed buying LCD projectors instead of Smart boards. They would be around \$500 each instead of \$6000 for the smart boards. Francine, Principal, explained the building delay and this was a good, affordable alternative until we move into the new building with new technology.

Peter Macy agreed to form a technology committee to research ideas.

- **Teacher Discretionary funds.** Karen Vigurs- Stack informed us that 1st and 4th had not spent their entire budget but all the other grades did and are stating to spend this year. Physical Education spent their Teacher Discretionary money for this year on scooters and other equipment.

Karen proposed a motion to approve \$200 for the special education dept. motion seconded by Nancy Dankert. Motion approved.

Pasta night, Amy Holland needs volunteers for all positions. Pasta night, Italian Café, confusing. Stick with one name.

Green committee, Brad Weeden will handle the clean up in a green friendly way.

Open positions

Next year have sign up sheets for parents to sign up to be chair positions. Existing chairs can give up their position or stay? Forms will be handed to Ann Tavenner to review.

Issue from the floor – none

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

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