

## MINUTES of Bancroft PTO

Meeting date: Tuesday March 15th, 2011, 7pm

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**Call to order:** A General meeting of the Bancroft PTO, was held in Bancroft Media Center, Andover MA on Tuesday March 15th, 2011. The meeting convened at 7pm, President, Denise Wall, and Ann Tavenner, Secretary.

### Members in attendance:

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| 1 . Denise Wall        | 9. Kim Racca           |
| 2 . Michelle Russo     | 10. Nancy Bergeron     |
| 3 . Debra Nichols      | 11. Joan Calhoun       |
| 4 . Ann Tavenner       | 12. Cindy Gottfried    |
| 5 . Karen Vigurs-Stack | 13. Christa DiNapoli   |
| 6 . Cathy Boese        | 14. Francine Goldstein |
| 7 . Brad Weeden        | 15. Maureen O'Brien    |
| 8 . Heidi Borenstein   | 16. Ellen Rinklin      |

### Officers' reports:

- 1 . Introduction, call to order and welcome from the President **Denise Wall**.
- 2 . **Approval of the Minutes from Feb 15<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting:** Motion - Nancy Bergeron.  
Seconded – Ann Tavenner.

**Francine Goldstein:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders did an assembly on the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance and did a great job.

Nancy Beckwith and Alana McKee are leading a team this Sat at the Destination Imagination competition. MCAS are starting this week.

The Care Council made cards and delivered flowers to the crossing guard to show their appreciation for all she does. They will look into doing the same for some of our other staff members who sometimes get looked over.

As of Tuesday we will have 500 children attending Bancroft.

- 3 . **Teacher Reps:** The teachers highlighted the Field trips each grade had coming up and told us that the top 3 enrichment programs were 1) The Origami Program, 2) The Book/Author Readers and 3) The Math Enrichment Programs for K through 3. The teachers are meeting with a mediator in order to proceed with the talks for Teacher Contracts at The AEA Meeting.
- 4 . **New Building Project:** The external elevation drawings of the new building should be available tomorrow. We have \$75,000 in the Budget for our playground. We will need to do some serious fundraising to be able to construct a temporary playground during construction and a permanent playground when the building is complete. Dragons Lair will be taken down this summer. The manufacturers are meeting with us to tell us what parts (if any) can be re used. A few different ideas were mentioned for fundraising such as selling bricks (Cathy Boese) and A Fun Run (Deb Nichols). Both of the teachers were willing to help organize a Fun Run. We also

spoke about The Patel's who donated \$40,000 to Dragons Lair. We would like them to be remembered in the new playground.

- 5 . **Team Discretionary:** All teachers are busy using up their Team Discretionary Monies before April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.
- 6 . **Treasurers Report:** Cindy Gottfried reported that we have a reserve left for next year and are right on budget if the rest of the year we make our projected funds. All checks for any PTO event should be **clearly marked** on the front of the envelope.
- 7 . **Nomination Committee:** Open positions include:
  - 1) Assistant Treasurer
  - 2) Host House for End of Year Teachers Lunch
  - 3) Fundraising Co-chair
  - 4) Kindergarten Social Chair
  - 5) New Families Co-chair
  - 6) Outdoor Ed Dinners
  - 7) 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
  - 8) End of the Year Picnic

Please see website for all open positions and descriptions.

- 8 . **Earth Week:** Earth Week is April 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> this year. Brad and Nancy have many great ideas of fun things that the children can get involved with and at the same time help our environment. The Teachers are going to look at all the ideas and will pick the top 5 to implement that week. Parent volunteers as always are a huge help. Please contact Brad ([weeden@bc.edu](mailto:weeden@bc.edu)) or Nancy ([nancybergeron@verizon.net](mailto:nancybergeron@verizon.net)) if you can help.
- 9 . **On-Going Events:**
  - Open Circle: PTO will fund \$1000 for this ACE run program that will train our teachers on an on-going basis.
  - Variety Show: March 31<sup>st</sup> 5.30pm at the Collins Center.
  - Mother/Son Night: March 24<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm at Chunky's in Haverhill. \$20p.p.
  - Science Fair: May 5<sup>th</sup> Grades 2 – 5.
  - Father/Daughter Dance: May 6<sup>th</sup> Parent volunteers and raffle donations needed.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> 9am in the Bancroft Staff Room. All welcome.

**Adjournment:** Move to adjourn: Cathy Boese. Seconded by Cindy Gottfried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Ann Tavenner, Bancroft PTO

Date of approval: