

## **MINUTES of Bancroft PTO**

**Meeting date: Tuesday Oct 19, 2010**

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**Call to order:** A General meeting of the Bancroft PTO, was held in Bancroft Media Center, Andover MA on Tuesday Oct 19, 2010. The meeting convened at 7pm, President Denise Wall, and Ann Tavenner, secretary.

### **Members in attendance:**

1. Denise Wall
2. Cathy Boese
3. Kerri O'Dea
4. Jennifer Bentley
5. Ann Tavenner
6. Cindy Gottfried
7. Kristine Broderick
8. Francine Goldstein
9. Karen Vigurs-Stack
10. Namita Gupta
11. Brad Weeden
12. Kerri Blake
13. Suzanne Griffin

### **Officers' reports:**

- I. Introduction and welcome from the President **Denise Wall**.
  
- II. Principal **Francine Goldstein** welcomed everyone and introduced the new dismissal procedure policies. Mrs Goldstein also spoke of the "Open Table Discussion" which will start Oct 27<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents. Rick Irving, Adjustment Counselor and Mrs Goldstein will conduct an open discussion for each grade level, over the course of the year to allow parents to hear what to expect developmentally & behaviorally in their specific grade and to ask specific questions and concerns.
  
- III. The presentation of the anti-bullying procedures that Bancroft School will follow need to be presented to the School Council by November 16<sup>th</sup> and need to be sent to the State by December 2010. Denise Wall forwarded a motion to have Mr. Irving speak about this topic at one of our meetings. The motion was withdrawn as it was determined that a separate meeting that both parents could attend would be more appropriate.
  
- IV. The PTO Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> will be used to convey the importance of getting people out to vote on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 2010. Many different ways were discussed on how to achieve that. A discussion ensued regarding the November Meeting. A vote by show of hands determined that we should not move the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to the evening.

V. **5th Grade Teachers presentation on Outdoor Ed**

A brief presentation was given by Kerri O'Dea. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers expressed how important this time is for team and confidence building. The children filled out memoirs when they came home and Ms.O'Dea shared a few with us. The PTO this year subsidized Outdoor Ed with \$1390. It was asked if Bancroft might be eligible for any scholarships from other sources.

VI. **Fall Fundraiser Overview**

The Fall Fundraiser made \$14,700 after Sals and the DJ were paid. There are a few more expenses to be received which may alter this amount slightly. A great night was had by all who attended. Many thanks were given to all who helped out.

VII. **Treasurer's Report: Cindy Gottfried**

The PTO Membership Drive has taken in \$2855 so far (about 28%).

Curriculum Enrichment has taken in \$1205.

The Genevieve's Fundraiser should bring in approx \$5000.

A suggestion to clear up the confusion between Treasure Chest / curriculum enrichment was duly noted and will be addressed at the next meeting.

VIII. **Math Bug**

The Math Bug will run from Nov 17<sup>th</sup> to Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Caroline Page will chair and is looking for a Co Chair.

X. **Open Positions**

PALS – two more weeks.

Math Bug – co-chair.

End of Year Luncheon – Hosts needed.

Library help – contact Ms. Snow.

Office/Admin help – contact Pamela Kline.

IT Chair.

XI. **Promethium Boards**

Suzanne Griffen will research a possible video/demonstration for parents to see what we the boards allow the teachers to do while teaching our kids.

XII. **Green Team**

Brad Weeden presented the poster the 4<sup>th</sup> graders put together for Green Week.

Brad needs volunteers to help at recess in the café to encourage recycling of plastic bottles.

**Next Meeting** next PTO Meeting was scheduled for Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Bancroft Cafeteria.

**Approval of minutes:** Cathy Boese. Seconded by Brad Weeden.

**Adjournment:** Move to adjourn: Karen Vigurs-Stack. Seconded by Cindy Gottfried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.15pm.

Ann Tavenner, Bancroft PTO

Date of approval: