

**Bancroft PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**May 14, 2009**

President Karen Marotta reported:

- Open positions on the PTO for the 09-10' school year. MOST IMPORTANTLY are PTO President, Vice President and also a yearbook coordinator for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook. There is a description of these positions on the website in May's the letter from the PTO President.
- Father Daughter Dance was a success. It has been scaled back a bit due to it being held at Bancroft and more schools are having their own Father/Daughter dances. So it does not make as much money in the past, but having fun is more important than raising money.
- The PTO budget was passed for the 09-10' school year. To be conservative, there are areas that will be cut by 20% for next year due to the present economy.
- There was also an increase in the cost of the Variety Show this year.

Principal Francine Goldstein gave an update on the following:

- Walk to school day. It is a good community builder
- MCAS are going well this year. The kids seemed pretty comfortable with them this year.
- A school improvement survey was sent out. K-2 and 3-5 were sent out separately to save money.
- There are 2 open spots on the school improvement council for 2 new parents. Francine would like to retain 2 parents from the previous year and add 2 new ones each year. She will be doing the same with the teachers as well. Jenn Bentley is interested in being on the council.
- Thank you to Phalguni Shah and Pauline Flanagan for a spectacular job on the science fair, Francine was blown away by what the children did. There were 115 participants and the kids deserve the praise.
- The Variety show was great and thanks to Mary Hall, Caroline Ren and company for a great show!
- Thank you for a wonderful staff appreciation week. The message was loud and clear that the staff knows how much they are appreciated and thank you to Ann Tavenor, Cathy Boese and Diane Abel for organizing the staff appreciation week.

Christa DiNapoli said that the survey put out about adding Shawsheen to the feasibility study was about 45-55, 55% being against it in the Bancroft Community. It was 50-50 on the Shawsheen side.

Members of the School Committee Deb Silberstein and Dick Collins came and spoke about the current issues with the school budget that will be voted on at Town Meeting and the importance of attending to vote the \$60.4 million dollar budget vs. the \$59.9 budget that the Selectman and the Finance Committee will ask for in the form of an amendment. The discussion was very informative and the PTO was appreciative that they took their time to come and speak to us.

Respectfully Submitted ,

Laurie Brosnan, Recording Secretary