

PTO MEETING 2/23/10

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Attendance: Principal Goldstein, Denise Wall, Christa DiNapoli, Claire Stahley, Cindy Gottfried, Jeri Carr, Jodi Reming, Mary Hall, Jeryl Williams, Mona Goldthwaite, Heather McConley

Minutes from January 19, 2010 PTO Meeting were approved

Treasurer Update from Cindy Gottfried, noting funds raised from Book fair were under the estimated amount. We discussed moving PTO “rainy day” funds that have been carried over from past years to be moved into an investment fund where we may earn interest. Denise Wall will look into this. In the past two years, funds have been carried forward due to the uncertainty of the economy and ability of raising money during these times. Also, with the new building, the PTO knows that there may be projects that are not covered by Federal & State monies and the PTO may wish to fund them.

Bancroft New Building Project – Principal Goldstein and Christa DiNapoli spoke on where this project stands, most likely options, school size, etc. The next Building Meeting is Wednesday, 2/24 at 7 p.m. School Committee Room. It was noted that more parents need to get involved with this project. Decisions regarding the new building are being made at each meeting. Wednesday’s meeting will cover the traffic survey and possible elimination of one of the site options. Please see Blog, or PTO website for more information. You may also contact Christa DiNapoli (PTO liaison to SBC) dinapoli.family@comcast.net) Annie Gilbert (School Committee, SBC member, anniegilbert@verizon.net) or Francine Goldstein

Drop-off / Pick-Up procedures and cones. We discussed that there have been several changes to the drop off/pick up procedures and all changes have been with our kids’ safety in mind. Please work with us to adjust to these changes as they have been implemented for the **safety of all**. We do understand that some procedures may seem inconvenient at first, but again, they are for the safety of your child being dropped off or picked up at school. A letter, along with detailed procedures, is being sent home this week.

The following, with possible improvements, will be discussed with Principal Goldstein:

*It was suggested that the 15 minute parking spot be moved to the drop off circle. Then we are able to offer anyone stopping by Bancroft to have a close spot to quickly get in and out of Bancroft, especially if they have things to carry in.

*It was also mentioned that a notice went out (I must have missed it) saying that the teachers are parking in the circle. If this is the case, we'd like to discuss having a portion of those spots designated for visitors/volunteers/parents who are coming in to the school for 90 minutes or less.

*Have the town paint the 3 car drop off /pick up spots so that it is clearly marked where to stop. And have the cross walk areas repainted..... also in bright colors.

Things going on/to come:

- Mallory Bagwell – coming next week for Math Enrichment (Math Bug funds)
- Variety Show, March 25
- Father/Daughter Dance
- Science Fair, May 6

Smart Boards – Principle Goldstein to talk to teachers about doing a presentation on the benefits of and need to have Promethean Boards in classrooms

Nomination committee – open positions for next year to be determined and filled

Positions to Fill: Vice President, Secretary, Fundraising committee, Fall Fundraiser Committee, Cultural Arts Committee, Environmental Coordinator, Gift Wrap, Grade Level Reps, to name a few

Usborne Books, Heather McConley – Heather presented the Usborne Books and how they differ and/or are similar to other book fairs (Book Ends & Scholastic Book orders), and how Bancroft could benefit from book sales (she would donate her commissions to the PTO). She could have a small book sale at the science fair and possibly display Usborne Books in the Media Center for children to look through and order. We touched on the idea of having a Usborne Book fair in the spring or fall instead of having Book Ends Book fair at one of the times. Discussion to continue.

Other issues from the floor - none

Conclude – Next PTO Meeting, March 16, 2010 at 7 p.m. Bancroft