

Bancroft PTO Minutes **September 11, 2008**

Present: Dianne Carraviello, Tom Boutureira, Principal, Francine Goldstein, Heidi Borentstein, Kellie Altaffer, Nola Imrie, Carla Johns, Jeri Carr, Jennifer Cho, Brigid Hurley, Diane Abel, Suzanne Hornick, Annie Gilbert, Nancy Alepa, Jodi Reming, Karen Marotta, Ellen Rademacher, Michele Boshar, Jennifer Bentley, Kasra Kasraian, Bill Scanlon, Christa DiNapoli, Jessica Horkan, Claire Stahley, Laura Gregory, Kathy Schuh, Susan Greenberg, Alanna McKee, Michelle O'Connor, Bridget Fletcher, Sheila Serrao, Denise Wall, Irene Pien, Laurie Brosnan, Missy Blanch, Heather McConley.

President Karen Marotta – Introductions around the room and a warm welcome to Francine Goldstein.

Report from our Principal: Francine reported positive interactions with a good start to the school year. Here are some To plan on visiting classrooms, reading to kids and may even go into take attendance to get to know the kids better. Will be holding parent coffees – very informal, a way to get to know the parents. Open houses will be Sept. 19th, Sept. 24th as well as Oct. 1st.

- There will be a “contest” for a new slogan to replace the TIES acronym since she doesn’t wear ties. There will be a committee with teachers to choose finalists which all the kids will vote on.
- Francine explained her Principals Book. When kids do something special it gets written in the book and announced at assemblies. It will act as a motivator to help develop good behaviors and attitudes.
- “Walk to School Day” is being planned. There will be a committee meeting on Oct. 3rd at 8:00 a.m.. This will be an open meeting. Annie Gilbert, Julie Howe and Sue Greenberg have volunteered so far.

Treasurer’s Report: Denise Wall reviewed the Budget for the 2008-09 school year. Openings were discussed in the within the PTO. Ways to volunteer in the PTO were discussed. There is an immediate need for an Outdoor Ed. Coordinator for dinners given to chaperones which will give them dinner to go home with after spending 3 nights/4days with our children.

Bancroft Website: Annie Gilbert discussed update on website that will soon be up and running. It will also be the MAIN way the Bancroft Community receives information.

Fundraising: Bridget Fletcher and Jodi Reming discussed plans for fundraising for the year. They have extensively reviewed past years fundraisers and evaluated them. They plan on keeping some fundraisers from the past and adding new ones as well. They want to work on a cohesive approach to fundraising by organizing a fundraising committee and also want to broaden participation.

Environmental Update: Alanna McKee discussed plans for continuing to help make Bancroft a “Green Community”. Ex. Drinking out of steel water bottles and a “No Idling” campaign to be used during parent pick-up. Alana is looking for help from our Bancroft Community.

Upcoming Events:

Pasta Night: Laurie Brosnan reported on to be held on Wed. Oct. 15th.

Also the Treasure Chest drive is under way. Hard copies will be sent to K and 1st grades incase they have not signed up for list serve yet.

Fall Social: Jen Bentley spoke about the upcoming Fall Social. The committees is planning a more casual evening. They also plan on taking different routes for action items due to the area businesses being “tapped out” for contributions.

Math Bug: Heather McConley discussed plans for the Math-bug this year. It is wonderful for kids enrichment and also is a fundraiser as well. She plans on a big introduction for this and a big closeout. This will take place in January 09’.

Funding Requests:

- Mrs. Snow, \$1,500.00 for a die cutter. This will come with upper/lower case letters, shapes for, holidays etc.. It will be available for the whole school and also for the PTO! It was moved and seconded that this bill be passed.
- Bill Scanlon talked about the upcoming Outdoor Education trip for the 5th grade. Bill Scanlon talked about the upcoming Outdoor Education trip for the 5th grade. The cost has gone up. He thanked the PTO and Michelle O’Connor for helping with funding scholarships in the past. The trip will take place from 9/23-9/26.

Next Meeting to take place on October 16, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Brosnan, Recording Secretary