

## **PTO Meeting Minutes November 17, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Robin Walsh, Laurie Brosnan, Michelle O'Connor, Sheila Serrao, Kim Racca, Kathleen Ianniceilli, Selma Svendsen, Maureen O'Brian, Catherine Boese, Janice Lewis, Claire Touseau, Julie Eaton, Karen, Marotta, Claire Stahley, Mona Goldthwaite, Denise Wall, Christa DiNapoli, Heidi Borenstein

After the welcome by President Denise Wall and introductions, the minutes were approved from the October meeting.

### **President Denise Wall:**

- Gave the Treasurer's update and went over the current budget for Cindi Gottfried. We discussed why PTO dues are down and may ask again in February for people to join again. An email will go out to teachers to ask to join the PTO and all they will have to do is hit reply vs. sending in a form.
- Thanked those who were involved in running the Pasta night for a fun evening.
- Math Bug begins tomorrow. The packets are 15 pages long. Will come home in a manila envelope. Encourages children to do math, there are fun problems mixed in. If a student completes at least 5 pages and hands it in they will receive a little prize. There will be a drawing at the end of the day on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for bigger prizes for ex. Bancroft t-shirt and pants, math books, lunch with Francine and extra recess. Will announce winners before dismissal. 50% of funds raised will go to the classrooms and 50% to a school wide program. If a class has 80% participation they will be given a stipend for a small class party. Thanks to Caroline Hill-Page for organizing this!

### **Funding requests:**

- Destination Imagination teams for \$195.00 for fees. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded and a majority voice vote that we do not grant them the money from the PTO due to the small amount of Bancroft children involved.
- Funding request for \$400.00 to go to Parent to Parent. It was moved and seconded and a majority voice vote that we approve this request
- There was a request for roughly \$150.00 to place cones at parent drop off so parents know where to stop there car at drop off. Some people present will look into finding cones at other places where we may not have to pay for them. If anyone has any other ideas as help this on going issue, please email Francine or Denise Wall.
- There was discussion on the need for the PTO to have insurance for liability protection. A motion was made and seconded and a voice vote was favorable to approve money to purchase this insurance.

**Principal Francine Goldstein** reviewed the new report card that we will be receiving from now on. She discussed the following:

- It has been 10 yrs. Since it has been revised.
- Performance indicators on the card
- Now aligned with our benchmarks
- This will be a pilot year for this
- Will ask for parent feedback
- There will be an effort grade in each subject
- Will be specific areas on the report card for teacher comments
- There will be areas for phys. Ed/ wellness, music and art.
- It will tell us how a child is measuring to a standard that is set.
- Will be done online by the teachers
- Goal is to all receive the report card online someday

**Nomination Committee was discussed.** The PTO will be looking for 10 or fewer volunteers to chair a nominating committee that will help find people to fill positions on the PTO for the following school year. The PTO is hoping that 1 grade level rep. from each grade will serve on this committee since they may know people from their grades that may want to get involved. Please contact Christa DiNapoli if you are interested in this.

**There are families that do not have list serve.** If you have any type of communication that goes out to parents/guardians, please let Francine know so the office can get hard copies to those without list serve.

**Annie Gilbert** from the School Committee came and gave an update on the Bancroft new building project. She asked if we had any questions and ways to reach out to people so they are getting all of the information. She has a blog to make comments on. Please do so and to find the most current information on the project. We are fortunate to have Christa for updates as well on our website, Bancroft PTO.org.

There will be a board meeting at Denise Wall's on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> .  
The next PTO meeting will be at Bancroft on January 19, 2010 at 9:00a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Brosnan  
Recording Secretary