

BANCROFT ELEMENTARY PFC BOARD MEETING

Bancroft Elementary PFC Minutes

October 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mirko Danilovic at 7:08 p.m.

Executive Board Members in Attendance

Jill Collins, Mirko Danilovic, Sarah Hansell, Stacy Hovey, Leslie Lafredo, Julia Moreland, Kim Powleson, Linda Schuler, Alphina Zapantis

Others Present

Michelle Allison, Denise Bradford, JoAnn Cooper, Christy Paloutzian

President's Report

Mirko Danilovic welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Leslie reviewed the updated budget. There were questions about the Dollar-a-Day income. The income we are seeing come in on an ongoing basis for Dollar-a-Day is from the recurring payment pledges. That will taper off a bit over the next three months but will average out to a bit more than \$1,000/month.

The sound system has been purchased and the invoice has been processed.

Stacy made a motion to increase the transportation budget to \$1,000 to purchase new signs for the Kindergarten drop-off, the carpool drop-off and letters for the marquee. The current budget is \$250. Kim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Recent Traffic Issues

Principal Schuler is going to talk to the Walnut Creek City Council and Walnut Creek Traffic Engineering about the high number of traffic issues. Bancroft has called the police department for assistance in monitoring the issues but the police can only come if they are not called away to a police incident. There is also a discussion about forming a traffic patrol especially with the Measure C solar construction coming up in a few months.

President's Report

Principal Schuler gave some updates:

- Volunteer day went very well. The volunteers painted paw prints, repaired and painted the benches, sanded and stained flower boxes, and cleaned-up the learning garden (just a small amount left to finish there). During the work a number of new ideas came up about future repairs and maintenance. It was an opportunity for lots of families, boy scouts, and people who'd never been to this area to be part of the school community. It was a great idea. Much thanks to Principal Schuler for submitting the school site as a volunteer site, and much thanks to Katie Piercall for coordinating.
- School Site Council – we still need parent volunteers for three spots. They oversee the single plan for student achievement plus some budgetary decisions and approvals for spending.
- Looking for noon supervisors, we're really short. Principal Schuler contacted the district for names as well. Hours are 11:20 – 12:50 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. 9:15 -10:05 on Wednesdays.
- Intradistrict transfer for the district for next year is open. The application period is October 3, 2011 to January 17, 2012.
- Another class has been added for Kindergarten. It's categorized for special needs children. Right now there's about 12 students enrolled, and there will be up to 15 in the class. The teacher has been assigned – her name is Christine Crosno. Some of the paperwork is still getting processed.
- Last Monday night MDUSD recognized all of the schools that raised their API scores more than 9 points. Bancroft raised their scores by 20 points.
- A question came up about whether there were Conflict Resolution management classes here for the students. At this point we don't have the funding for a dedicated program in this area through the district. The staff and principal address these issues as they arise.

Faculty Reports

For Kindergarten/First Grade/Second Grade: Mrs. Bradford gave the update this month. The Kindergarteners are getting ready for their field trip to the pumpkin farm and the costume parade. The kindergarten teachers are using ESGI for assessments and that has been very useful. First grade has been meeting to go through assessment results. They've been talking about Johnny Appleseed and life sciences. Second grade teachers met last Tuesday to go through the assessment testing and put together low, medium, and high groupings to put together focus groups. Field trips to Mitchell Canyon in Mt. Diablo are planned during October. The second graders are studying people in the market place – learning about consumers and producers. Kids are able to use IXL math and RAZ kids now as well.

For Third/Fourth/Fifth Grades: Principal Schuler reported that they have finished their assessments. They are using this data to determine baselines and form groups as needed. Fifth grade is getting ready for Outdoor Ed – November 15-18. Parent night will be on October 18 in Valle Verde. The Outdoor Ed program will be located near Half Moon Bay.

Other Reports

Fall Fest

Mirko stated that it will be Saturday, October 22nd from 2-5 p.m. Michelle explained that we will be using the art room for Haunted House. Volunteers have been a major issue. She's still assigning classrooms to games and will be sending out information. Ticket information got sent out today.

Musical Update

Kim gave an update that it appears we had a profit around \$1,135 and that goes to the musical development reserve. The Musical committee learned a lot about t-shirt sales from the previous years so we didn't lose money there. Raffle ticket sales at intermission were very successful. Advertising was also well done. Kim wanted to recognize the Kinelux Corporation, Safeway, and Simply Selling Shirts for their donations. There is a desire to do another show this school year. Principal Schuler has spoken to Amanda Smythe about doing something like this again. They are already talking about putting together a chorus that meets at the end of the school on Fridays. This year's musical is currently targeted for the week of April 30 or May 7, 2012.

Book Fair

Tracy Watson will be running the Book Fair this year; it is scheduled for October 25-28.

Walk-A-Thon

Jill presented an update. T-shirt sales were very successful – almost 120 t-shirts were sold. They still want volunteers. The sound system should arrive this week. Walk-to-School day is Wednesday. Countrywood is allowing people to park there so they can walk part way to school.

Auction

The date has been changed to March 17th – St. Patrick's Day - so there are no conflicts with the Odyssey of the Mind competition. Michelle said there may be an issue with childcare because of the date change.

Minutes of the September 2011 PFC Minutes

Kim made a motion to adopt September meetings as presented. Principal Schuler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Marquees

Mirko brought up the open question around forming a committee to research the options around marquee. Michele Iliev's dad is a representative for sign production. Principal Schuler is going to submit a capital outlay request for the research to begin on how much it might cost.

Next Meeting

Next PFC meeting is expected to be on November 7, 2011.

Motion to adjourn by Mirko. Michelle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.