

## MINUTES of Bancroft PTO

Meeting date: **Monday January 24th, 2011, 7pm**

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**Call to order:** A General meeting of the Bancroft PTO, was held in Bancroft Media Center, Andover MA on Monday January 24th, 2011. The meeting convened at 7pm, President, Denise Wall, and Ann Tavenner, Secretary.

### Members in attendance:

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| 1 . Denise Wall        | 8. Kim Racca           |
| 2 . Michelle Russo     | 9. Sheila Serrao       |
| 3 . Kristine Broderick | 10. Don Gottfried      |
| 4 . Ann Tavenner       | 11. Cindy Gottfried    |
| 5 . Karen Vigurs-Stack | 12. Christa DiNapoli   |
| 6 . Cathy Boese        | 13. Francine Goldstein |
| 7 . Brad Weeden        |                        |

### Officers' reports:

- 1 . Introduction, call to order and welcome from the President **Denise Wall**.
- 2 . **Approval of the Minutes from Nov 15<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting:** Karen Vigurs-Stack. Seconded by Kristine Broderick.
- 3 . **Principal Francine Goldstein:** Ms. Goldstein played a short video reminding us how priceless our children are. She also filled us in on the last month in Bancroft.  
The Round Table Discussions with Francine & Rick Irving went very well. Now they are visiting 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades talking with them about being respectful, learning how to make people feel good. Their main focus is dealing with bullying.  
Dr Rashba (Cultural Enrichment) will be coming February 10<sup>th</sup> to Grades 4 & 5 and February 17<sup>th</sup> to Grades K-3.  
Ms. Goldstein is also putting together & presenting the budget for the school for next year.  
Bancroft Buddy Recess was a great success with kids meeting up and working with their buddy to build snowmen.  
Ms. Goldstein is doing a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club. So far they have read The Wanderer.  
She also wanted to reiterate the no food for birthday's policy.
- 4 . **Teacher Presentation: Michelle Russo:** Michelle did a survey amongst the teachers regarding the Math Bug and the Book Fair. The results showed that the teachers had good positive feedback for the math bug. They loved the grade level choices and the long weekend to complete the math.  
They also were positive about the book fair, liking the selection and time allowed to look and buy.

It was noted that the Teachers Wish Lists were a little confusing as some teachers did not complete them. Michelle also wanted to let the PTO know that they have loved the Cultural Events for the kids. From the Literacy Breakfast the teachers wanted to pass along the importance of choosing a “just right book”. Also noted that there have been no funding requests from:

- 1st Grade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Reading & Math
- Gym
- Music

5 . **Treasurers Report: Cindy Gottfried:** Report attached.

6 . **Team Discretionary Fund: Karen Vigurs-Stack:** Karen went over the requests so far.

- Art - Paper & pastels
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Guided reading Program
- All Grades - flip cameras
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - promethium board software
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade - DVD player
- K - paper

7 . **Bancroft Building Project: Christa DiNapoli:** Please get out and vote tomorrow. Christa gave huge thanks to those who don't even have kids in Bancroft that have helped spread the word. A new playground is next on the agenda.

8 . **Bullying Initiative:** The PTO should form a committee. We should look to see what we have as initiatives that are already working and build on them along with adding new ones. We need to teach kids how to handle a bullying situation.

9 . **Things to come:**

- **One More Story:** Finished
- **Bingo Night:** Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 6-7.30pm. Do we have a snow date?
- **Dinners by Dish:** Do we have a date? Jan?
- **Variety Show:** March 31<sup>st</sup>. Theme is School House Rock.
- **AYS Telethon:** rescheduled to a later date.

10. **Nomination Committee:**

- PALS Chairs needed for Spring
- End of Year Teachers Luncheon Chairs needed.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am in the Bancroft Staff Room. All welcome.

**Adjournment:** Move to adjourn: Karen Vigurs-Stack. Seconded by Krista DiNapoli.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Ann Tavenner, Bancroft PTO

Date of approval: