

Bancroft PTO Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 17, 2009

President Denise Wall welcomed everyone to the 1st PTO meeting of the year.

~ Denise reviewed the Budget for 2009-2010 school year.

Principal, Francine Goldstein welcomed new families and said, “You’ll never find a school as welcoming as Bancroft”. It is reflective in the children, they are very proud to be Bancroft children. It was a great opening to the school year and things have gone smoothly.

~ There is a strong initiative around respect this year because of how important it is to incorporate a respectful environment. The parents/guardians will be looked to for support as well.

~ The children now have “Bancroft Buddies”. The grades are paired together so children get to know kids in different grade levels in and outside the classroom.

~ Vocabulary at school: There is now a word of the week. Children can recommend a word of the week. It will be chosen and incorporated during the school week.

Vocabulary is a very important part of reading.

~ Francine also reminded us that she is here if you ever need to get in touch with her.

Co-Vice President, Christa DiNapoli reported on the following:

~ The School Committee is looking to create a budget advisory task force. They want parents on this to help decide where we should go. Please see Christa if you are interested in being on this task force. Also, important reminder that the next Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at the Collins Center, Andover High School.

~ The PTO is asking for everyone to donate 2 hours of volunteer time this year! Christa encouraged all who are able to do so. A small time commitment goes a long way and there are many opportunities to do so on the PTO.

~ We are trying to go paperless – PLEASE look at the BancroftPTO.org website for all communications. This is the way we communicate to our community. Mark this as one of your favorites.

~ There is going to be an in school volunteer program for parents to volunteer. Bancroft is asking for help in various ways to free time up for the assistants so they can spend more time with the students. Claire Stahley will get this up and running. Please contact her if you are interested in volunteering.

There is a “Hike for Hope” that takes place on October 4th, 2009 beginning at Merrimack College. Please see website for details.

Information was given about every committee that is part of the PTO and the volunteer opportunities within these committees. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the meeting, we had a record turn-out!

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Brosnan, Recording Secretary