

**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**October 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m.**

President Denise Wall welcomed all present to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Those present were: Jeri Carr, Denise Wall, Claire Stahley, Kelly Burns, Cindy Gottfried, Lisa Besen, Lynne Vaughan, Cynthia Gome, Maureen O'Brien, Susan Hughes, Suzanne Griffin, Michelle O'Connor, Beth Kirn, Jodi Reming, Mary Hall, Amy Joyall, Christa DiNapoli, and Laurie Brosnan

Denise reported on the following:

**Fall Social:** About 170 people attended Bancroft's Fall Social held at Salvatore's, in Lawrence, MA. So far the PTO brought in about \$13,000.00 in profit. We have received good feedback, Salvatore's was a good place to hold our social and everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere. Thanks to Jeri Carr and Jodi Reming and to all those who helped make it a great night!

Jodi reported Genevieve's is wrapping up. (No pun intended)

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Cindy Gottfried reported that we have \$1,630.00 donated to the Treasure Chest so far. The cover sheet of the PTO packet note said, "If you don't want to contribute to Fall fundraisers you can always make a direct donation to the Treasure Chest. This goes directly to support teacher's requests.

Denise reminded everyone that the PTO Board does meet prior to PTO meetings to prepare and go over some PTO business that would otherwise take up lots of time at our meetings. Anyone is welcome to a Board meeting.

**Math Bug:** Caroline Hill Page is heading this up. It will take place from November 18th and end on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a Math Enrichment/fundraiser. Will ask for teacher support to encourage children to complete math pages. The money earned from this will be divided 50/50. 50% to classrooms and 50% to some sort of Math/Science enrichment program for the school. Discussion took place about having those classrooms w/ 80% participation receive a celebration party given by the PTO. There was a motion made and seconded and a favorable voice vote not to have any cash prizes for the Math Bug.

Vice President Christa DiNapoli gave an update on the building committee meeting last night. It was not televised. Designers for the new school are very good. The next meeting is tom. Night at 6:00 p.m. if you would like to give your input. They will be voting the end of November.

Principal Francine Goldstein brought up the need for outdoor speakers. She feels this is a safety issue not to be able to make announcements while the kids are outside or coming and going from the portable classrooms. Right now, the people outside with the children communicate with 2 way radios. There are 2 different models. 1) \$2,900.00 that can be turned on and off and has to be installed separately from our current system inside the

building. 2) \$2,400.00 that would hook into our system that is already there. This is listed as part of Bancroft's school improvement plan. Discussion took place and it was decided that this request should come from Francine to the Bancroft Community re: the safety issue and that it is part of the school improvement plan.

The teachers love the Promethean Boards! These are interactive wipe boards. There are currently 4 in the school that was purchased at the end of the school year through the PTO and private donations. Currently there is one in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade, two in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and one in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The teachers have on going training to learn how to use these. Three of these were purchased over the summer for about \$13,000 total. The PTO contributed \$10,000 towards them. Every teacher would like one!!

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m...

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Brosnan  
Recording Secretary