

MINUTES of Bancroft PTO

Meeting date: Tuesday Nov 16, 2010, 9am

Call to order: A General meeting of the Bancroft PTO, was held in Bancroft Teachers Room, Andover MA on Tuesday Nov 16, 2010. The meeting convened at 9am, President, Denise Wall, and Ann Tavenner, Secretary.

Members in attendance:

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| 1 . Denise Wall | 8. Kim Racca | 15. Debra Nichols |
| 2 . Judy Durling | 9. Sheila Serrao | 16. Michelle Russo |
| 3 . Jennifer Bentley | 10. Joan Calhoun | 17. Jeannie Sullivan |
| 4 . Ann Tavenner | 11. Cindy Gottfried | 18. Christa DiNapoli |
| 5 . Karen Vigurs-Stack | 12. Amy Gribbel | 19. Brad Weeden |
| 6 . Kerri Blake | 13. Laura Miller | 20. Ellen Rinklin |
| 7. Nancy Dankert | 14. Claire Tousseau | |

Officers' reports:

- 1 . Introduction, call to order and welcome from the President **Denise Wall**.
- 2 . Principal **Francine Goldstein** was unable to attend but Denise Wall spoke for her. Great feedback has been received from the Round Table Discussions with Rick Irving. Brad Blake, IT Chair, has some great ideas regarding grant funding etc. He is asking all individuals who might be willing to help to join with him on this committee.
- 3 . **Teacher Presentation:** PTO Teacher Reps – Debbie Nichols K-2 and Michelle Russo 3-5. Claire Tousseau (5th Grade) discussed placing a bulletin board in the school lobby honoring our Military Hero's. Photos and details of our hero's can be displayed. An announcement will be made on List serve. Claire Stahely and Claire Tousseau are also putting together Thanksgiving Baskets and will deliver to those who are in most need. Debbie Nichols thanked the PTO for the Paul Revere speaker who the PTO sponsored. Debbie also expressed her concern regarding the Teachers Contracts which are not yet settled for the period beginning September 2010. We discussed ways in which the parents can be more informed on this process in order to help.
- 4 . **Get Out the Vote:** Christa DiNapoli discussed ways in which we could get the word out to the non Bancroft Community to get them out to vote on Dec 6th. Some ideas were letters to the Townsman, talking/emailing friends outside of Bancroft, a display at Town Hall, a town wide email with "Did you know...?" She is organizing a float that will promote voting in the Holiday parade along with the help of Mary Hall and Karen Vigurs-Stack.

- 5 . **Italian Café:** Nov 17th 5-7. Volunteers are still needed. Sign-up sheet was passed around. It was suggested that the name be changed back to Pasta Night. Brad Weeden spoke about using recyclable trays for this night.
- 6 . **Math Bug:** Nov 19th –Dec 3rd. Discussed timing, purpose and prizes for this program. Help is still needed for the week after Thanksgiving.
- 7 . **Bancroft Spirit Wear:** Amy Gribbel showed us this year’s pieces that are available for order. The order form will be available on the website and also sent home via backpack. Amy will also be at Pasta night and The Book Fair with some samples to share. The orders will be available by Dec 17th for holiday gift giving.
- 8 . **Team Discretionary Funding Requests:** Karen Vigurs-Stack told us the types of items the Teams have requested. She will put together a list of some of the larger items and have it posted on the PTO Website.
- 9 . **Things to come:**

Book Fair: Nov 29th – Dec 3rd. Judy Durling reported that they are using Scholastic Books this year. They are still in need of volunteers. “Book Money Scholarships” were discussed. Cindy will determine how best to record it in our financials.

Holiday Staff Luncheon: Dec 16th. Kim Racca will send out email after the Thanksgiving Break.

One More Story:

- 10 . **Treasurer Update:** Cindy Gottfried – It was noted that on 9/1/10 the PTO had in their savings & checking account (after 2009-2010 expenses) \$7,478 to \$8,286. This number is a range due some Teacher Discretion Request’s from 2009/10 not being paid yet. We made \$14,725 at the Fall Fundraiser.
- 11 . **PTO Membership Drive Update:** We collected PTO dues of \$3350 (31% of families) and \$1368 for CE Fund. The PTO Approved Budget was \$3500 and \$2500 respectively.

Next Meeting next PTO Meeting was scheduled for December 14th at 9am at 2 Blueberry Hill Road. All welcome.

Approval of minutes: Via email Cathy Boese. Seconded by Brad Weeden.

Adjournment: Move to adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 10.15am.

Ann Tavenner, Bancroft PTO

Date of approval: