

## PTO Meeting Minutes October 16, 2008

**Present:** Bernadette Lionetta -SEPAC Representative, Francine Goldstein- Principal, Nancy Snow-Media Center, Scott Besterman- Technology Teacher, Michelle O'Connor-Care & Concern Chair, Dara Casey-Former WOW & Cultural Arts Chair, Leesa Dawson, Irene Pien-Fall Fun-Raiser Co-Chair, Denise Wall-Treasurer, Karen Marotta-PTO President, Robin Walsh-Membership Chair, Heidi Borenstein, Jodi Reming-Fundraising Co-Chair, Bridget Fletcher-Fundraising Co-Chair, Annie Gilbert-Website Chair, Janet Mansfield, Jennifer Bentley-Fall Fun-Raiser Co-Chair, Christa DiNapoli, Laura Gregory, Laurie Brosnan-Secretary.

- President Karen Marotta opened meeting and everyone present introduced themselves. Karen then presented a plaque, dedicated to Dara Casey for her dedication to the WOW and Cultural Arts programs from 1992-2008. The plaque will be placed under the Albert Einstein painting that hangs in the Library from the “Hero Art” program that came to Bancroft last spring.
- The **PTO WEBSITE** is up and running!! Principal Francine Goldstein and Annie Gilbert gave an update on the PTO website and explained how to get information posted in the website. There will be a list serve that goes out every Tuesday that will update families on new information posted on the website. There was discussion that there may be a possibility to have teacher web pages at some point as well. However, Andover is updating their website that may allow teachers to have their own web pages on that site. If you have info to be posted, please send it to [F2Goldstein@aps1.net](mailto:F2Goldstein@aps1.net) or [anniegilbert@verizon.net](mailto:anniegilbert@verizon.net) and they will post it for you.
- **SEPAC** – Bernadette Lionetta is the SEPAC representative for Bancroft School. Bernadette wants families to know she is available anytime for parents who may want to talk to someone about a child with special needs. The committee meets 1x per month and their mission is to create awareness in schools for those with special needs. SEPAC also sponsors informational workshops that are held throughout the year.
- **IDLE FREE-ZONE** – Alanna McKee reported that as of 10/27 there is a town wide campaign throughout the elementary schools to clean up air around the schools through idling engines. For those parents in the parent pick-up line, we are being asked to turn our engines off while waiting to pick up our children. Alanna also recommended to arrive closer to the end of school for pick-up because the line goes very quickly averaging only about 10 minutes long everyday. The Dept. of Power and Water will be posting signs and public service messages to run on the town TV station. Principal Goldstein will also be sending out a letter as well through the website. There will be a town wide environmental poster contest that kids can participate in from 10/17-11/1.
- **Fundraising:** Jodi Reming gave an update on Genevieve Gift Wrap. There was discussion due to the participation being down this year and there is concern

whether or not we should keep this as one of our fundraisers. However, Bancroft will make a \$5,300.00 profit on the gift wrap!

- The Dish Fundraiser brought in \$560.00 to Bancroft School. Thanks Bridget and Jodi!
- **Membership/Treasure Chest Drive:** Robin Walsh stated that we have collected about \$5,000.00 so far for Membership/the Treasure Chest Drive. The drive will end on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The money goes to running the business end of the PTO organization and the money donated the Treasure Chest goes directly into a teachers curriculum fund that teachers may use throughout the year.
- **Pasta Night:** Almost 400 people attended our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pasta Night. Laurie Brosnan thanked volunteers and noted that a night like that would not be successful without them.
- **“Fall Fun-Raiser!”** Jen Bentley and Irene Pien said things are going well in preparation for the Fall Fun-Raiser. There are 113 tickets sold and they would like to sell at least 150 for this event. Jen encouraged those present to spread the word and encourage friends to go. She also talked about the great items that will be in the silent auction this year. The committee decided instead of going to area businesses this year, to ask our own Bancroft families to donate items for class baskets. 12 teachers have committed to coming and we can support 20. So spread the word!
- Leesa Dawson agreed to be the “Bancroft Spirit Wear” coordinator.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Bancroft Science Fair. Thank you Phalguni & Pauline!
- There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Walk to School day held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Principal Goldstein said the students will also be asked to bring 1 food item that can be donated to the local food pantry.
- Denise Wall gave the Treasurer’s Report. If you have a PTO funding request you can download a form from the PTO website or find them in the PTO mailbox. There are also reimbursement forms as well.

Next Meeting will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> in the Bancroft Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Brosnan, Recording Secretary