

**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2010**

President Denise Wall opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

We were treated to a small art exhibit by some of the Kindergarten classes. Cindy Weiss, our former art teacher came and did a program on Van Gogh with each Kindergarten class through the Cultural Arts, sponsored by the Bancroft PTO. The teachers and children could not say enough on what a wonderful program it was and the art work was beautiful.

We then went to a presentation of the Promethian Board (interactive wipe board) in Mrs. MacAllister's 1<sup>st</sup> grade room. She and Miss Cho gave those present a demonstration on how they use the board in their class rooms as well as the clickers. They answered many questions from all present on the advantages of having this tool in their classroom.

The budget was discussed. It has been decided to carry over an \$8,000.00 cushion each year going forward so there is money available in the account to fund PTO Events/Programs that occur in the fall. This year we have \$10,000-12,000 dollars to use somehow. There are many options that have been discussed. For example:

- Purchase Promethian Boards for the teachers who have asked for them. There are currently 6 teachers who have them on their wish list.
- See what other items may be on teacher's wish lists like we did a few years ago when we had excess funds. The Kindergarten teachers will get ideas from staff and form a wish list.
- There is also a reading program involving Phonics for grades k-3 that the teachers may be interested in.

A vote will be taken after information is gathered as to how to best allocate these excess funds at the next PTO meeting.

Christa DiNapoli gave an update on the Building Project: At this point we are waiting for MA School Authority to approve feasibility study and cost estimation. It will cost between \$33-36 million for construction cost. 40% of this will be reimbursed by the state.

It was approved to have a capacity of 680 students, grades k-5 and the school will be built in front of the current building. There are some parts of the school that will have 3 floors. Christa briefly discussed the design of the building. This will go to vote to Town Meeting in the fall. The schematic design will be taking place over the summer.

There was a motion made to approve \$500.00 for scholarship money for those in need for upcoming school activities. It was approved and seconded. The scholarship fund will be looked at from here forward as to how to plan better for next year.

We are thankful to have a grants writer/coordinator – Karen Marotta, thank you Karen!

Discussion took place regarding sending out a bi-annual PTO bulletin packet in August and February. Pros and cons were discussed. The PTO will work on this.

**“Go Green Week”** is coming. The Bancroft Green Team has planned the following:

- Zero waste lunch day
- Walk to school day
- There will be an environmental assembly, with someone coming to discuss trash.
- Bring a plant to plant on Friday. The kids and scouts will help plant them in the afternoon.

President, Denise Wall discussed the following:

- The Mother/Son night was sold out.
- The Science Fair is on May 6<sup>th</sup> and Heather McConley is planning on selling Usborne books that night and donating a portion of the funds made to the Bancroft PTO.
- Father / Daughter Dance will take place on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The Teacher / Staff appreciation week is the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The PTO is putting on a breakfast and luncheon to help show our appreciation to the staff and our teachers.
- The Lowell Spinners game is on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Get your tickets to this fun, family event.

- There was a request for umbrellas, preferably oversized umbrellas for the staff to use as they help the kids in and out of the school in the a.m. and p.m. and especially for the parent pick-up line. A request will be sent out via the website.
- Mona Goldwaithe, who has been running Expanding Horizons for years, could use an assistant to help her with this great task.
- The Environmental Coordinator position was discussed.

The next PTO meeting will take place on: Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Brosnan, Recording Secretary