

The School Improvement Council met on Friday, October 24 at 8:00 a.m. Attending were: principal Francine Goldstein, teachers Lauren King, Stephanie Mamakos and Nancy Sweeney, community representative Tom Boutoureira and parent members Annie Gilbert, Susan Greenberg, Julie Howe and Dorie Resnik.

The purpose of the meeting was to devise a survey for Bancroft teachers to establish their priorities for the year and use those to inform the SIC's agenda. There was a brief discussion of the Expanded Learning Time initiative that Bancroft investigated and shelved last year, and of what to do with the former ELT committee. Then we moved on to the questionnaire. Using last year's parent survey as a model, we decided to make the teacher survey as specific as possible while still leaving room for open-ended comments. We agreed to administer the survey via the online site Survey Monkey--as well as by hard copy for those who prefer it--preferably at a staff meeting, and to ask teachers to use an assessment scale of 1 (for worst) to 5 (for best). The areas we deemed it important to gather teacher feedback on included: professional development opportunities, the core curriculum, block scheduling, enrichment programs such as Bridges and STOP, volunteer programs like bringing parents or PA students in to help, class size, technology in the school, the most effective communication tools, class trips and the school environment.

Mrs. Goldstein agreed to draw up a draft of the teacher questionnaire and distribute it to council members before our next meeting, Nov. 7 at 8 a.m.

--Susan Greenberg