



**Bancroft Elementary School
School Improvement Council Meeting Notes
April 16, 2010**

Budget update

- * Superintendent Bach proposed a budget with level services plus a high school special education position which was passed by the school committee.
- * This still includes a \$1.3 million shortfall so they will still be looking for cuts.
- * The state contribution to the building project may vary depending on the school's plans in the areas of green and technology.

Review of progress of SIC plan

Class Size:

Francine is brainstorming class locations within the building for next year based on grade level numbers and class sizes.

Math:

- * Information nights for parents will continue as many current parents have not had previous experience with Everyday Math (not new to students, still new to parents).
- * Game night was considered a great event even though there was not a big turnout. There was room and fun for everyone.
- * Math enrichment within school features a parent involvement program with Ms. King which includes 4 parent volunteers at each grade level who lead games and challenges. The hope is to continue the program next year which.

Technology:

Francine sees the need to build in updates and purchases each year as a means to continually keep technology new overtime rather than wait and update school wide every 4-8 years. This will maintain progress.

Francine would like to purchase 2 more Promethean boards to bring the school number to 6. They are used everyday and teachers site their success in lesson planning and student learning where more senses are engaged and therefore more

learning happening. Teachers across the district share even their lesson plans online creating a valuable resource. Francine will approach the PTO for funding.

Outdoor speakers

No progress or plan in place yet for purchasing

Parent Survey

The committee discussed the need to annually survey parents vs. bi-annually. Committee members will email potential survey questions suggestions to Francine in advance of the next meeting for discussion.

Next meeting: May 14, 2010