



Bancroft PTO General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 - Virtual

PTO Board Attendees:

Sara Wells
Sandra Adourian
Christina Baker
Sandis Wright
Katja Maravelias
Stephanie Barry
Rebecca Peterson

Other Attendees:

Principal, Michelle Costa
Assistant Principal, Kimberly Rabold
Teacher, Frank McCall

5 Bancroft Parents representing K-5

Sara called the meeting to order at 7:04

Update on School

Overall, school is going well. While it has been difficult, technology has proven to be Bancroft's biggest asset. The children have been resilient, and do not seem phased by the new protocols. The teachers are working hard to support both children in school and at home. Teachers continue to evaluate tools and strategies each day and update plans based on what's working.

Question: How is the paper towel stockpile?

Answer: Mrs. Rabold will check and get back to the PTO on this.

Question: Should a parent support group be created to help parents share tips and strategies?

Answer: Yes. Home Away From Home is a great forum for this. Potentially, this will be the next topic.

Question: Who do parents call in real time if their child is having technical issues?

Answer: There are phone numbers for both hardware and software support. For anything outside of those, you may call the main office.

Bancroft Bucks

Given the current circumstances, Bancroft Bucks was successful. 60% of families participated this year. (In past years the participation was above 80%.) Due to Covid restrictions, there will be less cultural art events. This decrease in events will offset any decrease in total funds.

Boo Baskets

Almost 100 families participated in this Halloween themed event.

Holiday Gift Drive

There will be no party, but gifts are still needed for the Holiday Gift Drive. Julie Patton is coordinating this event. The PTO will work with Julie to determine the age and gender of each participating child.

Teacher Cheer

The teachers are extremely thankful for all of the things the PTO has done to show their support and appreciation for their hard work during this difficult school year.

Additional Monitors

Teachers are requesting additional computer monitors to help support the hybrid learning model. PTO will include a donation request for monitors, cables, and wireless headphones with mics in the next PTO newsletter.

Outdoor Classroom

Frank McCall, teacher, brought up the idea of having an official outside classroom. The teachers currently use outdoor space under stairwells and in fields, but it would be ideal to have a classroom with seating. This idea has been brought up in the past. The largest challenge is finding outdoor furniture that can be easily stored or be left outside all year round. Mr. McCall and his class will brainstorm ideas on classroom design and furniture suggestions.

Teacher Holiday Lunch

This will happen, but each lunch needs to be boxed. It can not be potluck.

Bancroft Bucks Pizza Party

All students who reached \$250 in donations will be invited to a virtual pizza party. Each family will receive a take home pizza kit and will play a virtual game with Mrs. Costa and Mrs. Rabold. (Game TBD.) Rebecca will also coordinate with Mrs. R on her classroom pizza party.

Bancroft Buddies

Parents (and students) love Bancroft Buddies and would like that tradition to continue even during pandemic times. It would be especially beneficial for remote students. With current restrictions and protocols, it may only be able to be “penpal” like buddies.