



Bancroft PTO General Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021 - Virtual

PTO Board Attendees:

Sara Wells
Sandra Adourian
Christina Baker
Sandis Wright
Katja Maravelias
Stephanie Barry
Rebecca Peterson
Amy Hamilton
Jayashree Mohandas
Rodney Johnson

Other Attendees:

Principal, Michelle Costa

2 Bancroft Parents representing K-5

Book Fair Update

We would love to find a way to do the bookfair in person since the school gets better rewards with an in person book fair. We may be able to do something outside for the Spring.

Care & Concern Updates

Jamie M. is working on a memorial plan for Mrs. P. In addition, there are requests to do something for the Bancroft alumni, Sarah, who passed away. Some ideas include planting a tree at Bancroft and Doherty or updating the buddy bench to include something with Sarah. Michelle asked the PTO to brainstorm ideas.

We should do something at the end of the year for bus drivers, cafeteria workers, nurses, and custodians. They should be recognized in a special way for all the changes they have made this year.

Back To School Plan

Per commissioner, all elementary grades need to be back by April 5th. More information will be going out this week and next. If people are going to switch from remote to hybrid, they need to do it now. There will be a lot of transition. The biggest challenge will be around lunch and snacks. (To keep kids 6 feet apart while eating.) Transportation is also a challenge. There will be a lot of traffic at drop off/pick up. The more kids who take the bus, the better.

Michelle is working on figuring out how the 5th grade ceremony will work, but hopefully it will be an outside event. Outdoor Ed is happening at Bancroft. It will be a 2 day workshop on site.

Michelle is working with Emily on cultural art events (like the discovery museum). Michelle did research on virtual field trips over the Feb break and shared with the teachers. Plymouth Plantation has a very interactive experience so that will be for grades 3 and 5. Kindergarten is interested in doing an outside event since all the kids are back. Hopefully 1 more event for each grade.

Wednesdays are still undecided since most of the planning and workshops are planned for that day. It is also the day of deep cleaning. It would be a huge and complicated transition to change those plans. Wednesdays still may be a half day.

Parent classroom requests for next year will be due the first week of April. The communication will go out this week.

Outdoor Equipment

Rebecca is working with Mr. Rex to find the best jump ropes and balls for the Spring.

Future Events

Should we try to incorporate some of the 'normal' spring events? For example, could we do a virtual variety show or some kind of hybrid option. We could do a poll to see if there is interest.

There is still the option to do an online auction. There will be a lot of things that the school will need as all kids go back and could use the online auction as a way to raise those funds.

Amy H. emailed a few places that were offering 'Drive In Movie' nights. Topsfield is our best option for a M-Thursday. They charge \$25 a car with a min of 100 cars + 18% of service charges. Friday-Sunday has a huge price increase so it needs to be during the week. We could also partner with another elementary school to make sure the minimum is hit. Is it worth putting out a sign up genius to gauge interest? Unlikely we could get the minimum since we usually only get 40-50 people. Idea is tabled for now.