



Bancroft PTO General Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021 - Virtual

PTO Board Attendees:

Sara Blais
Katja Maravelias
Sandra Adourian
Christina Baker
Stephanie Barry
Rebecca Peterson
Amy Hamilton
Jayashree Mohandas
Rodney Johnson
Katie Carbone

Other Attendees:

Michelle Costa, Principal

12 Bancroft Parents representing K-5

Bancroft Bucks

Bancroft Bucks is the biggest fundraiser of the year. This fundraiser raises $\frac{2}{3}$ of PTO funds and is used for cultural arts, field trips, and classroom funds. The fundraiser consists of donations and also raffle tickets. 25% of Bancroft students have participated thus far. The students get prizes based on what they sell and the winning class gets a pizza party. Bancroft Bucks are due on 10/1

Upcoming Events

- ★ Children's Stage Adventures is cancelled for this year.
- ★ Miss P's Sunshine Books dedication ceremony is on October 1st.
- ★ Halloween Boo Baskets - families can sign up and surprise another family with a bucket of goodies. It was a success last year so we will do it again this year. The sign up genius will go out in the next week or two.
 - Suggestion: Can teachers be included in this?
- ★ Halloween Festival - Planning has started. It will be on Sunday, October 24th from 5-7pm. It will consist of activities, fun, and potentially a silent auction. There is a planning meeting on Thursday and volunteers are needed.
 - Suggestion: Can we do trick or trunking?
Answer: Bancroft parking lot isn't the best for this type of event.
 - Suggestion: Can some activities be outside to help with social distancing and restrictions around eating?
Answer: Yes, if the weather cooperates.

Learning Labs

Learning Labs are before/after school activities where parents or others in the community host classes. The person hosting the class sets the price and the PTO helps facilitate the signups and payments. (It is not a fundraiser for the PTO.) There are 8 classes secured so far. There will be a link in the next newsletter for parents to sign up to host a class. We are also reaching out to local places (Kidcasso etc). The goal is to have something every morning for all grades. Michelle can help with spacing and making sure that distancing is in place.

Open House

A flyer is being sent home tomorrow with more information. The K-2 open house is 6-6:45 on Wednesday (9/22) and grades 3-5 on Thursday (9/23) from 6-6:45. Children should not be in attendance and all adults need to wear masks. There will be no assembly for all parents before open house.

Newsletter

The PTO sends a blast with details on events and important information. It usually goes out 2x a month. The communication team is working to make sure these newsletters aren't going to Spam or "Promotions".

- Suggestion: Michelle can reference when the newsletter goes out in her blast so people know to look for it.
- If anyone wants to promote events or information, you can email the communications team or use the chat feature on the PTO website.

Bancroft Family Homework

Each family will make a heart to heart map about what they love, what languages each family speaks, and traditions each family has. More information will be coming out on Thursday and the hearts will be due on the following Tuesday. They will be hung up for open house.

Role Model Training (for 5th graders)

Students go through different training on how to be a role model at Bancroft offsite.

Outdoor Ed

It is not happening for the fall, but potentially the spring.

Field Trips

TBD on if they can happen this year.