

Bancroft PTO  
1.9.2024 - Virtual and In-Person

PTO Board Attendees:

Stephanie Barry  
Amy Hamilton  
Caroline Gillis  
Katie Carbone  
Cristina Addesa  
Jayashree Mohandas  
Carrie Wihbey  
Caity Castagna  
Chrissy

Other Attendees:

Beth Leavitt

Caity Castagna went through the budget update.

We have made as much as we plan to spend. We don't have a cushion that we've had in the past. So, we have to be careful with our spending. One of the bigger revenue makers - the book fair - didn't happen so we have less than normal because of it. We just filed our taxes.

Beth asked if we have a budget for the teacher appreciation week. We have gifts and luncheon budgeted. Beth has been doing some things for teachers and staff out of the culture budget.

Beth asked about Ball in the House. It wasn't budgeted at the beginning of the year. Caity did put it in the budget so that it is accounted for. Caity also mentioned that Bancroft has money from the Bruins and that could be used if needed. Plus, there is budget from the American Heart Association that could be used.

Chrissy - fundraising update

Coordinating selling roses for Valentines day from Market Basket. We are also going to offer Sees candies.

Beth Leavitt

Beth asked about the book swap timing.

Stephanie said she'd heard back from everyone except for a few.

It will be Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday next week (1/16-1/18).

Beth will be doing the Bingo Books by the end of it.

Beth is trying to coordinate a board game night in March.

Beth is also trying to coordinate a Maker Day/Night in early June

Beth is asking for help in communicating that their children's clothing needs to be labeled. Stephanie mentioned that we fundraise through Mabel's Labels. Maybe we could promote the stamps. Beth will try to get a picture of the classroom with all the winter clothes to show parent's what the issue is.

Stephanie mentioned that we are aware of kids who need snow gear. We will work with Nancy Modlish to get the kids the gear they need. We will also include Spirit Wear as part of that.

#### Book Fair

Stephanie said there are still books that need to be sorted.

For the younger grades, the books will be on the benches outside of the classrooms. For the older grades, the books will be on the carts.

Katie will ask Ms. Carney if she has anything we could use for the fair.

Chrissy said she has luggage that we could potentially use.

Some parents have volunteered but not enough.

Stephanie is thinking that we should get a shed for all of the items that we use and store.

Caity asked Beth if she could ask for more outdoor outlets since there is only 1 outdoor outlet.

#### Learning Labs

Spring - mostly do what we've been doing.

Send out the preview on Sunday and registration Monday.

Run between Feb break and April break.

We will add in snow dates for every class in case of a snow day (only 1).

We will need to ensure that we don't have technical difficulties this time.

#### Science Fair

Justin Baker and Heather Olsen are running it in February

#### School Play

We are struggling to find a second director.

We posted in the newsletter today to see if anyone has a connection.

Play will be in April before break.

Variety Show will be kicking off soon - 3/28 (3/27 is rehearsal)

Stephanie is looking for volunteers - backstage coordinator

Community Read Along is the week of 3/22

Stephanie is going to invite Dr. Parvey to our next PTO meeting.

#### Family to Family

Monthly stakeholders meeting at the Youth Center.

The meetings are open for all to join.

The group is looking for ideas on what activities/enrichment/summer camps we can help families join in on.

The group worked with Operation Elf to get 32 families gifts this year.

The community refrigerator is still in the works.

Care and Concern

Stephanie gave the update on all the teachers and staff that have had life events.

Andover Service Day

Gather as many service opportunities to volunteer on MLK day.

Idea to reach out to the senior center to see if there are seniors that need snow removal.

[www.Andoverserviceday.org](http://www.Andoverserviceday.org)

Spring Fling

Theme is Outer Space