

Cobbles Elementary PTA Minutes  
January 18, 2024

Present: Robyn O'Grady, Cara Acker, Anna Bell, Mindy Staba, Lisa Tripodi, Amanda Freeland, Mariana Barry, Joslin Buhrman, Sara Jane Deisinger, Alisha McNally, Amy Kauffman, Nicole Whitehead, Reed Sanchez Zoom: Allison Trawinski, Michele Partisano

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

Approval of November minutes: Lisa Tripodi, Mindy Staba

**BOE Report:** No report this month

**Principal Report: Nicole Whitehead, Mariana Barry**

- Full school assembly 1/19: Dream Day Celebration will include a Student Council presentation, MLK presentation and launching a new school motto and song.
- Report Cards will be available 1/26 on Infinite Campus. Reminder that standards are for the end of the year so the report card should not be all "Ms" at this point of the school year.
- There is a spike in CSE (Committee on Special Education) parent referrals this time of year. The school team meets frequently to determine student progress and whether there is enough to show educational impact to provide a referral. Necessary steps need to be taken before referring and a parent referral is a part of the process.
- Events coming up: Cameron's friend's naming contest, Daytona 500

**Teacher Report: Reed Sanchez**

- From Miss Cornelius, music teacher: Thank you for providing funding for student recorders!
- From staff: Thank you for providing breakfast before winter break!
- Souper Bowl event for staff

**Committee Reports**

Teacher Appreciation Week: early May, need feedback from staff for what worked/didn't work last year, what do you want this year?

Winter Gear Drive: School 58 very appreciative of what was donated, some was also kept for Cobbles students

- Winter gear is needed for Cobbles students, especially snow pants
- 15 degrees is the magical number for outside recess

Harvest of the Month: Robyn O'Grady will text Laurie Pincus to get recipes to put in the Principal Newsletter.

World Language Program: Julie Garone, Cobbles parent and Spanish teacher at PHS, will run the program, which will be February 14, 28, and March 6.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up: looking for a chair and volunteers, volunteers will be recruited through room parents, baby pictures are needed for students, teachers and administrators, need a theme, day before Seabreeze in June

#### Drama Club

- trying to retain rights for play
- rehearsals 3/12-5/23, performances 5/24-5/25
- waiting on capacity numbers from Scott Baker
- Talent show will be for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Soap Box Derby Race: run by Melissa Wallace, request for funding for kits, 1<sup>st</sup> grade only

-Question: What other grade level specific special events? 2<sup>nd</sup> grade animal research project, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade recorders

Next year: Board members, committee chairs, volunteers needed!!

#### **Treasurer Report: Lisa Tripodi**

-\$1500 of book fair proceeds to SEPTA

-How can we support SEPTA? Help with resources, members can come to Cobbles PTA meetings, attend SEPTA events, Miss Sanchez suggested having a special education teacher representative. Robyn O'Grady will reach out to SEPTA member Erin Cammerata.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:00 pm at Cobbles Library