

Cobbles Elementary PTA Minutes
February 13, 2025

Present: Cara Acker, Cynthia Ueland, Lisa Tripodi, Allison Trawinski, Jamie Palmer, Amanda Freeland, Nicole Whitehead, Kaylie Northrup, Joslin Buhrman
Zoom: Anna Bell, Lyanne Gallemore, Danielle Orsini, John Buhrman

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Approval of January minutes: Cynthia Ueland, Joslin Buhrman

Principal Report: Nicole Whitehead, Kaylie Northrup

- Assembly presented by 4th grade Student Advisory Committee focused on the Cobbles Promise, using real life examples of kind and caring words
- Daytona 500 ends tomorrow
- Spread love: principals will visit each classroom with treats for students and staff for Valentine's Day
- Data Days continue every 6-8 weeks, discuss students who may need extra help
- Conference day 3/21, conferences may be scheduled anytime between 3/20-3/28
- ELA Benchmark testing for grades 3-5, computer based testing now required, concerns about student typing skills, teachers will meet after benchmark to see what needs to be reviewed before the actual test in April
- Black History Month: focus on art, music and joy

Teacher Report: Jamie Palmer

- Staff Appreciation feedback: donut truck, breakfast sandwiches, lunch, food, chair massages, healthy options, Rosey's, less focus on swag
 - Donut truck booked during meeting!
- Supply lists for next year are needed, will email grade level reps
- Bingo Night: will recruit faculty/staff callers after break
- Question: Does the Snack Cabinet still exist or is it taken care of by each classroom? Still exists, we have budget line to fund it
- Will email teachers for Room Parent feedback

Committee Reports

Harvest of the Month: big hit this month, had sufficient volunteer coverage, goes faster with voting system, are foods being incorporated into the permanent menu?

Bingo Night: Thursday, March 6th 6:30-8:00, lots of prizes from Fun Run, end with Bad Bingo, snack provided, early bird registration for members

Drama Club: going with improv option, end of March

Science Night: Wednesday, March 26th in cafeteria and gym, 8-10 tables in each room, recruiting from high school, RMSC, and Cub Scouts, will need volunteers for crowd control, demos and activities, outside vendor paperwork required

-Ideas: photo booth, Dream Lab

Scholarship: 3/10 receive applications, 4/20 names of winners, 5/9 certificates, checks and speeches, 5/28 awards ceremony

Spirit Wear: two week online sale end of April

Red Wings game: Friday 5/30 6:45 pm

Membership Cards: still waiting to hear from Chamber of Commerce

5th Grade Moving Up: all set for volunteers, Cynthia purchasing shirts herself that will arrive in April, working on getting sizes

Cobbles Carnival: time for new games? Balloon animals with Kaya, tattoos, face painting

Volunteer Opportunities

-Harvest of the Month

-Bingo Night: 2-3

-Science Night: 6-8

-Screen Smart Week

-Staff Appreciation Week: number depends on what activities are finalized

-Cobbles Cares Carnival

-End of Year Staff Luncheon

Treasurer Report: Lisa Tripodi

-didn't spend any money this month

-\$300 Science Night budget, can be more

President Report: Joslin Buhrman

-Committee Chair meeting 2/27 7:00 in library

-Co-Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary needed for next year, would be nice to have an Assistant Treasurer and Co-President

-Staggered Presidents ideal

-Thank you: Julie Garrone for World Language Program (10 classrooms full), Cara Acker for Movie Night (will purchase PTA computer hub), Harvest of the Month volunteers

PAB: Joslin Buhrman

-There are 3 seats open for the BOE elections. Packets are available to pick up and any interested parties should begin the process soon so that there is ample time to get signatures etc, TBD meet the candidates night, there is a county-wide workshop for any interested parties, Dr. Potter would like to individually meet with candidates

-Parent outburst at January BOE Meeting: Complaints about things like library books should follow due process. There are processes in order already to voice a concern and place a library book on review. It is not appropriate to yell at the Board (a group of volunteers), small group discussion about review processes and emphasis from PAB members that they will support the District re: following due process within their individual schools when confronted on similar issues. Dr. Potter and Dr. Roberts let the group know that their email is always a place to direct concerns from parents.

-Discussion of Community Partners: large list of community partners e.g. Delphi Rise, 585 Prime Time, U of R, goal is to strengthen existing partnerships with students & current partners

-Family Game Night: Friday, 2/28 at Bay Trail, families must pre-register, pizza provided

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20th, 7:00 pm, Cobbles Library or Zoom