

Cobbles Elementary PTA Minutes
March 20, 2025

Present: Cara Acker, Meghan Wood, Allison Trawinski, Lisa Tripodi, Amanda Freeland,
SaraJane Deisinger, Pat Moriarty, Nicole Whitehead, Joslin Buhrman
Zoom: Danielle Orsini, John Buhrman

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm

Approval of February minutes: Lisa Tripodi, Amanda Freeland

BOE Report: Pat Moriarty

- Dr. Potter has been named NYS Assembly Woman of Distinction
- 4/8 will be the next public BOE meeting, security will be present
- 3 seats open on BOE: Emily Roberts running again, Nicole Doyley not running again, open seat from Meghan Callan
- BOE member commitment is approximately 20 hours per month
- Budget vote is 5/20
- PTAs across the district are doing amazing things for our teachers and students
- Discussion of current events happening in the district (controversial book, Cobbles flag)
- ?: Any threats/threatening messages directed specifically to Cobbles? Mrs. Whitehead- a few voicemails from upset people but nothing that was threatening or dangerous

Principal Report: Nicole Whitehead

- New for teachers: March Madness thumb war competition, Final Four will compete during April assembly
- Take Care of Cobbles assembly will take place in April before break
- Opting out of state testing can be done throughout the testing period but please consider doing it before testing begins.
- Practice state tests available through Patriot Portal
- Placement form was sent via ParentSquare for 1st-4th grade parents. Teachers receive their placement forms next week.
- NO HEELIES
- Dismissal has been challenging. Please let office know in advance (before 11:00)
- Please consider donating to the snack cabinet.
- Section numbers will stay the same next year (3rd, 5th 5 sections, other grades 4 sections)
- Incoming Kindergarten dates: Orientation 5/13, Screening 6/9-6/13

Committee Reports

Harvest of the Month: mixup with dates this month, Colleen Graham will take over for Laurie Pincus, dates/info on food service page on district website?

Drama Club: 26 signups!

Scholarship: 10 applications received, will choose recipients by 4/18

Science Night: 10-15 PHS volunteers, flyer and signup out on ParentSquare

Appreciation Days

- Transportation: 4/22, Tree Town Cafe food and gift cards, organized by all of the district PTAs

- Teacher Assistant: 4/4, cards? flowers?

- School Lunch Hero Day: 5/2, cards? students serve lunch?

Yearbook: staff pages set up, teachers have been reminded to submit candid photos, order deadline 5/8, submission deadline 5/9

Screen Smart Week: two-sided sheet with information on back, add resources on PTA website, need to make Google Form for submissions

Staff Appreciation: donut truck booked, massages may still be on the table

5th Grade Moving Up: t-shirts are ordered and are under budget, Bay Trail counselors to attend breakfast?

Cobbles Cares Carnival: teacher signup after Staff Appreciation Week, not selling pizza this year, all vendors require proof of insurance, health certificate and participation contract

- Tickets: Cara Acker

- Games: Joslin Buhrman, Amanda Freeland

Arts in Education Night: 5/29

Volunteer Opportunities

- Harvest of the Month: 4/10

- Science Night

- Scholarship Committee

- Screen Smart Week: no need for additional volunteers

- Staff Appreciation Week

- Cobbles Cares Carnival

- End of Year Staff Luncheon

Treasurer Report: Lisa Tripodi

- received commission check from Clix

- low spending time of year

President Report: Joslin Buhrman

- Bingo Night Kudos: Anna Bell, Mary Willome, Gina Geraci, Amanda Freeland, Cara Acker, Tonya Frank, Cynthia Ueland, Allison Trawinski, Meghan Wood, Cassandra Nickels
- Meet the BOE Candidates: 4/8 (same as next public meeting)
- Notifications received by parents: what is “in a timely manner?” should more notifications be sent by text in addition to ParentSquare?
- Penfield Education Foundation 5k 4/27

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 24th, 7:00 pm, Cobbles Library or Zoom