

Cobbles Elementary PTA Minutes
April 18, 2024

Present: Cara Acker, Gina Geraci, Mariana Barry, Amanda Freeland, SaraJane Deisinger, Lisa Tripodi, Robyn O'Grady, Anna Bell, Cynthia Ueland, Reed Sanchez, Amy Kauffman, Joslin Buhrman

Zoom: Dr. Leslie Maloney, Alisha McNally, Ashley Lieber

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Approval of March minutes: Lisa Tripodi, Anna Bell

NYS ESSA Title I Presentation: Dr. Leslie Maloney

- ESSA: Every Student Succeeds Act
- Federal grant given to schools at or above the district average based on poverty data to give all kids the opportunity for a fair and equal education
- Data is compiled each spring, district finds out amount of funds in July
- District rate: 21.01%, Cobbles rate 22.08%
- Cobbles, Indian Landing, Bay Trail, Penfield High School
- District use of funds required to be shared with parents annually
- Hiring additional reading teacher, purchasing materials and professional development to support reading
- Questions? Contact Dr. Maloney at lmaloney@penfield.edu

BOE Report: Robyn O'Grady for Nicole Doyley

- Humanities director and head of social studies at PHS presenting the text that will be used for the new AP African American Studies course at PHS, in partnership with SUNY Brockport professor Dr. Averill Kelley
- Equity and Access update by directors of special education, discussed additions and progress of special education in all six buildings
- Voted to pass the budget which will now be presented to the community
 - Board member petitions due 4/22
 - Full budget packet available by 4/30
 - Meet the Candidates Night 4/30
 - Budget hearing 5/7 (PHS 6:30 pm)
 - Statewide vote and board election 5/21
- PCSD named of the "Best Communities for Music Education" for the 15th year by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation
- UPK: much discussion, including public comment
 - District has been dependent on Community Based Organizations to house the UPK program because it doesn't have room in the buildings.
 - Looking at a new capital project to build a UPK wing or separate facility, which will take years to accomplish. Can admit all preschoolers once this is complete

- 90 spots currently
- Public comment expressing disappointment in Dr. Putnam's communication regarding a racist Snapchat incident
- Public comment expressing disappointment is the lack of representation in school curricula
- Legislative Committee Meeting: discussion on banning cellphones in schools K-12, importance of sleep for teenagers-some districts have instituted a later start time for high schoolers

Principal's Report: Mariana Barry

- Computer based state testing complete, receiving positive feedback from teachers
 - Question from parent: computers are used for math? Yes, scrap paper provided
- DEI: Arab American Heritage Month, Deaf Awareness Month, Autism Awareness Month
- Field trips are back in full force

Teacher Report: Reed Sanchez

- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6-10
 - Swag: t-shirts or something else
 - Budget: \$1500
 - Massages-cost is high but could use students who need hours?
 - Food truck preferred, coffee truck? Rosie's?

Committee Reports

Ice Cream Social: scoop ice cream ourselves, need non-dairy option, no peanut toppings, Cara Acker will email Laurie Pincus about volunteers

Arts in Education: parent volunteer helping with event, surprise for Mrs. Vadakin since it's her last year at Cobbles?

Screen Smart Week: making good progress, Alisha McNally created the bingo board and flyer for the newsletter, Google Form for parents to input information instead of uploading bingo board, working on ordering the participation prizes, winners announced in principal newsletter

Yearbook: need help with receiving photos, principals have a lot of photos, X/Twitter a good resource, student committee next year

Fun Run: Gina Geraci can no longer run the 2024 Fun Run, need to start discussing in the summer with Drew from BoosterThon, consider doing it ourselves in the future

Spirit Wear: up and running, no Cobbles eagle this time

Staff Appreciation 6/24: Lisa Tripodi and Molly Menge Maguire co-chairs, Wegmans catering, serving supplies in PTA cabinet, post on Penfield Business Facebook page for donations

Drama Club: rehearsals going well, ticket sales next week, \$5 per ticket through Memberhub, Drama Club parents can purchase tickets before the general public, 200 person capacity in cafetorium, purchase gift card for set designer Mark Pagano, talent show 6/13

Fab 5 Bags: go ahead with it, saw example from Harris Hill, parent suggestion to show checklist in order of body parts

May Meeting: formally propose PTA board for 2024-2025 school year

- President: Joslin Buhrman

- Vice President: Anna Bell, Amanda Freeland

- Secretary: Cara Acker

- Treasurer: Lisa Tripodi

No PAB meeting this month

Treasurer Report: Ashley Lieber

- Budget is on track

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, May 16, 2024 7:00 pm at Cobbles Library and on Zoom