

Cobbles Elementary PTA Minutes  
May 16, 2024

Present: Cara Acker, Amanda Freeland, Allison Trawinski, Reed Sanchez, Marissa Evans, Ashley Lieber, Mindy Staba, Nicole Whitehead, Lisa Tripodi

Zoom: Anna Bell, SaraJane Deisinger, Lori ?

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm

Approval of April minutes: Lisa Tripodi, Mindy Staba

**BOE Report: Mindy Staba via PAB Meeting**

- Meet the school board candidates can be viewed on Penfield TV's YouTube channel
- 24 parking spots will be allotted for voters at the HS parking lot the day of the budget vote
- Question: Is the teacher's union recommending any school board candidates? No
- Dr. Putnam: district received \$1.3 million grant to purchase electric busses next May

**Teacher Report: Reed Sanchez, Marissa Evans**

- Presented thank you card to PTA (especially Anna) for a successful teacher appreciation week
  - Favorite parts: Rosey's lunch, donut food truck, name stars, swag bags

**Principal Report: Nicole Whitehead**

- Finished state testing, including the first ever science test
- SEL screening opens Monday, small number of opt-outs, less than previous years
- End of year assessments coming up, measures student's overall growth
- Field trips in full swing
- Planning for fun day 6/14, aerial artist and Cobbles parent performing
- Korean musician assembly for AAPI month
- Peter Pincus pottery presentation for grades 3-5, streaming in classrooms for grades K-2. Peter will also be at the Arts Festival.
- Play: Preview during school 5/31
- Kindergarten orientation
- First drafts of class placement lists complete, next step is input from specials teachers and mental health staff
- Second to third grade class going from five sections to four next year, advocating for five sections
- Fifth graders have letters from Bay Trail regarding which house they will be in next year
- New hires: librarian, art teacher
- New posting: PE teacher, Mr. Casserino will not be returning next year

## **Committee Reports**

Yearbook: The yearbook is complete! Thank you Lisa and Joslin! Yearbook Club requested for next year, teacher advisor needed, keep Teams folder for teachers to submit photos

Arts in Education: honoring Mrs. Vadakin with a Square 1 tile with her self portrait

Screen Smart Week: 207 students participated, 5<sup>th</sup> grade had the most students participate, suggested that we track differently next year instead of full bingo rows

Fun Run: need chair/committee, needs to be on pavement next year for wheelchair access

Ice Cream Social: need volunteers, Reed Sanchez will email teachers

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up: Committee met with teachers, everyone is on the same page with a laid back, student-focused event, St. Joseph's overflow parking ok'd

Room Parents: Alisha McNally taking over next year, Thank You Mindy!

Misc: Lisa Tripodi proposes using Sign-Up Genius more often, cookies made for teacher appreciation will be sold at the play

### **Treasurer Report: Ashley Lieber, Lisa Tripodi**

-2024-2025 budget proposal distributed, will be voted on next meeting

-Important to submit receipts

-Nicole: \$90 for teacher gifts ok'd by Ashley

-Reed: \$125 for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade wolf adoptions ok'd by Ashley

-Cara: where is Fab 5 bag item line? Ashley will add along with play dough for incoming kindergarteners

-Where do we put recorders and wolf adoption?

-Contact Ashley with budget questions

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 7:00 pm at Cobbles Library and Zoom