

Cobbles Elementary PTA Minutes
June 12, 2024

Present: Cara Acker, Lisa Tripodi, Anna Bell, Ashley Lieber, Reed Sanchez, Nicole Whitehead, Cynthia Ueland, Mindy Staba, SaraJane Deisinger, Amanda Freeland, Joslin Buhrman, Robyn O'Grady, Gina Geraci

Meeting called to order 7:06 pm

Approval of May minutes: Lisa Tripodi, Mindy Staba

BOE Report: Robyn O'Grady for Nicole Doyley

- Dream Lab next year: like a special, once every other week, programming and coding
- Possibility of a shared Robotics space for multiple districts
- Center for Youth contract signed, Miss Lacey will be back at Cobbles next year
- Buddy Olympics held at high school, 5th graders were helpers

PAB: Joslin Buhrman

- BOE report: presentation from Robotics Club, NYS seal of biliteracy ceremony, Reed Sanchez Golden Apple, PHS teacher selected for teaching fellowship in Mexico City teaching English, all propositions passed in budget vote, new BOE members Cristin Harley, Meghan Callan, and Patrick Moriarty
- Superintendent Report: 61 hires for next year, 15 are long term subs for maternity and medical leaves, Harris Hill Assistant Principal and SEA at PHS have taken director positions in other districts, looking for new Director of Student Engagement and Cultural Relations, discussed class sizes and the fact that no classrooms are over the cap for next year, discussed future of UPK-will be a long time before it's in-house
- PACE report: enrichment department staffing changes, enrichment certification is becoming harder to find
- Homecoming: September 9-14
 - Family Fun Zone: all PTAs contribute toward the fun zone, may be on the track to keep it away from food truck traffic

Principal Report: Nicole Whitehead

- Senior parade 6/13, kindergarten performance, advice from Student Council
- Fun Day Friday: Chill Station replaced with STEM Station, begins with Flag Day ceremony, chorus and orchestra concert, guardians of the flag named for next year, aerial artist to end the day
- 1 fire drill, 2 lockdown drills to go
- Kindergarten screening taking place to create balanced classrooms
- Summer school is at Cobbles this year
- Art room moving to keep 1st, 2nd and 12:1:1 classrooms together
- New section of 4th grade
- Popcorn on the Playground during supply dropoff in August
- All hiring complete except for one special education teacher

Teacher Report: Reed Sanchez

- Fundraiser idea for next year: "Skip the Line" VIP lane for pickup and dropoff, \$10/raffle ticket
- Ms. Cornelius: thank you for recorder funding
- Mr. Palmer will be the PTA Teacher Representative next year

Committee Reports

Moving Up Day: setup over the weekend, picnic certificates taken care of

Staff Appreciation Lunch: letter sent out, need more donations

Treasurer Report: Ashley Lieber, Lisa Tripodi

- \$28,000 current balance, approximately \$17,000 EOY budget
- Drama Club amount increased, PTA liaison?
- Discretionary/Misc: wolves, recorders, etc.
- Kindergarten t-shirts changed to Kindergarten swag to include bags
- Increase to staff appreciation lunch and week
- Our expenses are more than what we're bringing in but we have a good base
- Teacher Raffle volunteer: Wendy Roche?
- Vote to approve budget: all in favor

Miscellaneous

- Mrs. Vadakin's tile is in and will be installed in the cafeteria
- Thank you to Ashley, Robyn and Gina for their years of service! Robyn has accepted a position as a Best Buddies board member!
- Vote for Joslin Buhrman and Amanda Freeland for two-year terms for President and Vice President: all in favor
- Changes in bank account signors
 - Remove: Ashley Lieber, Robyn O'Grady and Gina Geraci
 - Add: Joslin Buhrman, Amanda Freeland

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Have a great summer! See you in September!