

Cobbles PTA Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023

Present: Mindy Staba, Gina Geraci, Cara Acker, Robyn O'Grady, Laurie Pincus, Cynthia Ueland, Ashley Lieber, Lisa Tripody, Yonjong Choi, Patience Prinzi, Renee Yandow, Nicole Whitehead, Michaela Wall, Christin Harley

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Approval of February and March minutes by all.

Teachers Report: Renee Yandow

All teachers are working on state testing and there is an overall good and happy mood in the building! Nothing major to report.

BOE Report: Christin Harley

The past BOE meeting included many student awards for groups and individuals, including robotics, engineering, science Olympiads and the sportsmanship award for the boys basketball team. Student art was also on display at this meeting. PCSD was given a school safety award and the sustainability report from the students was presented - it was impressive and well received.

The budget has been approved for voting on 5/16. It is online for review and includes a continuance of special ed services and assistant principals for the elementary schools for the next school year. There are two seats up for elections.

Principal Report: Nicole Whitehead

- Next week is TA appreciation week. There will be a luncheon to celebrate this amazing bunch of people and the PTA will put out a table with vases and ask that kids bring flowers in to give to the TAs.
- Cobbles is officially fully staffed! Nicole redid the schedule so that there is one designated TA for each grade level. This has already decreased incidents at recess and she thanks all of the TAs for their flexibility
- May 5th is "lunch staff hero" day and the kids will be making posters to show their appreciation
- 5th graders will be writing letters to the seniors that will be given to them on the day the seniors experience a simulation of a crash caused by DUI
- April 25th there will be a catered event (Tree Town Café) sponsored by all the schools to show appreciation for the transportation department
- On 5/11 there will be an in-school concert – by the students, for the students. This is the first time this has been brought back since Covid.

- There are many positions open for next year, and she has officially applied for the opening for Cobbles principal.
- Next year Cobbles will be very full – she is working on reorganizing the classrooms so that all grade levels are grouped together.
- She would like to start a Shared Decision Making Team (parents, students, teachers, admins, Tas, lunch monitors, etc) to help plan celebrations and reinforce positive behavior. Indian Landing does this and it works great for them.
- Next Wednesday is National Pretzel Day – a request was made for the PTA to fund the purchase of pretzels from Don’s Original for all teachers (approved)

Committee Reports: Yonjong Choi

- SCREEN SMART WEEK – this begins on 5/1. Students will get bingo boards next Thursday (available online too) and will work on getting bingo throughout the week by doing non-screen activities. Parents will upload a photo of their child’s board and the results will be tracked. Prizes will be awarded. A chair is needed for this committee!
- DEI – May is AAPI month. Yonjong is working on events with Nicole for this month. They are working on arranging a fencing demonstration from a local professional who is of AAPI heritage. Guests and events will be announced in the mornings.

President Report: We need board members and chair persons!!

Treasurer Report: Ashley Lieber

We continue to be in good shape for the rest of the year, thanks to the excellent fundraising efforts with the Fun Run. We discussed how much we are allowed to carry over into the next school year and after looking it up, there is no set amount, but it is encouraged to hover around a few thousand dollars.

Upcoming events:

Next week – Spirit Week

5/8 – Teacher Appreciation Week

5/10 – Arts in Education night

6/3 – Cobbles night at the Red Wings

8:25pm – Adjourn meeting

Next meeting May 18th, 2023 7:00 PM Cobbles Library

PTA Meeting Guidelines:

We gratefully request:

All members be professional and respectful in comments and conduct.

All comments be for the good of all students, teachers and parents.

All members feel safe and comfortable expressing opinions.