

Cobbles Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023, 7:00pm
Cobbles Library and Zoom

Attendees In-person: Robyn O'Grady, Gina Geraci, Katie Reinhardt, Kellie McNair, Molly Maguire,
Patience Prinzi, Lori Morris, Joslin Burhman, Renee Yandow, Cara Acker, Lisa Tripodi
Attendees on Zoom: Allison Trynoski, Tasha Deet, C. Ebmeyer, Michaela Wall

Welcome and call to order by Robyn – 7:02 start, January 2023 minutes approved by Gina Geraci and Robyn O'Grady

Teacher's Report: Renee Yandow. Thank you card presented by Mrs. DiNorma's 4th grade class for the recorders purchased by the PTA. Teachers are looking forward to break. Great to have assemblies and field trips back! Caring Council collected a nice amount of food to donate to the Penfield Food Shelf. They will be taking a field trip tomorrow morning to drop everything off. Melissa Wallace requested funds for the 1st graders to participate in the Soap Box Derby run by Mark Scuderi.

Principal's report: Kellie McNair. Thanked family/community for coming to Daytona 500. Families are welcome to come in for lunch again. This morning, 26 PHS students from the Black Student Union came and did a read aloud to each classroom. Did short presentation about themselves and then a culturally responsive text. Thanks to Michaela Wall, Diana Guerin and Yon Jong Choi for helping out. Collaborating with Susan B. Anthony House for Women's' History month. 3/3 – parent teacher conference date. Beginning planning for next year, survey to parents regarding placement will come out soon. Thank you to the PTA for being an active participant.

Co-taught classroom in the works (ICOT model), would fall somewhere b/t consultant teach and the 12:1:1 program. Will look at students who would be appropriate fit for this classroom. Likely will have a 1st and 3rd grade class here at Cobbles. Would need to add at least one special ed teacher and possibly others.

B.O.E. report provided to Robyn by Catherine Dean. PHS Black Student Union explained what they are about. Explained the work they have been doing. Can find report on board docs. Mary Cipone gave UPK update. State grant funded for 116 students and will continue. Bayview YMCA has decided to pull out so will be searching for a new location. Virtual presentation on 3/8 from 7-8pm. Mike Gala – director of transportation. Staffing has been challenging. State D.O.T. inspected the buses and they received a "100" on their report. Dr. Putnam gave student and staff honors and presented the school calendar. Public comment policy/how it's being adopted. First day of school 9/6. Shorter winter break, longer April/spring break to include Good Friday. Dr. Dan Driffill gave budget update. This will NOT be a year for program or staffing cuts. Dr. Maloney presented the Professional Learning Plan – board docs website.

Committee Reports: Screen Smart Week – Allison and Yon Jong working on this. 5/1-5/7. Already started planning. Sending out bingo card end of April. Will need a few volunteers. Pizza party for the winners. DEI: Michaela wall – met on Tuesday of this week, partnered with Kellie and the building DEI committee for today's event. Book discussion – Raise the Anti-Racist Children by Brett Hawthorn.

World Language Program was successful! We may be holding a virtual German and French class for 3 weeks in April, TBD.

Bingo Night - hoping for mid-March, should get date out by next week. Renee will coordinate teacher volunteers. We picked Tuesday, 3/14. Katie Donald will run this again! 5th grade moving up – doing t-shirts, yearbook, etc. Joslin requested “Loser Game” be played and explained how it’s done.

Yearbook – In progress – Patience Prinzi. Renee asked how the teachers can submit photos. Would like to organize a class 5th grade picture outside in the spring. Clix will come and do the photo. Question asked about if the re-take photo will override the original photo for the yearbook.

5th grade Seabreeze trip WILL be funded by the school!

New secretary – Cara Acker volunteered! Hooray! We need 2 co-presidents for next year. Ursula stepped down. Robyn will step down to VP.

Treasurer’s Report – Robyn for Ashley. No changes from last month. We did donate \$200 to Gi-Gi’s Playhouse in support of Mateo from Harris Hill that passed away. More funds available now for 5th grade moving up day now that the school is funding the field trip.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.