

PTA Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2022

Present: Kellie McNair, Gina Geraci, Robyn O'Grady, Patience Prinzi, Ari Elliot, Laurie Pincus, Anna Bell, Jenny Bradley, Lindsay Wilson, Barbara Babiarz, Kellie McNair, Beth Latta, Michaela Wall, Melissa Pletscher-Nizinsky, Liz Zeitner, Colleen Cohen, Ashley Lieber, Joslin Buhrman, Yonjong Choi, Stephanie Histed

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Approval of November 2021 minutes (Patience, Robyn)

Teacher's Report (Renee Yandow via Gina Geraci):

The PTA sent breakfast from Tree Town Café to the teachers on their conference day – the teachers all say thank you!

There is a request from Mrs. Wallace for weighted blankets and small body socks for a sensory box for the K-1 students. This will be kept behind the stage and will cost around \$200-\$300. The PTA is happy to fund this request.

Principal's Report (Kellie McNair):

Monday was a professional development day for the school and focused on community building circles for all staff members.

The Board of Education approved an increase in funding for lunch & recess monitors, substitutes and TA's, and Cobbles is happy to now be fully staffed. This makes a big difference for everyone.

Mary Woolaver has retired from her position as administrative assistant and they are currently working on filling her position.

Mrs. Gisike (band) had her baby three weeks early, so they are also working on filling her position.

Report cards will be available online on March 3rd.

BOE Report (Barbara Babiarz):

The Board of Education met on Tuesday of this week and their meeting focused on recent legislation passed by NYS that allows for a tax reduction for towns whose firefighting force is all volunteer based. The presentation is available on their website.

There was a textbook presentation given as an overview of the diversity curriculum being taught at Bay Trail.

As of now, the mask mandate continues.

Because of a government grant, Penfield will now be able to offer UPK starting in the 2022-2023 school year. There are 116 spots and they will be given out through a lottery system. UPK will likely be contracted out with already existing preschools in town.

World Language Program (Gina Geraci):

The first session was yesterday. There were a few glitches getting everything going on Teams, especially for kindergarteners who had not ever logged into Teams.

This was originally supposed to be held in person, but because it ends up being over 200 students and parent helpers no longer separated into their normal classrooms, it was moved to a virtual program.

The PHS students did a great job as teachers. HH and IL are trying this program this year as well.

We welcome any feedback and please ask Gina if you have any trouble logging on. Hopefully this will be in person next year. This program needs a chair for next year.

DEI (Melissa Pletscher-Nizinsky):

This committee has been sending newsletters home via email and paper (if they are able to be printed due to paper & toner shortages) and also posting them on the PTA website

There will be a committee meeting open to the community for a virtual book discussion.

Moving Up Ceremony (Lindsay Wilson):

This committee hasn't starting doing much, but they are gearing up to. Lindsay is chairing this with Heather Drews. They need more committee members and plan on reaching out to 5th grade teachers to coordinate asking parents to help out. They will meet soon with Kelly to talk about what is possible this year with Covid and to finalize dates/plans for the 5th grade field trip to Seabreeze.

President's Notes (Gina & Robyn):

The main item being discussed is ways to get the ball rolling on some fun events for the kids. The PTA really needs hands on help from other members. Some ideas are:

- Snowman contest between the grades. PTA can fund snowman kits.
- Valentine's Day – treats & Cobbles fidget pop-its will be given out to all students. (A vote on this was passed because the cost is over \$500)
- Science Night – hoping this can be held in person. We have two chairs for this event. The date will be pushed into April. A few ideas were thrown out about how to make sure it could be in person – an offsite location? High school? Stagger grades so it could be at Cobbles? It would ideally be held at Cobbles.
- Mrs. Wallace had an idea to start a STEM Soap Box Derby Club. She will hopefully be presenting at our next meeting.
- BINGO night – would love to start this up again and hold in person. We need volunteers to organize this.
- Ice Cream Social – hoping to make this bigger and better than ever, and sponsored by the PTA. Planning on music, food trucks, etc and will be free to all. We need a lot of help for this event. A date will be chosen soon – have to coordinate with the 5th grade Seabreeze day.

The PTA officers will come up with a list of volunteer opportunities so that hopefully we can get more people involved. We need someone to sign up for a two year term as co-president with Robyn next year. We do have a treasurer confirmed to replace Ari after this year.

Gina signed a contract with Boosterthon to put on another Fun Run fundraiser for fall 2022. It will run 10/10-10/21 with the run on the 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.