

Cobbles PTA Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2022

Present: Kellie McNair, Gina Geraci, Laurie Pincus, Robyn O'Grady, Patience Prinzi, Ari Elliott, Yongong Choi, Barbara Babiarz, Renee Yandow, Machaela Wall, Molly Menge Maguire, Katie Reed, Jenny Bradley, Mindy Staba, Leslie Maloney, Ursula DiPasquale, Lori (no last name on Zoom screen)

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of May minutes

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Report (Leslie Maloney):

Cobbles receives Title 1 funding, and a requirement for receiving the funding is that she share with us how they plan to spend the funds. Cobbles (and Indian Landing) is eligible for funds next year. These funds are a federal grant to provide financial assistance to school districts to help ensure that all kids meet the challenging NYS academic standards. Calculations for funds are done each spring based on the poverty rates for each school district. Cobbles will receive approximately \$98,400 for the 2022-23 school year. The funds will be spent on things like summer reading and math programs, materials, supplies, professional development, and hiring specialty teachers. The plan for 22-23 year is to hire an additional reading teacher.

Discussion about Pride Month Flyer:

The DEI committee's flyer for Pride Month was sent out with kids in their take home folders without approval from Kellie McNair. This was an oversight by the PTA, for which they apologize for. Some parents saw the information as sensitive and wish it had been sent out electronically only, so that parents could choose how to share it with their children. Kellie assured parents that there was no conversation in classrooms about the flyers, they were just stuck in folders and sent home.

Principal's Report (Kellie McNair):

A large thank you to all for a great school year. The kindergarteners have been celebrating their first year being done and in person screening for next year's group has started. Many fun celebrations are happening this week, including appointing some 4th graders to be "Guardians of the Flag" for next year. Mrs. Osgood held her annual poetry slam for her 1st graders and the 5th grade Moving Up celebrations are happening tomorrow. Field days will be on the 21st and the last day is the 22nd. She appreciates everyone for their help all year and is looking forward already to an even more normal year next year.

Board of Education (Barb Babiarz):

This is Barb's last meeting of board service – a big thank you from the PTA for your service! The last BOE meeting focused on what PHS students have been researching about how much waste is produced by PHS during just two lunch periods. They are looking at ways to reduce waste with composting and recycling. There are no dates for the ground breaking of the new transportation center yet. PHS graduation is next week at Frontier Field.

Teachers Report (Renee Yandow)

She apologizes – there are not a lot of teacher volunteers for the End of Year Ice Cream Social Bash this year. It falls on a 3 day weekend and many teachers are out of town.

Mrs. DiNorma wondered if the PTA could fund recorders again for next year. This will be approved in the budget vote later in the meeting.

The PTA thanks Renee for her help all year!

Jenny Bradley (Cobbles TA)

She reported/requested help regarding the real needs for students in families struggling financially. She can see a real increase in need for basics like school supplies, clothing, shoes, food, etc. She has seen kids in Cobbles struggling to focus and learn in school because they are so hungry. She would like to start programming and partnering with the PTA to provide these basic needs to our kids who need it. A discussion was had regarding what other districts are able to offer, what the PTA is technically able to give to specific families, and what we can do to address this issue. The PTA would love to help in any way they can. Likely a committee can form next year for this to work with Jenny on creating a stockpile of supplies, purchased by PTA and donated by families.

Budget Report (Ari Elliott)

We reviewed the current year end spending vs. what was budgeted for the year. We ended up pretty close to where we expected to be at year end. We reviewed the draft of the 22-23 school year budget, which includes another \$10,000 to spend down. A discussion was had about adding money to the nurse's budget to have extra clothes on hand for kids along. We also discussed how we could fund giving yearbooks out to all 5th graders as a gift. The consensus was in favor of this but we have to see how the Fun Run Fundraiser goes in the fall.

The budget draft was unanimously approved.

The slate of officers for 22-23 was unanimously approved.

Robyn O'Grady – president

Ursula DePasquale – co president

Gina Geraci – vice president

Ashley Lieber – treasurer

Laurie Pincus – secretary

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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