

## Cobbles PTA Meeting June 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm

### Zoom meeting attendance:

Mary Corcoran, Dr Kenny, Renee Yandow, Tammy Giunta, Fiona Stauffer, Elizabeth, Yonjong Choi, Patience Prinzi, Heather Drews, Erin Cammarata, Junko Foster, Molly Menge Maguire, Jackie Sauter, Ursula DiPasquale, Suzie Salzbrenner, Sarah D, Sarah Wendl, Jennifer, Liz, Murat

### Title One Presentation - Jim Peiffer (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction)

- Title 1, Part A is a federal grant that is part of the federal government's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) program

- The Title 1 grant provides financial assistance to school districts to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards

- For a school to be designated as Title 1, it must have a poverty percentage at or above the district average. These calculations are done every spring, using poverty data. Some include those qualifying for free & reduced lunch and those with Medicaid automatically qualify. Cobbles is consistently on the list.

- 2019-2020:

- District Poverty Rate - 17.6%

- Cobbles Elementary Poverty Rate - 20.9% (has to be equal or above the avg of district)

- \$1560.98 x 112 qualifying students = \$174,830.00

- 2020-2021:

- District Poverty Rate - 18.02%

- Cobbles Elementary Poverty Rate - 19.47% (still qualify)

- \$800 x 113 = \$90,400.00 (due to different way of calculating)

- Normally funds are used to hire special reading teacher, professional development and supplies, and put on the Summer Reading and Math camp. Do not think there will be summer camp in 21 due to the lack of funding. Cannot carry funds into another year, so still going to have the camp this summer, but it will be virtual.

- Question to Jim if PTA can contribute to this? He will look into it, but it costs about \$50k to run the camp

- Any questions or concerns, contact Jim Peiffer: [JPeiffer@pendfield.edu](mailto:JPeiffer@pendfield.edu)

### **Teacher's Report - Mrs. Yandow**

- Mrs. Yandow reports that the teachers are very excited about 5<sup>th</sup> grade parade next week and getting a chance to see the kids.
- They have many questions as to what the fall will look like.

### **Principal's Report - Dr. Kenny**

- Dr. Kenny reported on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremony. All admins got together to discuss how to celebrate and make it equal across all of the schools, and make a common plan. There will be a parade where kids will stay in car. They will receive their swag bags
- Everyone is making the best of a crappy situation
- Cudos to Lindsay and Vanessa for working so hard and putting this all together!

### **President's Notes - Mary Corcoran & Patience Prinzi**

- Mary had update to vote on new secretary for next year. It will not be Lauren next year, it will be Robyn O'Grady - all were in favor. We will miss you Lauren!

### **Treasurer's Report - Tammy Giunta**

- Final fiscal report will be available come September, will move over \$15,000 surplus (rather than host a fundraiser in 2020-21 year)

### **Dr Kenny Q&A**

- Many answers are still wait and see as they wait for further direction from the state.
- Dr Kenny recognized all of the hard work and support on the part of the parents. Everyone is doing great!
- Going forward with plans to make our school a 1:1, meaning every child will have a laptop or ipad assigned to them for the school year. They will use Microsoft Teams

- Question about teacher shifts? Waiting to get some more direction, but we know that 4<sup>th</sup> grade will have 6 sections. Kindergarten will have 5, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have 5 sections. Usually in this situation, someone will have to move but we are waiting to see some budget #'s. Most teachers should stay pretty consistent.

- Question on curriculum: Administrators will be working on this over the summer. They will try to balance evaluating kids in the fall, but not overwhelming them as they transition back to coming back into the building. Will look at things missed between March-June for what should take priority.

-Recommendation for Summer learning - Dr Kenny will correct the link that was sent. Keep kids reading over summer and reference Math workbooks sent home to keep kids engaged.

- Question about survey results? Dr Kenny says they have not seen results, not sure when

- Parent feedback has been all over the board - some looking for less work, some looking for more work. Trying to find a good balance - happy medium

- What will homeschool look like if it happens again next school year? Curriculum will take shape over the summer to be more inline with distance learning

- Questions about access to teams over the summer? They are discussing, think it is a good idea, but no one will be there to monitor conversations

- It was asked if teachers could utilize time over the summer to prepare for possible closures again in the fall. If teachers work over the summer, they must be paid. Mrs. Yandow mentioned that some do in fact work on curriculum ideas during the summer to get a head start

- There is A LOT to prepare for before kids go back in the the Fall!

- Goodbye Mrs. Knapp & Mrs. Dooley. Retirement party planned for August (hopefully that happens). Mrs. Yandow will talk with the retirement committee to see what could be done from parent/student standpoint to say their good-byes.

- Some good news! Cobles is #2 (we were #3 last year) and we are #1 in Western NY in Math 😊

Adjourn: sometime after 8pm