

Cobbles PTA Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2023

Present: Mindy Staba, Molly Menge Maguire, Ashley Lieber, Laurie Pincus, Nicole Whitehead

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Approval of February minutes will occur in April 2023 meeting

Teachers Report: Renee Yandow (not present)

Principal Report: Nicole Whitehead

Spirit Week went well. Everyone really embraced dress like a teacher/student day. Teachers and students both knocked it out of the park! For Pi Day, teachers brought in and voted on the best pie.

For Grades 3-5, state testing preparation is beginning. Communication is coming soon.

The student placement process is in progress. There is an optional meeting for faculty on Monday morning to meet with principal. There will be discussions on bringing back the placement process that Dr Kenney used. Many feel that process was more efficient and effective than last year's process. Overall, the key is to make sure that there is balance among classrooms.

There was a meeting with the lunch monitors this week. Nicole and lunch monitors will be working on behavior incentives for lunch times. Clearer expectations for students will be set. Nicole has been going into lunches when available. A behavior incentive program will be starting next week (3/20).

We are bringing back the Cameron Challenge, focusing on behaviors during specials. On discussed reward has been extra recess. The question was posed as to if any parents may be willing to come in to help monitor extra recess. Groups discussing indicated that parents would be more than willing to assist and many are itching to get back into the school to help out.

Laurie to ask Gina about when the next school gear ordering session may be.

BOE Report: Mark Elledge

Mark was not able to attend the board meeting, though was able to review the agenda and presentations.

SPED Update: Penfield is working on an integrated co-teacher program, which is new this year. It is basically a bridge between 12-1-1 classrooms and a normal class. There will be a mixed population of students with and without IEPs.

Facilities review: transportation center project is underway, starting with the bidding and design of the project, etc. We are expecting to break ground in May. This project frees up some space where the bus depot is today. The current plan is to move the IT room(s) from the high school to the current bus depot. This, in turn frees, up a few classrooms at the high school.

UPK: There are 116 spaces funded for next year. Eligibility deadlines discussed (12/1).

Redistricting: There is minor redistricting conversations happening now, but they do not affect Cobbles. It impacts several Penfield families that currently attend Scribner and live on the far east side. There has been mixed response so far. Transportation would be the responsibility of the family if they choose to not redistrict at this time. (Ex: if a student is in fifth grade and it's their last year, they may choose to stay at their current school.)

The public comment policy was approved at the last meeting. This will bring consistency and transparency to meetings. Those that wish to speak will need to request time to speak ahead of time.

Committee Reports:

- BINGO: This was a huge success. Great to have teachers calling numbers and great to see Nicole there as well.
- School Supplies: Gina has these geared up (July 1st)
- Red Wings night: Saturday, June 3rd, more information to come!
- 5th grade moving up: There was a planning committee met on Wednesday 3/15 for parents + teachers. Joselyn is collecting photos. Patience is working on the yearbook, which is sports themed. This event is scheduled to be held outside again. May want to consider a rain date or an alternative interior location (?)
- Ice cream social: Thursday, June 15th, scheduled the same day at moving up ceremony. Seabreeze is the following day, Friday, June 16th.
 - Mrs. Whitehead has offered to go in the dunk tank.
- 5th graders/ teachers' basketball game: Discussion around can we have this event and who will plan in. Laurie will start with asking the modified basketball coach at BT - Lisa Kaufmann.
- Staff appreciation luncheon: Thursday, June 22nd, the day after school ends. Currently, there is only one retiree (March 30th, Gallmeyer). Molly would love someone to co-chair this and take over in the future.

President Report: Robyn was unable to attend.

- **WE NEED BOARD MEMBERS!!**
 - President:
 - VP: Robyn O'Grady
 - Secretary:
 - Treasurer: Ashley Lieber, Lisa Tripodi

Treasurer Report: Ashley Lieber

We are in good shape with budget and the events we have left for the year. We have had several recent requests for increase in budgets (screen smart week, arts in education) and this is likely due to rising costs in general.

Ashley is going to pull together a summary as part of budget creation and review for next year, including what different events and expenses typically hit which budget line items.

7:55pm – Adjourn meeting

Next meeting April 20th, 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.