

# Cobbles PTA Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2023

Present: Mindy Staba, Molly Menge-Maguire, Gina Geraci, Cara Acker, Robyn O'Grady, Laurie Pincus, Cynthia Ueland, Ashley Lieber, Joslin Buhrman, Anna Bell, Lisa Tripody, Yonjong Choi, Krista Khan

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of May minutes (Mindy, Cara) by all.

## Teachers Report

Renee Yandow was not able to be at this meeting. The group was told she is moving to teach at Bay Trail next year. Molly said she will be honored at the retiree/staff luncheon for her years at Cobbles. She was a wonderful PTA liason.

Renee's notes: The kids are happy and cray at year end, and teacher morale is high. Everyone is ready for the Ice Cream Social and she has enjoyed her years working with the PTA.

## Committee Reports:

- Yonjong Choi/DEI – May was AAPI month. The announcements celebrated with interactive video and an in person fencing demonstration from a local Olympian. She is hoping that next year's budget can include money for a speaker. October includes Blind Awareness Day and Cobbles has a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student who is blind. Ideas were discussed about raising awareness.
- Mindy Staba/Room Parents – The electronic form worked well, we got 31 responses. Only 2<sup>nd</sup> grade was lacking in volunteers. Forms will be available at the PTA table at the Ice Cream Social tomorrow. Her last year as chair of this is next year, so she will need a replacement.
- Molly Menge-Maguire/End of Year Luncheon – this event is next Thursday. Families have gotten several notes about donating gifts or money. It is a tough time of year to ask for gifts because of all of the end-of-year gifts that families give. She has some great donations from local businesses. There's enough currently for \$20ish gifts for 69 staff members and needs enough for 80. The food cost did not go up as much as she expected. Let her know if you'd like to help out! A suggestion was made to start asking for donations for this in March so that it doesn't coincide so heavily with year end gifts.

## President Report:

- Families have until July 1<sup>st</sup> to order school supply boxes for next year.
- There will be a fall night for Cobbles at the Red Wings – this info might be sent with placement letters.

**BOE Report:** Krista Khan

The May Board of Education meeting included a presentation from the Buildings & Grounds and security systems manager. The construction group has approved Phase 1 for the new bus garage – has already had a groundbreaking. There were 109 inductees to the National Honor Society. Elections were approved.

The June meeting included a ceremony to honor retirees, tenure recipients and Arts in Education students. The discussed plans for the audit and next year's budget. The President of the board was honored for her service as was the student representative. The PHS principal spoke regarding a new book being included in required student reading.

She gave an appreciative thank you to our PTA members for all of the hard work they do.

**Voting – Officers**

The following members were unanimously voted in as officers for the 23-24 school year:

Gina Geraci & Robyn O'Grady: Co-Presidents

Anna Bell & Joslin Buhrman: Co-Vice Presidents

Ashley Lieber & Lisa Tripody: Co-Treasurers

Cara Ecker: Secretary

**Treasurer Report:** Ashley Lieber

She reviewed the proposed 2023-24 budget for review.

- We are aiming high for fundraising in the Fun Run. A side discussion was had about the potential for bringing back "opt-out" style fundraising in the future.
- Teacher Appreciation budget was decreased for 23-24. Funds will be more focused on students.
- There will be a Drama Club next year with a \$3500 budget next year. Some of this money might be made back with ticket sales and program sponsors. The play will be for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and there will be a talent show for all grades.
- The net income will be negative, but the balance from 22-23 school year will cover it.

The budget was approved.

**8:05pm** – Adjourn meeting

**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.