

Cobbles Elementary PTA Minutes  
October 24, 2024

Present: Cara Acker, Amanda Freeland, Alisha McNally, Meghan Wood, Pat Moriarty, Jamie Palmer, Joslin Buhrman, Cynthia Ueland, Lisa Tripodi, Allison Trawinski  
Zoom: Danielle Orsini, Anna Bell, Tonya Frank, Stephanie Tischler

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Approval of September minutes: Lisa Tripodi, Cynthia Ueland  
Approval of Updated Bylaws: Lisa Tripodi, Amanda Freeland

**BOE Report: Pat Moriarty**

- Great start to the school year, 4600 students district wide
- Would like to see an increase of students at BOE meetings to acknowledge their achievements
- Building projects are progressing
- Safety Committee strategies are sufficient from all angles
- Equity grading strategies discussed
- Question: Were the district calendars a BOE initiative? Dr. Potter and the district communications team initiated the calendars, important to have district phone numbers for parents

**Teacher Report: Jamie Palmer**

- Book Fair schedule? It has been completed and needs to be approved by the Building Cabinet before being distributed to teachers.

**Committee Reports**

Membership: no changes, remember to post membership QR code at PTA-sponsored events  
-Question: Incentives? Something the board is always thinking about, possibly team up with local businesses to provide discounts, Meghan Wood will email the Penfield Chamber of Commerce

Room Parents: Mr. Palmer will contact teachers to ensure they are satisfied with their room parent so far.

Harvest of the Month: need to tweak voting system, one poster per grade was suggested, should ask other PTAs if they do this and how they handle voting, important to clarify what food service wants and the actual data they want gathered

Fun Run Recap: one day was more successful than two, need to work on handoff from end of the run back into the school, Wildlife Rockstars was a big success, hope to have the

presentation be the incentive with no gimmicks, track on blacktop wasn't utilized but will continue to have it as an option, grandparents donated more than parents, all prizes have been distributed, using Boosterthon in the future? We have our contract through next year.

Movie Night: successful, will stream movie through laptop next year, should we have more than one per year? A Friday night during the winter after the holidays was mentioned.

Book Fair: Match Play is confirmed, coffee truck is not confirmed, 11/4 set up after 4:00, possible checkout in Mrs. Barr's classroom, continued discussion on how to execute the free books to students

Hat & Mitten Drive: will take place in December, looking for suggestions for schools or organizations to donate to by November's meeting

5th Grade Moving Up: Cynthia Ueland is leading the committee, will need to form committee by January

Teacher Raffle: Do teachers want to do it? Are raffles no longer allowed? Wendy Roche and Meghan Wood will coordinate.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Book Fair: 11/5-11/7
- Harvest of the Month: 11/21

### **Treasurer Report: Lisa Tripodi**

- in good shape overall
- staff reimbursements are being utilized

### **Principal Report: Nicole Whitehead via Joslin Buhrman**

- Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fun Run a success!
- Possible can collection for Bridges for Brains during Daytona 500
- Red Ribbon Week: announcements, skit, classroom activities
- Two students participated at the Empire State Games, will receive their medals at a school assembly
- Fire Prevention Safety presentation by Penfield Fire Department, thank you for providing winter hats to students
- Panorama screening taking place this week, completed by teachers K-2 and students 3-5
- Kindergarten Halloween parade in bus loop
- Planning for Veteran's Day activities is underway
- 11/20 STEAM Day: PHS Robotics will present during lunch periods, all students will bring home a mini helicopter

-Still in search for volunteers for DEI and SDM volunteers, Question: Will a Zoom option be available?

### **Thank You!**

- Colleen Graham, Picture Day
- Katelyn Donald, Movie Night
- Gina Geraci & Robyn O'Grady, Book Fair
- Laurie Pincus, Harvest of the Month
- All of our volunteers

### **PAB: Joslin Buhrman**

- Building safety is a high priority for Dr. Potter.
- November BOE meeting will be the first where discussion on BOE member Megan Callan stepping down will take place. Board has 3 options for replacement:
  1. Leave the seat open (they would still have 6 seats for making decisions)
  2. Special election (this requires candidate applications and signatures, scheduling a vote, etc)
  3. Appointing someone

There was no formal announcement from the BOE because they wanted to have a plan in place before notifying the community. BOE wants to have transparency in the process. Dr. Potter did put the news in her Board Bulletin. Dr. Potter has no say or influence over what happens with that seat.

- Coffee and Conversation 10/29 9:15 am, 6:00 pm in Scribner cafeteria
- PTA Instagram?
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration took place with food and salsa lesson
- Bus Driver Appreciation Day 2025: Indian Landing PTA will coordinate with help from other district PTAs
- Thank you to the district for paying for Square1Art tiles!

Question: Will we be providing food for teachers during parent teacher conferences? Maybe

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 21, 7:00 pm, Cobbles Library or Zoom