

## Cobbles Elementary PTA Minutes

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Present: Dr. Kenny, Catherine Dean, Michaela Wall, Mary Corcoran, Patience Prinzi, Lindsay Wilson, Laurie Pincus, Fiona Stauffer, Ashley Gorea, Gina Geraci, Jennifer Luisi, Jocelyn Buhrman, Kristen Turgeon, Jackie Sauter, Lori Morris, Staba Family, Robyn O'Grady

Meeting Called to order at 6:00

### Teacher Report – Jackie Sauter

- Black history month has gone well
- Monthly history makers. First was Rosa Parks, next month will be Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- Pictures for yearbook – is there a deadline?
- Teachers excited for food truck!

### Principal Report – Dr. Kenny

- Staff and Student testing will tentatively extend to 3/19 – 0 cases between students and staff
- Wednesday programming K-5 – In person instruction begins on March 24<sup>th</sup> with Cohort B
- Equity update – PCSD equity training session 2 will occur on 2/25
- February – Black history month
  - Daily celebration/ recognition of an influential person of color
  - Rosa Parks (History makers lesson)
  - Lessons extended in classrooms
- March – Women's history month.

### Board of Education – Catherine Dean

- COVID-19 guidance – there is a guidance overview on the district website
- Putnam sent out an advocacy letter with a link that parents can send
- Everyone is working hard to get kids back in school
- None of the guidelines have changed. We need more guidance
- Equity – 1<sup>st</sup> module complete – there will be focus groups coming up in April. Hopefully more staff will be trained
- Budget – we are in no financial stress

### Committee Reports:

- The equity team is up and running!
  - There is an approved budget
  - New black figures we haven't heard much about
  - Yoga – Yoga Good 4 the Hood
  - Cobbles science night –influential scientists of color
  - Nicole Doyley – bringing her back for advising
  - A video was shared from Gates Chili. This is the direction we want to go in.
- Science night is last week in February – positive feedback so far – no main virtual event. Dr. Kenny will be doing each experiment
- Fifth Grade moving up – Ashley Gorea. Indian Landing and Harris Hill want to be included.
  - We need numbers of 5<sup>th</sup> graders and budget. Last year was \$1500.
  - Card in yard at the library
  - Each school different color shirt

### President report:

- PAB meetings – send letters to Cuomo! Reopen schools!
- If you have any questions, contact Gina or Patience.

Next meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7 pm