

Cobbles Elementary PTA Minutes

October, 7th, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Present: Patience Prinzi, Gina Geraci, Ari Elliott, Mary Corcoran, Stephen Kenny, Andrea Lighthouse, Danielle Bleir, Catherine Dean, Scott Kazel, Peggy Sercuis, Robyn Lincoln, Lori Morris, Jackie Sauter, Liz Zeitner, Joslin Buhrman, Kathleen Reed, Dianna G, Fiona Stauffer, Michaela Wall, Rebecca Shaw, Kristen Turgeon, Robyn O'Grady

Meeting called to order at 7:00. Minutes were approved from last meeting.

Teachers report: Jackie Sauter –

- Assessments will start being done, and everyone is getting to know each other
- Recess – individual supplies would be great. Tennis balls, bubbles, etc.
- Everyone getting into a routine – new normal
- More teachers have signed up for PTA, will be trying to recruit more

Principal's Report: Dr. Kenny –

- Introduction of the mental health team. Andrea Lighthouse our psychologist, Scott Kazel is our counselor and Danielle Bleier is the school's social worker
 - Each team member gave a little bio of themselves. The mental health team meets every week. They are putting together parent resources and helpful tips for the school year.
 - Red Ribbon week will start October 26th. "caught you caring campaign" our children will be given a sticker if staff recognizes them making good choices.
- The kids are very impressive! Handling this new school year amazingly. The hybrid kids haven't been in school ten times yet.
- Holding off until at least 8:15 for health checks. Making a difference
- Monroe county department of health is keeping the schools in the loop as far as the virus
- The kids started typing
- Big push for everyone to complete the survey that went out regarding the model they chose for the year. These surveys are vital in moving forward in January
- The conference day on October 9th was about distinction of equity
- Not doing square 1 art this year.

Board of Education Report: Catherine Dean –

- Distinctions of Equity – opening doors of understanding and enlightening
- Covid guidelines – they are changing rapidly and everyone's teamwork is appreciated

- There has been much collaboration and cooperation between the department of health and the school. Communication has been open
- Equity – integration – embracing different cultures, talking about a more diverse curriculum for the future
- Teachers are engaging kids' wellbeing. Not race related. There is not a proper curriculum in place for race related issues.
- They will continue to keep parents updated
- The buildings and grounds crew are a cohesive group and have been very flexible. They are working hard behind the scenes to update the school.
 - New floor in the teachers' lounge and new HVAC system in the main office

Committee reports:

- Fun run – t-shirts are in!! Thank you to our sponsors!
- Looking for a yearbook chair
- Make a difference day! October 19-23rd – kids to bring in applesauce and turkey gravy for donations
- Need more ideas for virtual activities

Financial Report: Ari Elliott:

- Increase budget to purchase voice amplifiers that some of the teachers have been using – they are very helpful in the classroom. We would exceed our budget. Motion made and passed to spend the extra money. This is in addition to the \$50 each teacher can request.

*An extra note about the 100% virtual students – they are receiving 2 ½ to 3 hours of instruction per day. They do send extra work as well. The kids have the same teachers and students in their online classes every day. Kids also do get to experience specials. So far, this system is working.

Meeting adjourned 8:05