

Cobbles Elementary PTA Minutes
September 24th, 2020 Zoom meeting

Present: Patience Prinzi, Gina Geraci, Ari Elliott, Lindsay Wilson, Rebecca Shaw, Staba family, Bill Yaeger, Kate Torak, Michaela Wall, Susan Guffey, Joslin Buhrman, Fiona Stauffer, Laurie and Peter Pincus, Peggy Sercu, Liz Zeitner, Jackie Sauter, Dr. Kenny, YJ Choi, Sarah Doud, Mary Corcoran, Robyn O'Grady

Meeting called to order 7:05

Welcome to all and minutes were approved from last year.

Teacher's Report: Mrs. Sauter –

Big thank you to all. The kids are doing amazing with the transition. Thank you for the \$50 from PTA.

Principal's Report: Dr. Kenny

The kids have been doing great – transitioning very well. The kids have been model students and the parents work at home has been a huge help.

The teachers are very grateful for the \$50. Thank you for the masks

Picture day next week! Virtual students do have a sign up.

Daily health check in. Will try to remember to not pull reports until 8:15

In October there will be different days off for each cohort. Check the newsletter for updates

Tech support links are available. If still in need of a laptop, fill out the quick tech link to request

Typing will begin October 1st. More info to follow

Halloween – Same rules will apply. No scary costumes/weapons. ALL candy must be individually wrapped. Cohort A will celebrate on October 27th, Cohort B will be the 30th.

Board of Education Report: Bill Yaeger

Summer programs went well. – was 100% virtual

There have been 3200 hours of professional development for teachers/staff

JV and Varsity sports will be starting soon, modified to follow in the Spring.

If we need anything or have any questions, Bill will take them back to the Board.

Will be talking more about diversity

There will be another survey about moving forward

Committee Reports: Lindsay Wilson

Room parents –

There are only two teachers that do not have a room parent. Friendship lists – need to be sure the list is only people that want to be on it.

New guideline to be added: **At the end of the school year the PTA kindly requests that you end communication as Room Parent for this class. Some Room Parents do choose to send a note to the class to find out teacher placement in August, but this should be the absolute last communication sent out as a group. Please do not use these emails for any organization other than for Cobbles PTA.** Thinking about if the room parents should be required to be members of PTA

School Pictures –

Teachers will be getting all the information. There will only be 1 camera used and the time slots will be shorter than other years.

Will be setting up a signup for virtual students

Fun Run –

Pushing back to November and will be called Dance Fit. Virtual dancing competition. Kids will be dancing in their livingrooms! All kids will still be getting tshirts.

Harvest of the month – Will be putting kid friendly recipes in the newsletter

*Does anyone have any ideas for virtual games, yoga club – will need to brainstorm more activities for the kids to do.

Outdoor recess – Classrooms are looking for activities – can the PTA purchase supplies?

Membership – We currently have 26 members. Jackie will be sending reminders to the teachers.

P.A.B –

*5 week mark we will have a survey coming out regarding school moving forward and second semester.

*Parent/ district wide – introduce our mental health professionals in the district.

*Try to have some virtual speakers – district wide

*Virtual days -

Lack of work

Kids regressing

It is designed to have 2.5 – 3 hours of schooling with face to face time

All students are getting RTI – will be given assessments in the future

Is there supplemental work that can be handed out?

Specials – many are now using zoom. Music will most likely be going to zoom, not as much lag time

Project challenge – will be addressed. Was with Mrs. Yandow 4th and 5th graders

Treasurer's Report: Ari Elliott

Adjustments to the budget with the realities of our situation. We added the fun run back in and reduced the fundraiser target.

Carried over surplus from last year

Added a Covid related item for the budget. The masks and lanyards that were provided came from this line in budget

We are in a good financial position

Purchasing recorders for all 3rd grade students. \$7.25 per recorder, \$652 is total. This went to a vote – all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24

