

PTO Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Participants

Dr. Michelle Lafferty

Ms. Kendall Warren

PTO Executive Board	PTO Members
Kristen Young – President	Molly Ceppetelli
Mallory Ciliberti – Assemblies	Linda Collins
Linda Brown – Homeroom Parents	Effie Nocenti
Kate Tomasco – Secretary	Kelly Sharp
Kristin Muzik – Vice President	Judy Glavin
Mark Audigier – Treasurer	Tara Dickinson
Aimee Galltig – Communications	Melannie Wong

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. FOCUS – Families of Chadds Ford-Unionville Schools (Tara Dinckinson): Organization in the District focused on social emotional wellbeing of parents and children. Holds programming of interest to parents—shares evidence-based information to inform parents’ thinking. Funded by Unionville-Chadds Ford Education Foundation. All parents/guardians can be members. A session on “Teaching Emotional Resilience” to tolerate frustration will be happening this year. Also, a session on juuling. Feature on book “What Made Maddie Run” – high achiever who died tragically from suicide – read book together and discuss what we can do to avoid these outcomes. FOCUS meets 3rd Thursday of every month at Patton. FOCUS wants to do more for elementary-aged families. Tara solicited ideas for what programming might be good for elementary-level parents. FOCUS would love to add to their membership – anyone can attend and can just show up – don’t need to register. Next meeting is Sept 27th 7:00 p.m. Patton Library.
3. Direct Donation Campaign: Currently at \$2,700; goal is \$8,000. Reminders to be sent.
4. Budget (Mark Audigier): Budget is under development. Will be shared at October meeting. Important for everyone to know where the funds are going – transparency around what the money families donate is being used for.

5. Assemblies (Mallory Ciliberti): Welcome Mallory as new Assemblies chair. Assemblies being booked: yoga, Hands on House, Science of Sound, Otto the Auto, DaVinci Science Center (electricity for 4th and 5th), theater for whole school. Planning for back-to-school night for next year – need something highly entertaining.
6. Star News (Aimee Gallatig): Community news items should go to Kim Vandermooren (District Communications) – she will post in the Community area and that section is linked from elementary newsletters. Star News usually gets sent out on Sundays at 3:00 – group consensus was to keep this timing.
7. MLK Jr. Day (Kendall Warren): This very well received day of service will continue. This year some dollars raised will go to UE Kindness Fund and some will go to Al DuPont along with the blankets made during the day of service.
8. Yearbook (Judy Glavin): There will be a Gmail address to send pictures to – more details coming soon. Took photos on first day of school.
9. Homeroom Parents (Linda Brown): Linda has e-mailed all homeroom parents. Expense reimbursement info is forthcoming. Will be asking homeroom parents to take photos at class events or ask someone to do so.
10. Food events (Dr. Lafferty): Under new District guidance, food can be served in the classrooms four times per year. So far, there are plans to serve food on Halloween, winter parties and end of year. There will be one more – it will be voted on: Valentine's Day or Field Day. PTO-run events don't fall under this limitation.
11. Halloween Parade (Dr. Lafferty): This year it is at 10:15 – different from in the past. Alternating years it will be at 9:15.
12. Giant and Amazon Rewards (Molly Ceppetelli): Need to publicize these passive fundraising avenues, especially for new families. Will publish in Star News.
13. Sportswear (Molly Cappelletti): Sportswear just getting started, targeted in time for Book Fair and Breakfast with a Buddy in late October.
14. Fall Festival (Kristen Young): September 21, 4:30-7. Food being ordered, games being planned, empanada truck will be there. Will there be a teacher challenge again this year? To be confirmed. Raffle baskets being made with donations from parents in all grades. Will sell Cow Pie BINGO tickets for Unionville Fair. Firetruck will be here. Robinson family will bring animals for petting zoo. Teachers, staff and families don't need to buy wristbands – can participate for free. Rain date: September 28.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.