

# PTO Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

## Meeting Participants

Dr. Michelle Lafferty

Mr. Scott Duggan

Mrs. Kelly Skinner

<b>PTO Executive Board</b>	<b>PTO Members</b>
Kristen Young – President	Meg Cromer
Mallory Ciliberti – Assemblies	Linda Collins
Linda Brown – Homeroom Parents	Effie Nocenti
Kate Tomasco – Secretary	Kelly Sharp
Kristin Muzik – Vice President	Michelle Nemeth
Mark Audigier – Treasurer	Molly Cepetelli
Aimee Gallatig – Communications	Melannie Wong
Kristin Musik – Vice President	Renata Linardi
Jena Kobeski – Member at Large	

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Treasurer's Report: Mark Audigier provided an update on his efforts to transition to a paperless treasury and to recategorize the PTO budget into clear categories.
3. Breakfast with a Buddy: Will take place October 24 and 25, 8:15-9:00 a.m. Still need volunteers. Linda Brown will send volunteer Signup Genius to the homeroom parents.
4. Book Fair: All set for October 24-26.
5. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Station: Grants are helping to fund it – from PP&G corporation and from the PTO. Dr. Lafferty proposed adding a line item to PTO budget for STEAM Station. Teachers are bringing classes in regularly. Continuing to build out the room and incorporate into curriculum. Hands-on, problem solving activities, working as a team, design/test and learn process. Requires investment in both long-term materials and consumables. Mark Audigier asked if the Steam Station could be funded by the District? Dr. Lafferty explained that District is in charge of curriculum and staff development. Mr. Duggan explained

that STEAM is considered a supplement to the curriculum, and not a core part of it. Working to overlay STEAM concepts on the curriculum – hands-on, exciting ways to get kids engaged in the curriculum. Could take a similar path to smartboards— adopted by teachers and funded by PTO initially, and eventually receive support/funding from the District. Curriculums are reevaluated on a rolling basis so ultimately new practices/components are evaluated for incorporation into curriculum. School Board has a curriculum committee – there are opportunities for parents to participate, attend, view working sessions online. Going to put out request for parents whose companies might provide grants for STEAM.

6. School Store: Megan Cromer: has raised \$1200 so far.
7. Fall Festival: Need to start planning and involving volunteers earlier – in the spring. Would like to add a dunk tank and more booths, bouncy house, another food truck. Raffle baskets were great, do them again. Need parents to run games next year. Make volunteer time slots shorter. Enlist middle school and high school students to run games.
8. Bingo: Add a 50/50 raffle, sell pizza instead of order ahead. Make it a fundraiser.
9. Sportswear: Unionville gray hooded sweatshirt was a hit last year. Molly Cepetelli is chairing spiritwear this year – there will be a hooded sweatshirt. Table at Breakfast with a Buddy both days selling spiritwear. Samples will be on hand. Spiritwear fashion show being planned – the week before orders are due – students modeling spiritwear samples.
10. Unionville Education Foundation: Need a representative. Jena Kobeski will take this role – attending Ed Foundation meetings and communicating back to the school.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.