

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 10th, 2025

Attendance: Jennifer Ford, Kali Schmitz, Amanda Haverty-Harris, Krystle Dennison, Jamie Kaniarz, Amber Gorman, Andrea Woods, Angela Cheek, Michelle Tessoﬀ, Philippe Cicchini, Tammy Diponio, Lindsay Miller, Lillian Stier, Kathy Huang, Moises Hernandez, Endri Mborja, Fernanda Mborja, Bidisha Barpujari

Call to Order- Jen Ford at 7:01pm

Approval of Minutes- Motion to approve October minutes Jamie Kaniarz, 2nd - Amber Gorman.

Treasurer Report- Krystle Dennison- Fun Run amount raised was much more than expected. Thought we would make 27k, went 7k over goal. Over 60% paid the fees. Goal this year to make sure we are communicating where the money will be going. Ingrid did this and we believe it helped.

Misc income- \$500- old checks from years ago that were not cashed.

Enrichment- Reimbursed 8 teachers so far.

Classroom experiences- We've had several fieldtrips and paid planetarium deposit.

Supplemental supplies- \$3000 Scholastic News

Trunk or Treat came in under budget, will keep it the same in case we need to supplement candy if donations are light in the future.

Hospitality- \$600 for staff treats so far this school year.

Motion to accept Jamie Kaniarz, 2nd Phillippe Cicchini

President Report- Jen Ford- Auction team still looking for more members to seek out donations of experiences. The auction has been a great tradition for years.

Principal Report- Tammy DiPonio- So much fun with the glow events. Wednesday is the Planitarium Assembly, 3rd grade concert. Dr Machesky was at the staff meeting. Need parents for the district focus group. Let Dr. DiPonio know if you're interested.

Teacher Representative- Michelle Tessoﬀ- Thank you for all the PTO does. The teachers feel very appreciated.

Celebrations- Thank you to Lindsay Miller for all her hard work with Trunk or Treat over the years. Halloween Parties were great. Thank you to everyone who signed up. International night

is this Thursday. 52 families are participating- The most ever! Thank you for Gillies night and thank you to the Fox family for the Jet's discount.

Trunk or Treat- Lindsay Miller- Middle school siblings helped for the first time. They passed out bracelets and candy. The book giveaway was great. The line going around the bus loop was a great improvement over years past.

Ball for all- All family event. Sit down family style dinner, DJ. This is not a fundraiser. Thursday January 29th at San Marino. Deposit has been given. Save the Dates go out Dec 15th. Ticket order forms will go out Jan 6th.

Old Business- Book order will be happening soon.

New Business- Raised more than expected. Brainstormed ideas on how the money can reach all the children in the school. Ideas given so far, additional assembly (Bugs on Wheels, Basketball Jones), arcade game/ game room, birthday book, etc.

Upcoming- Skate world- 12/3

12/8-12- Penny Wars

12/19- Winter Wonderland and Classroom Parties

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13pm

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, January 12th, 2026