

Costello PTO Meeting

Monday, February 9th 2026

In attendance: Jennifer Ford, Tammy DiPonio, Jamie Kaniarz, Maria del Carmen Esteinou Coto, Brittany Dwyer, Kristen Northey, Kali Schmitz, Anushya Pachuthu, Jenna DeCarolis, Rachel Mistretta, Philippe Chicchini, Amanda Haverty-Harris, Krystle Dennison, Angie Cheek, Michelle Tessoﬀ, Bidisha Barpujoui, Kathy Huang

Call to Order- Jen Ford (President) at 7:05pm

Approval of Minutes- Jen Ford- Motion to approve. 1st- Jamie Kaniarz, 2nd-Amanda Haverty-Harris

Treasurer Report- Krystle Dennison (Treasurer) Kickball t-shirts ordered. Deposit put in for next skate night. Many Auction purchases. Ball for All was over budget just for photo booth, but we were aware. It had been donated by a parent in the past and the board voted to keep it as families expect. Fair Expenses have begun as well. 5th grade camp transportation expense came through. Even if we didn't make another dollar, we will still be under budget. 1st Phillippe Chicchini, 2nd Jamie Kaniarz

President Report- Jen Ford- Confirmed all current chairs and PTO positions for the 26-27 school year. Elected Positions will be open (due to aging out) for President and Vice President. If you are interested in any board position, please let Jen Ford know. If anyone would like to partner with Bidisha for the teacher appreciation, we would love an additional person.

Principal Report- Dr. Tammy DiPonio- Please see Cardinal Connection for important information. Dr. Diponio was sad that she wasn't able to make the Ball For All. Heard it was great fun. Shared information from the BIST conference she attended last week.

Teacher Representative- Michelle Tessoﬀ- Excited for assembly on writing coming up on Wednesday. Another Science based assembly on April 11th.

Celebrations- Ball for All was amazing. The kids had so much fun. Thank you to Amanda for planning so well.

Auction is off to a great start!

Thank you to Kristen Northey, Annunshia, and Jamie for the hard work you do and your contributions!

Thank you to Phillippe Chicchini for being the DJ at the Ball for All.

Committee Reports for February

Ball for All Recap- Amanda Haverty-Harris- Sold 300 tickets, less than last year, but still felt full. Will see if we can make any changes for next year. Have some ideas for next year!!

Community Service- Anushya- Penny Wars Update- Thank you to Costello Teachers for informing the students about the charities, Parents for their contributions, Jen Ford, Dr. Diponio and Jillian Cavellier, and Krystle Dennison for all your help. Charity selected is A Kid Again Michigan. \$2200 Raised.

Auction- This new Auction Venue, Rochester Brewing Co., is very exciting. We have our reserved area until 2am. A band will play after the Auction part is over. Focusing on experience-based prizes. Tickets to games, restaurant gift cards, kids birthday party gift cards, etc. There will be something for everyone! Invite your friends and family!

Fair- Kristin Northey- We are hoping for lots of parent participation for the Fair. Also, Skate Night will be March 25th. May be offered for free. Considering a way to help Morse.

Old Business-

New Business-

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, March 9th.