
Costello PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, 09.14.2026

Attendees

Amanda Haverty-Harris, Tammy DiPonio, Kali Schmitz, Jamie Kaniarz, Krystle Dennison, Erica Filipucci, Brittany Dwyer, Maria del Carmen Esteinou Coto, Stephanie Philip, Jonathan Gojanaj, Jessica Fahr, Shelby Mistry, Philipe Cicchini, Lauren See, Kathy Huang, Lindsey Shah, Nora Zoma Schepansky, Sean Connelly

Agenda

Call to Order- Amanda Haverty-Harris

- Call to order at 7:00pm

Approval of Minutes- Kali Schmitz

- Review minutes from May 2026 PTO meeting. 1st motion to approve Philippe Cicchini, 2nd motion Lauren See

Treasurer Report- Krystle Dennison

- Ended the fiscal 2025 with \$30,132.05. Need to discuss how we would like to spend the excess we have. 1st motion to approve Kristin Northey, 2nd motion Brittany Dwyer
 - New fiscal Year- Increased the Fun Run budget. Made the new goal what we had been consistently raising. Split Assemblies and 4th grade Lansing Field trip to their own line items. Spent a small amount on hospitality on Pop-its for the Kindergarten play date. Renewed Finance Software. 1st motion to approve Jessica Fahr, 2nd motion Brittany Dwyer.
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President Report- Amanda Haverty-Harris

- QR codes provided for Costello Facebook page. Please Join the page! There's so much information. On the Costello website, you can click on the corner to subscribe to the school calendar. It can be linked to your personal calendar.
- The Costello website also has a PTO page. You can access our spirit wear link on that page, as well past PTO minutes.
- We also encourage you to link Costello to your Kroger Rewards accounts.
- Part of our budget is what we provide to the school (such as field trip funding, classroom support, etc). We made sure to clarify that for the teachers this year so that they know how much they have and can decide how to spend it.

Principal Report- Dr. Tammy DiPonio

- Please see the Cardinal Connection- it's a great way to stay updated on what's happening in the school.
- Thankful for our community and all the help you provide.
- Going to begin a book study on the book Raising Mentally Strong Kids by D. Amen and C. Fay. More information to come.

Teacher Representative- Stephanie Philip

- Great start to the school year.
- Staff wondering if we can provide a dresser to stock toiletries in the new bathrooms.

Committee Reports

Trunk or Treat- Thursday, October 29th- Lakshmi Jaiswal

Fun Run- Friday, October 9th - 34k goal- Maria del Carmen Esteinou

- Kick off was 9/8, Fun Run is 10/9, Fundraising ends 10/16. If we meet our goal, the school will have a Foam Party. Weekly raffle prizes (48 in total, 12 winners every



week.... 6 for K-2nd, 6 for 3rd-5th). All payments for signs and shout outs and volunteer signups will be on Cheddar Up. Working on additional sponsors.

Room Parent- Brittany Dwyer & Erica Filipucci

- Almost all spots have been filled for the room parent / party sign up. Meeting coming up on Wednesday. Room Parents are the party planners this year. 5th grade celebration and Fair basket sign ups will come out in January.

Celebrations

- Thank you to Jamie for stocking the staff lounge and to Kristin for restaurant night.

Old Business

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New Business

- Began discussion about how to spend \$20,000. Suggested wayfinding for the school hallways, or covering additional cost for the 3rd and 4th grade cubby enhancement from the district. Open to additional suggestions.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07

Next PTO meeting: Monday, 10/12/26