

A2 STEAM PTO Community Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	November 8, 2021
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Format:	Zoom https://bit.ly/PTOConnect Meeting ID: 944 8923 1307; Passcode: XXXXXXXXXX

How to make a motion:

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Previous PTO Community meeting minutes: (10/11/21)

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Agenda Items

- **Housekeeping** - please check your zoom name and make sure it represents your name (not kids or pets!), add preferred pronouns, and add your child's/children's grade level(s) - example: Carrie Bank, she/her, grade 6
- Add to your calendars: PTO community meeting dates for the school year:
 - 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm: 1/10/22, 2/14/22, 3/14/22, 4/11/22, (final meeting) 5/9/22
 - PTOC: 11/29, 8pm. Conversation on equity!
- Welcome and Introductions by the Board, Principal (Meg) and Assistant Principal (Alison)
- Update from Meg/Alison
 - *Question added by Amanda Coulter: Do we have any more information on the AAPS district-wide efforts to hold COVID vaccine clinics?*
 - *Still forthcoming. If details have been ironed out they'll learn at meetings tomorrow*
 - *Lisa Hogan who works at Greenhills: they're hosting a clinic on Thurs afternoon*
 - *Emily Bawol & Rachel Jensen are working on virtual Winter Arts Market; Fri Dec 10. First mentioned in most recent ThisWeek@; great opportunity for kids to share what they are doing. Students/families: knit, paint, craft... share & sell talents. Perform musically in live event. Shopping throughout the weekend but kicked off w/live event w/kids performing. Application is up & running/ Rachel will get link out.*
 - *Night before is first virtual Expo.*
 - *Annual campaign to provide winter clothing/gear and gift during winter season to families that need that support; PTO helps with fundraising, is up on website.*
 - *Parents have signed up for noon hour supervision, hoping that will continue to gain momentum. No updates re: parents volunteering within the building, but we're pushing for this. Best guess is that with vaccination and falling rates of COVID hopefully can invite parents in soon.*
 - *Will soon have new middle school ELA teacher working here.*
 - *Have had a great K-5 music teacher sub while Mr. Campbell is out*
 - *Two new teaching assistants, Emily Morgan and Meghan Cocheran.*
 - *Nov 17 is early release (teachers' prof dev)*
 - *Nov 23 report cards out*
 - *Parents in building for sporting events and drama performances maybe. Not yet figured out. No plans yet for SnowBall dance inside with family.*
- Break out groups of parents:
 - Share an elementary school memory from your past.
- VP/Room Parent Coordinator update - Kelly

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- All classrooms have a room parent!
- Coming up, holiday gift. Normally room parents for each teacher organize a gift basket or card or gift cards or whatever. Kelly will reach out this week with info.
- Support staff/office staff, what's the best way to organize that? Special teachers too.
 - i. Discussion of something more like GH does. Covering teacher plus all the folks. Montessori, listed all the staff members in the building, you could allocate to specific people. PTO collected all the \$ and then wrote a check (we'd avoid that).
 - ii. How to pool the \$ without incurring fees
 - iii. Just that if there will be cash, how to spread it out (equally)
 - 1. Need a list of all the extra folks. "These are all the caring adults who work with your kids every day"
 - 2. Do Giving Train first (right around Thanksgiving). Info out Wed of this week. 2 weeks of fundraising, 1 week to organize and shop, then start mailing. This keeps Giving Train in Nov. (CBulkley: why mailing? Time! No outsiders in the building. Packages maybe more empowering/less "we're savior")
 - 3. Give heads up before Black Friday so no one buys their teacher a cheap microwave
- Treasurer report - Candace
 - [Link to Budget/Performance Spreadsheet](#)
 - i. Over budget on Fall fund drive!
 - ii. Easiest way to deal with picnic table \$ was COVID fund.
 - iii. CBulkley moved \$44,000 out of checking and into money market (bumped us up in interest). Protects the \$-- someone can't take the checkbook/debit card and spend as easily. Confirmed with Jeanie Wilson that solar funds won't be used immediately so that's parked in money market now.
 - 1. And recommends: look at 6 month CDs, again more protected and make \$!
 - 2nd vote: Motion to approve moving \$700 that wasn't used for fall events into a COVID fund for use at the discretion of the board and school administration. CBulkley moves, SC seconds. (Is that detail supposed to be here???) We all thumbs up!
 - Also set up so it takes 2 people to do stuff. B/c some parent (in another school) cleaned out a PTO bank account. Any withdrawal of \$1000 or more requires two officers present.
- Dine to Donate update - Adrian/Carrie
 - Almost \$500 from Holiday's!
 - Two more set up, working on others.
- Lost & Found update - Carrie
 - Overflowing! Close to 100 sweatshirts. GOing to purge right before Thanksgiving. 4 diff days at end of school where pull out the racks to front.
 - Can we have a PTO person vaccinated to help sort, take pics and make a virtual lost & found? Or outside?
 - Instead of donating to PTO thrift, consider letting Steam families pick? Carrie and Ashini wash and take to PTO. Check for names and labels of course first. Do keep some hats/gloves.
 - After sending as much home as we can, take pics and numbered. Parents can respond, say the #, then we send home with kids.
 - Put out buckets of sharpies; have people label.
 - Ashini picks up stuff every day, where can she put it? On table by MPR. Deck box bought with safe routes to schools \$, put by bus loop, Rachel will take inside.
- Picnic Table update -

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- Questions?
 - Several long term subs leaving soon (Friday, Mr. DuSheid; Aimee!). Without subs covering those long term absences, we'd be super sad. Aimee done Tues before Thanksgiving. Maybe it's Dec 2? Mr. Thomas covering for Mr. Campbell / 5week stint.
- Next Meeting: January 10, 2022; 7:00 PM (No December meeting)

Attendees present: Meg Fenech, Alison Epler, Carrie Bank, Aimee Bednar, Candace Bulkley, Sonia Chawla, Ashini Harris, Robin Fowler, Steven Huang, Zhu Wenzhen, Krista Takacs, Kelly Pennuto, Rachel Jensen, Amanda Coulter, Adrian Danzer, Alix Gaither, Salima Emara, Farah Ammous, Lynn Teribery, Emily Bawol, Erin Bigelow, Mi 7th (?), Michele Clay