

A2 STEAM PTO Community Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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Board Members: This is a shared document. Please feel free to add items you would like to address and/or notes on listed items in advance of the meetings.

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Meeting Date & Time: Monday, September 13, 2021, 7pm

2021-22 AAPS Calendar: <https://www.a2schools.org/Page/10439>

PTO community meeting dates for the school year (skip Dec.):

- **2nd Monday of each month at 7pm:** 9/13/21, 10/11/21, 11/8/21, 1/10/22, 2/14/22, 3/14/22, 4/11/22, (final meeting) 5/9/22
- **How to make a motion:**
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Attendance:

		Present?
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS	Aimee Bednar	X Co-President
	Carrie Bank	X Co-President
	Kelly Pennuto	X Co-Vice President & Room Parent Coordinator
	Amanda Coulter	X Co-Vice President, Webmaster, & Social Media Coordinator
	Robin Fowler	(Absent) Co-Secretary
	Candace Bulkley	X Treasurer
	Sonia Chawla	X PTOC Representative
AT-LARGE BOARD	Kerry Gaughran	
	Viva Rosenfeld	X
	Rita Shelley	
	Lindsay-Jean Hard	X
FACULTY	Meg Fenech	X Principal
	Alison Epler	X Assistant Principal
	Rachel Jensen	X Art Teacher
	Emily Bawol	X Art Teacher
OTHERS		

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Meeting Called to Order time: 7:05pm

Previous Month's Minutes Approved

[Link to last month's minutes:](#)

A2 STEAM PTO 5/27/21 Annual and Community Meeting Notes

Motion to approve made by:

Seconded by:

Agenda: (See minutes below)

1. (before meeting) **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
2. (8 minutes) Welcome and **Introductions** by the board, Principal (Meg) and Assistant Principal (Alison) - Your name, your kids' names & grades, how long you've been at STEAM. (done at 7:12pm)
3. (5 minutes) **Update** from Meg & Alison.
 - a. 2 new classroom teachers this year
4. (5-8 minutes) Break out groups of parents: (make Aimee or Carrie co-host by Meg, choose your room (Y5-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th), if more than 30 people, add breakout rooms (Y5 & K, 1st-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th.) 5 minutes
 - a. Share an unusual fact about yourself with your break out room.
 - b. Share one thing about A2STEAM that you are curious about. Someone should remember the questions for the end of the meeting. (done at 7:30)
5. Ms. Semrau sharing parent advocacy group: apisaa.org (Asian Pacific Islander)
6. (3 minutes) **Treasurer** report. (Candace) (
7. (15 minutes) Parent **Volunteer** Opportunities:

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- a. Do we have volunteers for any of the items yet?
 - i. Most needed ASAP:
 1. Co-Chair the We Are A2 STEAM (to be outdoors) on 10/1/21 (5-7pm) rain date Sunday 4:30-6pm
 - a. We have one co-chair already, Kimberly Schipper who has a Kindergartener
 2. Restaurant nights coordinator 1/mo? GroupRaise per Candace for organization (we need to put together a list)
 - a. Panda Express
 - b. Nagomi (Robin on this)
 3. Room parents! (hopefully 2 per elementary classroom and 1 per middle school homeroom)
 - a. What are the roles this year? (Kelly P.) (
8. (3 minutes) Things we've done in the past month:
 - a. Family picnic
 - b. Parent 1st day coffee
 - c. Grab n Go snacks for Staff on 1st day
 - d. 75 hay bales
 - e. Snack stand that Ashini will keep up! (done 7:47)
9. (3 minutes) **Spirit Wear** update from Aimee

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10. (8 minutes) New family matching with experienced families? How can we help the new families connect?
11. (3 minutes) How are the sit upons coming? (Candace update) (done at 7:55)
12. (5-10 minutes) Questions

President(s) will create an agenda for the following meeting.

**Next
Community
Meeting:**

Oct 11, 2021 7pm

Meeting Adjourned at:

8:10pm

Motion to adjourn
by:

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by on:

Please send any corrections or clarifications to: pres@a2steamppto.org

Notes:

- Call to Order: 7:05
- Welcome and Introductions (by Meg Fenech)
 - Meg noted that they really need building subs and TAs.
 - Meg introduced Alison Epler, the new Assistant Principal.
 - Parents should feel free to reach out to teachers if you need to discuss something with them, but the parent teacher conferences will be held this Fall (by Zoom).
 - The annual “We Are A2 Steam” will be held on October 1st. This event has evolved and changed over the years.
 - “Second Steps” is being used in conjunction with Mindfulness and purposeful movement breaks for social-emotional support.
 - No visitors are allowed inside the building. However, there are opportunities for families to help with Motor Moms and Dads outside.
- Ice Breakers in Breakout Groups.
 - Small groups met briefly and discussed: (1) share an unusual fact about yourself; and (2) share one thing about A2 Steam you are curious about.
- APISA/A
 - Ms. Semrau introduced the APISA/A (Asian Pacific Islander South Asian / Americans) the official parent advocacy solidarity and community building group for AAPS (apisaa.org).
- Treasurer’s Report
 - Candace shared that she is still working on the treasurer’s report and plans to share more at the next meeting.
 - Carrie B. shared that this year’s budget is based on money raised last year.

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- Emily Bawol issued a plea for volunteers to help with fundraising efforts.
- Carrie B. said Rita Shelly volunteered to help with fundraising.
- Candace shared a link to the budget in the Chat
- Parent Volunteer Opportunities
 - “We Are A2 Steam” will be held Friday, October 1st 5:30 - 7:30 (rain date Sunday 4:30-6:00) outside on the A2 Steam playground; We have one co-chair and we need another co-chair, and preferably an experienced Steam parent. We also need team members to help plan the event.
 - Restaurant Nights - Adrian offered to help.
 - Room Parents - Kelly Pennuto explained that a room parent is 1 or 2 volunteers for each classroom to coordinate with the teacher to see if the teacher needs help organizing, planning, or holding events. This year may look different (coordinating teacher gifts, coordinating volunteers to obtain supplies for the classroom, etc.). Kelly is willing to accept any names of volunteers of people who may be interested. Middle School room parents are called “Boosters” and they are also needed. You can email Kelly at “[REDACTED]” if you are interested.
 - E.S. volunteered for Ms. Lafferty’s class
 - B.H. volunteered for Ms. Wilson’s class
 - J.K. volunteered for Mrs. Plott’s room
 - S.G. volunteered for room parent
 - A. T. volunteered for room parent (Ms. Kushi)
 - S.E. volunteered for room parent for Mrs. Masdon’s class
 - R.F. wants to know more about potentially helping with room parents,
- Recent PTO events
- Spirit Wear
 - Orders close on the 15th. Orders will be shipped to the school and will be distributed to the students and they will go home with the students.
- Family Mentors
 - We are thinking of pairing experienced families with New-To-Steam families.
 - We are working on how to do that.
- Sit-Upons
 - Candace explained that sit-upons are used for kiddos to sit on instead of sitting directly on the group. Candace asked parents to bring in Observers or magazines to put into the bags, or you can volunteer to help make sit-upons!
- Health and Safety
 - Meg said our school is in good shape in terms of filters, fans, air exchange rate, extra masks, etc. Meg said having an outdoor tent would go a great way. Meg said there is a district-wide initiative to purchase N95 masks for kids. Rachel said kids really need masks that fit them. Meg said the biggest thing families can do is keep kids home if they have any symptoms.
 - Meg asked whether anyone has any tips about high quality masks.
 - Blair Beuche volunteered to help with the tent effort, and Meg agreed to put Blair in touch with the two parents who are already spearheading the effort. Ronan Falandino and Josh Kelley also volunteered.
 - Emily mentioned our efforts to keep offering kids the option to eat outside. Meg said this would happen unless the wind chill is below zero or unless it is lightning.
- Reminders
 - Label all kiddo items. Especially water bottles and sweatshirts.
- Heart Safe School8:

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- Adrian asked if we are designated as this? The answer is no, but Adrian was referred to contact Mr. Willard (the PE teacher).
- Project Healthy Schools
 - We are a recipient of this grant.
- PTO webpage
 - Amanda reminded the group the meeting minutes would be available on the PTO webpage (<https://www.a2schools.org/domain/3853>)
- Yearbooks
 - 2020-2021 yearbooks will be coming home with kids tomorrow.
- Meeting end time: 8:10 PM

Attendees:

- Meg Fenech
- Rachel Jensen
- Caroline Semrau
- Adrian
- Sonia Chawla
- Emily Bawol
- Kimberly Schipper
- Candace Bulkley
- Melissa Scott
- Aimee Bednar
- Josh Kelley
- Carrie Bank
- Scott Greene
- Kelly Pennuto
- Viva Rosenfeld
- Ashini Harris
- Alison Epler
- Blair Beuche
- Barbara Hohmann
- Michele Clay
- Krista Takacs
- Jennifer Ayala
- Erin Bigelow
- Mina Hernandez Garcia
- Tanya Schafer Garay Marroquin
- Faith M. Sparr
- Sally Mohamed
- Sumeyra
- Ronan Falandino
- Akshita Tripathi
- Atul Pandey
- Salima Emara
- Josh