

**Academy Charter School
PTO Mission Statement**

To align resources with the vision and direction of the school to enrich the learning environment while empowering parents, teachers and students for success.

The PTO's main role is to supplement the school's budget through various fundraising efforts while maintaining and encouraging community spirit.

**Agenda
PTO Working Meeting
January 17, 2023 5:30 p.m.
Cafeteria**

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Working Meeting: Cyndi Evans, Chelsea Burgess, Carley Frohling, Gianna Sitzes, Nathalia Vines, Britany Marsly, Christi Matthews, Shala Baribeam, Tatiana Konkell, Brittney Owen, Aubrey Coultas, Krista Stettler, Ellie Monroe, Lauren Simmons

General Meeting: Cyndi Evans, Chelsea Burgess, Aubrey Coultas, Krista Stettler, Christi Matthews, Britany Marsti, Nathalia Vines, Tatiana Konkell, Shala Baribeau, Laura Simmons, Ellie Monroe, Kristi Gumas, Jennifer Hicks, Yolanda Webb, Brian Delimont, Christine Spangler, Lisa Arnell, Arissa Pacheco, Carley Frohling

1. President's Report (Cyndi Evans)

a. Call To Order:

Working Meeting 5:38 pm

General Meeting: 6:30pm

- b. 2023/2024 Board Open Positions (President/VP of Fundraising, Secretary, VP of Enrichment, VP of Social, School Store Lead, Used Uniform Lead and Spirit Night Lead)**
Be thinking about people to take these positions, a lot of changes going on and it's an exciting time to be part of the PTO.

- c. [Melissa Ferraro](#) (VP of Social): PASSED in General Meeting**

d. Teacher Requests

= Mr. Jordan: \$1550. Bus transportation/Entry Fee to International Town - PASSED

= Ms. Limburg: \$1330 Young Ameritown field trip transportation - PASSED

= Ms. Davis: \$385 Art supplies K-8.. 385. - PASSED


= Ms. Larson: \$225 for Courage of Risk Conference - PASSED

= Couch Arnel for Lu Interactive: Two guests, Ben (PE teacher) and Ashley (product side). Presented a video and walked through the product including benefits/features. \$32,395 for Lu Uno. Includes the projection system with lights/sounds, installation, professional development (6 hr. training), subscription for new applications and support. There is an annual \$1,500 subscription fee for PLUS which includes 4-6 new apps/year. This item will be voted on each year after installation. The cost is \$50,000 for two projectors.

Discussion included input from parents (remote and in person) on concerns around screen time, how will the PTO pay for it, and have other PTO goals been met. The items was PASSED with a vote of 15-Yes, 4-No.

2. Fundraising Report (Giana Sitzes & Cyndi Evans)

- a. Daddy Daughter Dance (2/16). \$25/person. Taco bar and refreshments. Dessert table. Dancing, games, photo spot. Looking for a DJ**

- b. Mommy Son Bowling (2/16). Located at Main Event. \$30/person. Arcade, pizza drink, etc.
 - c. Spring Gala (4/1). Bear Dance golf course club house, Larkspur. Need volunteers to help with silent auction. Basket themes to raffle will be coordinated through school room representatives. Looking for sponsors. Theme is still TBD (update-ACS 30th Anniversary Celebration)
 - d. Spirit Night update (Cyndi)
 - Feb 16 – Smashburger
 - Mar 21 – Chic-fil-A
 - Apr 19 – TBD
 - May 18 - Coldstone
- 3. **Communications Report** (Susan Fullmer, Jennifer Justus)
 - a. Newsletter Updates
 - = Need news/updates to include in the next newsletter
 - b. Social Media Broadcasts (i.e. spirit nights, school store sales)
 - = Need volunteer to help with this
- 4. **Social Report** (Katie Buchanan & Melissa Ferraro)
 - a. Feb – Cupcakes
 - b. Mar - Conference dinners
- 5. **Enrichment Report** (Cyndi)
 - a. Nothing planned for Spring
- 6. **Treasurer Report** (Krista)
 - a. Financial Updates
 - = Doing well against budget. (e.g. DOC raising most so far)
 - = Submit expenses if you have any
- 7. **SAC Report** (Carley Frohling)
- 8. General Board is asking the SAC to help prepare a new parent survey. More to come.
- 9. **School Store Report** (Rhiannon Metzger)
 - a. Update
 - b.  Sign up to help!
 - c. Last Friday of each month
- 10. **Box Tops Report** (TBD) - Goal \$1,000
 - a. \$107.30
- 11. **King Soopers/Safeway Cards Report** (Katie Buchanan)
 - a. Updates: Please complete to shop using community rewards
- 12. **Used Uniform Sale Report** (Christi Matthews)

- a. Update: Next Sale 1/28/2023. We have a lot of hoodies and plaid!
 - b. New bin in place in the front of the school
- 13. Elementary School Report** (Brittney Owen)
 - a. See below
- 14. Middle School Report** (Joe Blethen)
 - a. See below
- 15. Principal's Report** (Erin McMillon)
 - a. January is quiet time of year
 - b. Middle school athletics are up and running
 - c. 8th grad joining HS stuff
 - d. Kindergarten next year
 - e. School closed is closed for snow tomorrow
 - f. Thank you for the pretzels for the teachers
- 16. Upcoming Meeting Dates:**
 - a. March 7, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.-School Cafeteria
- 17. Meeting Adjourned**
 - = Working: 6:03 am
 - = General: 7:34 pm

Middle School Report

ELA

7th: Pygmalion is finished and we will watch the movie "My Fair Lady", Next up is poetry and the autobiography of Frederick Douglass

8th: To Kill a Mockingbird is finished and we will watch the movie. Next up is "Unbroken", a story of a WWII prisoner of war

Social Studies

7th: Over the next month, 7th Grade will be preparing for our field trip to International Towne on February 15. We will start with the production process of goods and international trade.

8th: 8th Grade will begin the road to the Civil War with a readers theater of the Dred Scott court case.

Math

Course 2: Students will be learning how to create and interpret a graph. We will also learn what graph should be used for what type of data.

Course 3: We are learning about a function table, slope intercept form, and standard form of a linear function. We will be graphing linear functions.

Algebra: Students are working on solving systems of linear equations.

All classes are focusing on math vocabulary and learning the language of math.

Spanish

7th: 7th graders created backpacks to learn about school, times and schedules.

8th: The students are watching Coco as inspiration for Unit 5 *Una Fiesta en casa...*

Science

7th: The students are studying how matter cycles and energy flows in our world beginning with photosynthesis and cellular respiration.

8th: is studying sound, waves, and forces at a distance.

Computers and Technology

7th: 7th Grade students will be setting first quarter goals and tracking them over the first quarter, while learning the Google Products along the way: Forms, Maps, Docs, Sheets, and Sites. Students will be creating websites and blogging. January will also have MAP's testing.

8th: 8th grade students will continue to track their Stocks and work in learning how to create a complete workbook in Excel/Sheets. We will then move into the design process and create our own board games. January will also have MAP's testing.

Elementary School Report

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1st	First grade has been busy getting back into the routine of things after coming back from Winter Break. We began our unit on the Mayan, Inca, and Aztec civilizations. In science, we began our unit on animal sounds and features which students are really enjoying!
2nd	<p>In science, second graders are learning about how landscapes change over time due to forces such as wind and water. Through observations students are able to construct an explanation for changes that happen quickly or slowly over time.</p> <p>Busy 3rd Quarter with some exciting upcoming projects/presentations...</p> <p>Students are currently researching a historical/influential figure that has made a positive impact on the world for our upcoming wax museum. The kids will write a script and dress in character for our wax museum simulation in February.</p> <p>After our current unit on Civil Rights Leaders, the kids will begin learning about immigration and citizenship in the US. As a culminating project, second grade will host an "Ellis Island Day" where kids will "immigrate" to the US from a country they researched.</p> <p>Thank you for the YUMMY Auntie Anne's Pretzels</p>
3rd	
4th	4th grade finished up our big unit on the Revolutionary War and the US constitution before break. We are now learning about the first seven presidents of the US. Also before break we read the core novels Pollyanna and Treasure Island. In science we are working on Unit Two where we are learning about <i>What kinds of energy transfer must occur for light from the sun to power an electric car?</i> , <i>How are Fossil Fuels Formed and Used?</i> , <i>What are the different ways we can use renewable energy to generate electricity?</i> And <i>How can you reduce the impact of energy production on the environment?</i>
5th	We are starting our Young Ameritowne economics literacy curriculum, culminating in our Young Ameritowne field trip. Thank you to PTO for helping financially with this!



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