

**Agenda**  
**PTO Working Meeting ~ 5:30 p.m.**  
**PTO General Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
**September 20, 2022**  
**Academy Charter School-Library**

*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.

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**MEETING ATTENDEES:**

**Working Meeting:** Hannah Branning, Krist Stettler, Nathalia Vines, Emily Erlenbach, Aubrey Coultas, Jennifer McKune, Joe Blethen, Rosalie Boyle, Jennifer Justus, Carley Frohling

*Notes in Italics were only covered in the Working Meeting.*

**General Meeting:** Amy Womelsdorf, Hannah Branning, Krista Stettler, Hillary Fendrich, Alice James, Laura Carlson, Jennifer Jones, Meghan Yager, Lauren Simmons, Chelsea Burgess, Joe Blethen, Maura George, Katie Buchanan, Jennifer Justus, Miranda Allah, Melanie Davis, Carley Frohling, Tara Lindburg, Megan Hetrick, Emily Erlenbach

See attached proxy's

**1. President's Report (Cyndi Evans)**

- a. **Call To Order:**  
= Working Meeting: 5:34 p.m.  
= General Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- b. ***Vote on August Mtg Minutes – PASSED during Working Meeting***
- c. ***Governing Board Meeting Sign-up – need representation to attend from the PTO for each meeting. Cyndi will send out a sign-up and will send notes out ahead of each meeting***
- d. ***PTO Board Sign-Up – the bulletin board to include minutes, list of members, and needs decorations***
- e. **WM: Team Building Event- October 8<sup>th</sup>. 1-3pm paint event**

**2. Fundraising Report (Giana Sitzes & Hannah Branning)**

- a. **No truck or treat or Fall Festival this year. Team will consider something for the Spring**
- b. **Fall Run Options-Boosterthon. Team met today to talk about Color run (middle school) and fun run (elementary)**
- c. **Let Giana know if you want to be included in the next fundraising meeting**
- d. **There will be an adult-only event in the Spring.**
- e. **Field Day Outcome (Ellie)**  
= Sales update: \$1600 boxes, \$1300 cotton candy/snow cones sales  
= Consdiering purchasing an industrial size for cotton candy/snow cones in the future.  
Will get the dollar amounts and then the PTO can vote on this


- f. Spirit Night update (Hannah)
    - = Had 2 so far raising \$237
    - = October 8<sup>th</sup> at Code Ninjas from 4:30-6:30 pizza, etc. They'll bring flyers to distribute.
    - = November is Chic-fil-A
    - = December is Freddie's
  - g. DOC (Cyndi)
    - = First one was last week. Getting more organized (e.g. telling families to bring exact change).
    - = Form is on the website to print out or they can fill out the Google Form
- 3. **Dad's Club Report** (Mike Evans)
  - a. Let the Dad's club know what the PTO need the Dad's Club to do
  - b. Next meeting is in two weeks, October 4th
- 4. **Communications Report** (Susan Fullmer, Jennifer Justus)
  - a. Newsletter Updates. Needs updates for the next newsletter, need updates by 9/23
  - b. Social Media Broadcasts (i.e. spirit nights, school store sales)
- 5. **Social Report** (Susan Kaduk & Katie Buchanan)
  - a. Working on signups for parent-teacher conferences, 10/26 and 10/27
- 6. **Enrichment Report** (Cyndi)
  - a. HLTA-Little Dragons (Start date 9/19)
    - i. 6-week course 3:45-4:45pm Kindergarten and 1st grade with 16 ACS students
  - b. Chess (October)
    - = 4 signed up already

Options for what's next:

  - c. Snapology (Spring)
  - d. Fencing (Spring)
  - e. MadScience (Winter)
  - f. KidzArt (Various)
  - g. Outdoor Athletics (TBD)
- 7. **Treasurer Report** (Krista)
  - a. Financial Updates (see budget)
  - b. Budget Review - reviewed and will update the line item for DOC to \$12,000
  - c. **Motion to pass the budget - PASSED**
- 8. **GM: SAC Report** (Carley Frohling)
  - a. Held first meeting in September. Reviewed SAC goals and highlighted the results of the School Performance Framework (e.g. ACS performance improved 5% since 2019, despite COVID. Ms. McMilon attributes that to being in school and having the teachers and parents prepared and involved)
- 9. **GM: School Store Report** (Rhiannon Metzger)

- a. Sign Ups here (follow QR code)



- b. 
- c. Will be held on last Friday of each month, next is on September 30
- d. Made \$238 on field day

**10. Box Tops Report (TBD) -Goal \$1,000**

- a. \$54.40 so far. Don't forget to download the app. It's easy!

**11. King Soopers/Safeway Cards Report (Katie Buchanan)**

- a. No Update

**12. Used Uniform Sale Report (Christi Matthews)**

- a. Found a nice bin to store donations. Looking to see if we can wrap it with an ACS stuff.

**13. Elementary School Report (Joe Blethen)**

- a. GM: [See attached]

**14. Middle School Report (Joe Blethen)**

- a. [See Attached]

**15. Principal's Report (Erin McMillon)**

- a. Furniture in and complete.
- b. Teachers thank the PTO for the cookies this month, and the staff appreciate ahead of time for the dinner on P/T nights and thank you for not doing a fundraiser right after.
- c. School picture day happened and make ups are soon
- d. Teacher development day on 9/23 – required 90 hrs/year  
= ½ staff on CPR, READ and English language development (45 hrs) required training
- e. Free DOC is 9/30

**16. Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

- a. Next Working Meeting: November 15, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.-School Cafeteria
- b. Next General Meeting: January 17, 2023

**Open Questions (General Meeting)**

- When is the next time we can learn/ask questions on dress code? – Feb a survey goes out and the Governing Board will discuss this at the March meeting
- After school – Academy Kids – what do kids do when they are waiting for band, it's 30 minutes until band starts and have to pay for homework club? Talk with Ms. Pence initially
- If I have an idea about a fundraiser? Connect with Aubrey or send email, see the website.

*Teacher feedback*

- *Appreciate that the PTO includes dietary restrictions and the options for us.*
- *Thanks for field day organization – having the boxes in the room ahead of time was very helpful*

*Adjourn – 7:00 p.m.*

## Elementary School Update

Kindie	Kindergarten continues to work on learning how to do school. We just finished up our study of germs and tall tales. We had a blast celebrating Johnny Appleseed. We also had fun learning about the needs of plants and how important water and sunlight are to plants.
1st	First grade is off to a great school year! We have been learning all about light sources and Ancient Mesopotamia. We are continuing to work on becoming better readers and writers!
2nd	First off, second grade would like to thank PTO for the delicious Crumbl Cookies; we enjoyed them so much! Second graders have been hard at work! We just finished our Constitution Unit and the kids loved having their families join our Class Constitution Signing Day. We're currently studying the War of 1812 and the kids can't believe that the White House was once caught on fire, but relieved Dolly Maddison did save some important papers and a portrait of George Washington :).
3rd	
4th	4th grade is getting into the groove of school and is continuing to learn about the middle ages. With the focus lately on learning about the known people of the middle ages Thomas Beckett, Henry II, Elanor of Aquitaine and Joan of Arc. In Science we are wrapping up our first unit that was Titled Car Crashes. The 4th grade learned about focus, interanion, balanced and unbalanced forces to make objects move. In writing the 4th grade is working on a personal narrative where the classes are focusing on one small moment to write about.
5th	5th graders have been hard at work on their summary writings about Simone Biles. They also have completed their World Lakes unit and created really fun Lake posters. We have started our first science unit with our new curriculum. The workbooks are so helpful and the kids are enjoying the labs and the interactive nature of the curriculum.

## Middle School Update

### 6th Grade

6th grade is getting ready for Outdoor Ed on the 3rd -5th of October. The kids are getting really excited!

We are working on our Ancient Greece unit in social studies and working on the scientific method in science. We are reading Percy Jackson in reading and working hard with our daily grammar lessons.

Thanks for all your hard work with field day! Our 6th graders had a ball running all the events and we think they did a great job!

### ELA:

7th grade:

- continuing to read "A Long Walk to Water"
- starting to put together the beginnings of our end-of-unit essay about survival in challenging environments
- Grammar Quiz #2 end of this week!

8th grade:

- continuing to read "Inside Out and Back Again"
- diving deeper into the "universal" experiences of refugees
- Grammar Quiz #2 end of this week!

### Science

7th grade is tracking Colorado's unpredictable weather and conducting their first lab on evaporation

8th grade will soon have their first quiz on motion and then move into forces.

### Spanish

7th Grade students are moving into a new unit and will dive into activities and foods, which leads them into discussing what they like/don't like to do and eat!

8th Grade After a thorough review of unit 3, which is about foods, family and dates of events, we'll jump into Unit 4 of our curriculum!

### Social Studies:

7th Grade is creating a Neolithic civilization based on the resources they have available geographically.

8th Grade is analyzing the philosophies on the Enlightenment and how they changed our relationship with government.

### Math:

Course 2: We are still reviewing and reinforcing skills from the previous year. Students are reviewing fractions, decimals and percentages. We are using a compass and a protractor to inscribe a polygon.

Course 3: Students will be reviewing skills from the prior year. We will expand our knowledge of the Pythagorean theorem and learn some Pythagorean triples.

Algebra: We will start the year with foundational skills for algebra. We will review work habits and expectations. We will do much graphing this year. We are reviewing a function table, slope intercept form, and standard form of a linear function.

**Tech:**

7th Grade students have been learning the fundamentals of Microsoft word. In the coming weeks, we will open up some computers and learn the ins and outs of what makes them. We will also learn about cloud and network computing.

8th grade students have been showcasing what they know about Microsoft Word, and how to create instruction manuals on how to use advanced features. Along with Microsoft, we are working on iMovie to create an elevator speech...ask your student what their speech is going to be about.

## Proxies



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