

**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
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 ~ 5:00 p.m.
ACS Cafeteria or Library**

MEETING ATTENDEES: Aubrey Coultas, Christi Matthews, Chris Nava, Maggie Nava, Krista Stettler, Aubrey Becker, Shannon Sandoval, Brenda Knight, Carina Brown, Jill Greenagel, Elisabeth Cross, Erin McMilon, Sara Netherton, Emily Erlenbach, Jennifer Dechillo, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Whitson

Call to Order: 5:02 pm

1. President's Report (Christi Matthews)

- a. Vote on September Mtg Minutes (vote) - approved
- b. 3 teacher requests: class for Mrs. Ludwick's state requirement, Mrs. Hicks professional development class, Ms. Surdyka conference. None require a vote.
- c. New Members - N/A

2. Fundraising Report (Shannon Sandoval)

- a. Fall Festival - Still getting final numbers settled, but we know we did make a profit. Will publish when we have the numbers. Sold 412 wristbands - covers food and bounce houses. Profit would come from concessions.
- b. Fall Fundraiser - Still deciding, nothing too heavy, something like Butter Braids, or stuff the pumpkin/turkey. Fundraising committee will get together soon about a spring fundraiser.
- c. Holiday Shop (Vladika Tabbert) is our next major event. Will take place December 9-13 (13th is a cleanup day). 6th grade will have a scheduled time. 7th & 8th will attend on their own, typically 2:45-3:15, 2 of the 4 days. It will not be open during lunch.
- d. Spirit Night Update (Carina Brown) - made \$175 from Chick-Fil-A
 - i. Cuba Cuba, Castle Rock, Monday October 28, 11:00am - 9:00pm
 - ii. Nothing Bundt Cakes - Thursday, November 14th, 10:00am - 7:00pm
 - iii. Smashburger, Castle Rock, Thursday, December 19th, 11:00am - 9:00pm
 - iv. Ubergrippen, Saturday January 11th from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.
- e. DOC
 - i. Friday, November 8, 2024
 - ii. Friday, December 6, 2024
 - iii. Friday, January 17, 2025
 - iv. Friday, February 14, 2025
 - v. Friday, March 14, 2025
 - vi. Friday, April 11, 2025
 - vii. Friday, May 9, 2025

f. School Store Report (Jenny Newkirk) - N/A

3. Communications Report (Susan Fullmer)

a. Newsletter Updates (position open) - N/A

4. Social Report (Katie Buchanan and Melissa Ferraro) -

i. Friday, October 25, 2025 - Parent/Teacher Conference meals, donation signup for Breakfast and Lunch. Sign up will come out this week.

5. Used Uniform Report (Dawn Rudeen) - N/A

6. Treasurer Report (Krista)

a. Financial Updates - still working on Fall Festival numbers, should have a good profit, likely \$2k-\$3k. DOC is doing very well, tracking at \$10k currently, just \$3k away from our goal and we're only a quarter of the way through the year. Selling the parking spot was a good boost to start the year.

7. SAC Report

a. Update - discussed nominating positions on the committee. Will have more information in December.

8. King Soopers/Safeway Cards Report (Katie Buchanan)

a. Sign up in the Community Section in the online profile KS Profile

9. Elementary School Report -

Kindie

Kindergarten just finished a fun unit on Tall Tales and celebrating Johnny Appleseed Day. We enjoyed a day of all things apples and even dressed up for the day like Johnny Appleseed. This week we are beginning a unit on the 7 continents where we will be "visiting" a new country each day.

1st

First Grade has recently wrapped up a plan unit where students conducted an experiment where they learned about how plants absorb water through their stems using capillary action by observing white carnations changing color in dyed water, and also enjoyed a pumpkin exploration activity.

Currently, the class is focusing on the topic of sound, while also revisiting historical concepts like cuneiform from the Mesopotamia unit. Alongside this, the class is actively learning about fire safety, even writing thank you cards for the local firefighters and practicing writing paragraphs about their interests.

2nd

Second grade just started our Americans Move West unit. We've tied in writing by pretending to be pioneers who write in our diaries about our adventures. We'll take one of those entries and expand it into a personal narrative story and create a book with a cover that uses leaves to illustrate the title.

3rd

Third grade just finished a week of hard work on our salt dough maps, which showed our learning about the continents and world rivers. We are beginning a science unit on parts of the eye followed by parts of the ear.

4th

We are getting close to wrapping up our Middle Ages unit and presented our Castle Projects last Friday. We finished our science unit on Earthquakes

and have started a unit on Landscapes and the effect of erosion. In Literature we have been learning about themes and how to find them in different types of stories.

5th

Finished up our Meso-America unit with our map project. We have started the Age of Exploration unit in social studies. We are currently working on our opinion essays. We are finishing up Unit 1 in our Discovery Ed curriculum about matter.

10. Middle School Report -

6th grade - "We had a great time at Outdoor Ed! The kids did great and the weather was awesome. In science, we are working on a unit on cells. We just made our candy cells and the kids did a great job with this hands-on activity. In social studies, we are working on an Ancient Greece Unit. We just finished some presentations on the ancient Olympics and a modern-day olympian. We are almost finished with our first novel of the year, Percy Jackson. We will then start a final writing project and we will design new covers for the book."

ELA:

7th grade:

Students will write an explanatory essay before Fall Break. The essay will be typed Wednesday, October 2nd so rough drafts need to be done then.

ELA:

8th grade:

Students will write a comparative essay before Fall Break. The essay will be typed Wednesday, October 2nd so rough drafts need to be done then.

Science:

7th grade: Students will practice SI, scientific method and EDP while furthering their knowledge of the weather. A huge thanks goes out to all the volunteers who sent in supplies to help make our learning more tactile.

Science:

8th grade: Students are now learning just how their genes work through DNA and protein synthesis. Next unit: Natural Selection and Earth's Natural History. A huge thanks goes out to all the volunteers who sent in supplies to make invisible DNA and ancient natural history visible

Social Studies:

7th Grade will be learning about the factors that brought about the beginnings of complex societies and civilizations. They are using these factors to begin their own civilization.

Social Studies:

8th Grade is learning about the Enlightenment, the thinkers and their philosophies

7th Spanish:

Your students are quick learners! After our test next week on ACTIVITIES vocabulary and the verbs SER & GUSTAR, they'll be learning how to describe themselves and others. Adjectives add a whole new dimension to what they are able to say!

8th Spanish:

8th graders will be studying more stem changing verbs. They will also be learning more about restaurant vocabulary and how to order from a menu. Be sure they practice when you go out for Mexican food!

Tech:

7th Grade students continue their learning on Microsoft Word basics. They will then move into a project to showcase what they have learned and create a newspaper

Tech:

8th grade students will be working on their design process, 3D printed animals, and a pamphlet on Microsoft Word describing a native animal of Australia

Math:

Course 2: We are going to do a deep dive into fractions and manipulating decimals. We will also be working with measures: us customary and metric. Course 3: We are done with our review period and diving into new skills. We will be focusing on ratios. We will also be working on pre algebra skills: like terms and using inverse operations to solve for X.

Algebra: We have been reviewing functions and relations. We will be using graphing calculators to graph simple functions. Students will also be creating and analyzing graphs. What data can be represented in a misleading fashion.

11. Principal Report (Mrs. McMilon) - Conferences are coming up. All three water fountains have been replaced. Elevator is having preventative maintenance. Half day Friday. Fall Festival was great for our school community and kids taking ownership of their building.

12. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

1. Tuesday, November 19, 2024, Working (board) meeting 5pm; General (public) meeting 5:30pm
2. Tuesday, January 14, 2025, Working (board) meeting 5pm
3. Tuesday, March 4, 2025, Working (board) meeting 5pm; General (public) meeting 5:30pm
4. Tuesday, April 15, 2025, Working (board) meeting 5pm; General (public) meeting 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: 5:17pm