

**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
November 28, 2023 ~ 5:00 p.m.
Academy Charter School-Cafeteria**

MEETING ATTENDEES: Christi Matthews, Aubrey Coultas, Nathalia Vines, Krista Stettler, Kelli Weiss, Christine Spengler, Ellie Monroe, Nicole Thomas, Erin McMilon, Sara Babbitt, Amy Hoffman, Miranda Alla, Yolonda Webb

Call to Order: 5:04 pm

1. President's Report (Christi Matthews)

- a. Thank you and Welcome
- b. **Vote** on October 10th Mtg Minutes Motion -
- c. 2 Teacher Conference Requests under \$300, do not require a vote. 1 Conference for \$345 approved.
- d. Purchased Popcorn and two Cotton Machines. Stored in the Shed.
 - i. The popcorn machine holds 12 ounce bags. Leftover supplies in the shed.

2. Treasurer Report (Krista Stettler)

- a. Financial Updates. Fall Festival brought in \$23,000, netted approximately \$15,000.

3. Fundraising Report

- a. Stuff the Pumpkin Direct Fundraiser and Classroom Contest \$15,644.28 raised
- b. Prizes and Awards -

Class Grouping Ice Cream Party Winners:

- K-2 Mrs. Rhodes' Kindergarten Class: \$3,041.3
- 3-5 Ms. Thiessen's 3rd Grade Class: \$2,812.14
- 6 - 8 Mr. Jordan's 7th grade class: \$587.08

Grade Level Prize Extra Recess Winners (\$2,500):

- Mrs. Rhodes Kindergarten Class: \$3,041.3
- Ms. Thiessen's 3rd Grade Class: \$2,812.14

Class Prize Winners Dress of Choice Pass (\$750)

- Mrs. Rhodes Kindergarten Class: \$3,041.3

- Ms. Thiessen's 3rd Grade Class: \$2,812.14
- Mrs. Wiess' 1st Grade Class: \$827.32
- Mrs. McKean's 4th Grade Class: \$929.44
- Mrs. Wojtalewicz 2nd Grade Class: \$1,058.12

c. Fall Festival Thursday October 26, 5:00 - 7:00

i. Financial Updates -Fall Festival Expenses and Income

1. \$1,109.94 – United Rental flood lights
2. \$2,595.28 – Bouncer Blaster
3. \$1,872.81 – Fun Services fees
4. \$200 - tips
5. Wristband Sales - \$5358
6. Concession Sales - \$144
7. School Store Sales - \$50.25
8. Total =

Positive feedback. Food trucks were a good selection, probably would have been better attended if it hadn't been so cold. Prizes were good. Could have been set up better - Nicole will be point on this next year. Concession sales didn't bring in a lot, but prepping beforehand, and pricing at \$1 made it easy. Next year, maybe move it inside if it's cold weather. Dominos could deliver pizza and we could use warmers. There might be an issue with serving prepared food without a license - we will check with Giana on this.

d. Holiday Shop, December 11-14

- i. Setup and Clean Up. Set up starts at 7pm, Friday the 8th, in the music room. Clean up will take place Friday the 15th. Christi will send out a SignUp Genius for help with both.
- ii. Need PTO Volunteers
- iii. Need Parent Volunteers

e. Spirit Night Update (Carina Brown)

- i. Smart Cow - \$80
- ii. Chick Fil A, 10/10 6am - 10pm - \$215
- iii. Cuba Cuba 11/9 - \$117.28
- iv. Nothing Bundt Cakes 12/13 2pm - 7pm
- v. Chick Fil A, both locations, 2/9 6am - 10pm
- vi. Denver Nuggets Game, Saturday, December 16th
- vii. Having trouble finding something for January, so if you have ideas, please send in

f. DOC - Next DOC is Dec 1st

g. Used Uniforms - (Dawn Rudeen) Next sale January 20th

h. King Sooper Rewards - \$820.37 for last quarter

4. Communications Report (Susan Fullmer, Shala Baribeau)

a. N/A

5. Elementary School Report (Kelli Wiess)

Kindie	We have had a ton of fun doing an author study on Mo Willems. In science we discussed our five senses and how they help us learn. We are starting Native Americans this week. We are continuing to work on our writing skills.
1st	First Grade has had a busy few weeks! We learned all about bats and spiders in science. We also began our unit on religion. Students had so much fun disguising 'Turkey Tom' so he would not be eaten for Thanksgiving Dinner!
2nd	Second Grade just finished up our Leaf Man stories that were inspired by our Americans Move West unit in Social Studies. We will use our background knowledge of the Americans Move West unit and our current Science unit, Materials from the Land, to write about How to Build a Homestead/Dwelling. In Social Studies we have moved into our Civil War unit.
3rd	Third grade is just finishing up learning about how our eyes see! We are moving into playground forces and motion, which means we will have a few fun projects coming up! In Social Studies we are beginning our unit on the Vikings!
4th	Fourth grade has been busy! We are studying The American Revolution in Social Studies, and animal adaptations in science. In math we are starting to focus on fractions. We are also working on novel studies, reading Treasure Island and Gulliver's Travels.
5th	Fifth grade is busy finishing up our European Explorers unit. We just finished our persuasive Turkey Day writing. Anyone want to eat flamingoes, tuna fish, Wing Stop, or maple ice cream 😊 We are in the middle of our Sherlock Holmes unit and will start our mystery writing when we are back from Thanksgiving Break. In math we are working on error detection, as well as, lots of new concepts. In science we are almost finished with our energy in ecosystems unit of study.

6. Middle School Report (Christine Spangler)

6th grade is reading Bud, Not Buddy in L.A. and how it relates to some nonfiction texts like a Steve Jobs commencement speech.

In science we are wrapping up our human body and cells unit with our imposter cell creations and presentations.

In social studies we are continuing our learning on Ancient Rome and Roman architecture.

ELA: 7th grade: • Students are already having fun acting out scenes from Pygmalion and doing their best Cockney accents • Argumentative essays will follow the play	ELA: 8th grade: • “To Kill a Mockingbird” is off to a great start • Argumentative essays will start to be crafted before the end of the semester
Science: 7th grade: The students are continuing to investigate how matter cycles and energy flows.	Science: 8th grade: The students have investigated the make up of Earth and Earth’s natural history. They will have an assessment Monday, Dec. 4th. The classes will then look into what controls all the changes in living organisms on Earth- Genetics. This unit involves students looking closely at their own traits and possible genes.
Social Studies: 7th Grade: We will begin our journey across the Silk Road. Our caravans will begin in Ancient China and will eventually end up in Ancient Rome.	Social Studies: 8th: “I’m sorry Burr I got to go, But decisions are happening over dinner.” -Jefferson vs Hamilton Debate

Tech: 7th Grade students will be using Microsoft Excel to create graphs and graph data over a period of time while making multiple multiple graphs. Students will then move into working on PowerPoint and learn how to use animations and sound. During this time, students will create their first 3D printing project.	Tech: 8th grade students will continue to learn more about Microsoft Excel and tracking stocks. Students will have their first debate and learn about what digital tools should be used in class. Students will start working on a green screen lip sync battle.
Math: Course 2: Students will be learning how to write numbers in scientific notation. We will also be working on ratios and rates. Course 3: Students will be introduced to the Pythagorean theorem. We will reinforce the order of operation using PEMDAS. We will be introduced to graphing linear functions and inequalities. Algebra: We will be rationalizing expressions. We will also add, subtract, multiply and divide polynomials.	

7. Principal's Report (Erin McMillon)

- a. Stuff the Pumpkin and Fall Festival were a great success. Grateful that PTO helps build community. Doing parent teacher conferences during the day was a big success. Thankful for the teacher meals - maybe a little more protein for breakfast and a little less food for lunch next year.

8. Social Report (Melissa Ferraro & Katie Buchanan)

- a. Crumble Cookie on 9th
- b. ACS Staff Cookie Exchange - Dec 7th. About halfway there on sign ups, will send out a parent email this week.

9. SAC Report (Carley Frohling)

- a. Update - Last meeting was well attended, lots of involvement and interest in how testing contributes to decisions. Next meeting is December 7th.

10. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- a. January 16, 2024 @ Working (board) meeting 5:00 p.m.-School Cafeteria

Meeting Adjourned: 5:29 pm