

Ann Arbor PTO Council Membership Meeting

Welcoming All with Respect, Compassion, and Integrity

Monday, April 17, 2023 , 7:00-8:30 pm

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809964838>

Minutes in red

APRIL IS:

National Arab American Heritage Month

National Autism Awareness Month

Please sign in on the [Attendance Sheet](#).

1. **Start 7 pm**
2. **7 - 7:10 Welcome** (Ashley/Jordan 10 min) Quick fundraiser update:
 - a. Total on gofundme after fees is \$30,814.67 so our total with PTO Thrift match is over \$60K!
 - b. We are working on a plan for distribution and will share soon but we believe that each Title I elementary school will receive a combined total of at least \$17.24 per student in funds. PTOC funds will be distributed by check and PTO Thrift funds by automatic transfer. We will be reaching out to each Title I Elementary PTO in the coming days to confirm their desire to receive the funds.
 - c. Thanks to everyone who shared and donated and a big special thanks to the AA PTO Thrift Shop. Let's all make sure to show them some love by remembering them when we shop and donate.
 - d. PTO thrift
3. **7:10 - 7:15 - Dues + Treasurer Report** (Lisa)
Seven schools with dues due. Lisa is following up
4. Open Mic - Haisley shares there has been a request for a pugmill for clay. Wondering if other schools want to split. Suggested sharing in google groups as well as maybe advocacy at district with sustainability in mind. Also, could a high school one be borrowed?
5. **7:30 - 8:20 Inclusion** (Adriana)
Impetus for this meeting: Generally, folks see PTOs as a place to build community. Yet, it doesn't feel inclusive for all.

Caryn Gehrke - parent of three students at Lakewood and 1 student at Forsythe;
board member of [AAPAC](#) (Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Group for Special Education)
Helen Look - parent of 2 students at Eberwhite; facilitator with [NNMG Food Allergic](#)

[Families of Ann Arbor Facebook Group](#)

Michelle Karr - parent of two students at King; AAPS Social Worker at Tappan,

Of meeting participants, 1/3 had had the experience of not being able to attend or having to leave early due to not being able to be accommodated

Fundraising often related to food, or prize of a pizza party

High level of bullying

PTOs can lead the way for inclusion

So many trips and fundraisers aren't always accessible to all. When teachers plan in elementary there is more inclusion but at middle school year end trips tend to not be as inclusive, esp w self contained classrooms

Transport, actual accessibility of field trip

Fun run – mobility

Popsicles on playground - speech and communication (options to point to)

Fun night - sensory needs

For food allergies, parents are the experts. Staff often misinformed.

Food allergy parents end up plan classroom events

Class parties with bringing in food for extra credit is problematic

Fog machines can cause trouble - asthma. Water based fog fixed it

Make sure to include all extra teaching staff in teacher grants (SW, teacher liaison, etc)

Links:

Special Education Info & Data about YOUR school

1. [AAPS Special Education Responsibility Chart](#)
(includes list of Schools with Self-Contained Classrooms)
2. [2022-23 Student Count - with Disabilities by School](#) (from Mi School Data)
3. [Special Education \(IEP\) Data Portrait for 2022-23](#) (from Mi School Data)

Food Allergy Guidelines

4. [AAPS Guidelines & Practices Managing Life Threatening Food Allergies In Elementary School Children \(2011?\)](#)
5. [CDC Food Allergies in Schools Toolkit](#) (2016)
6. [CDC Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies In Schools and Early Care and Education Programs](#)
7. [Michigan Department of Education Food Allergy Guidelines for Michigan Schools](#) (2016)

Food Allergy Handouts/Tools

8. [Food Allergy Awareness for Teens](#)
9. [Food Allergy Awareness for Elementary School](#)
10. [Resources from Allergic Living](#)
 - Free education and awareness posters (note, May is Awareness Month)
 - Top Picks of Allergy-Friendly Treats, including holiday and seasonal lists
11. [Sifter](#) - shop by diet technology

6. Next meeting is May 15 when we will vote on our slate, bylaws, and reflect on the year

7. Bylaws information:

a. Current bylaws:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12CVWh6Djv8dk00wtPTOh7JAwh6vOeWS7Eoa36ggd_Tk/edit?usp=sharing

b. Current bylaws with comments:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oFYykC1CFfuIVFPlpblFivE_2bZyV8ky/edit

c. Proposed Revisions:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p-mNbOlBo34h3WvxQ7IYg94A0FSnvn4/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=113119970399272068902&rtpof=true&sd=true>

d. We will vote next month

8. Adjourn – 8:35pm

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