

ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY

PTO BUSINESS MEETING

October 7, 2024

6:30 pm

Zoom

WELCOME! REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

Check in	In Attendance: Ariane Rhone (secretary) Sara Karbeling (interim VP) Colbin Erdahl (President) Emily Voss (Treasurer) Sabena Perret Elisabeth Shipley Molly Hotka Jemma Walters Julie Hansen Kadie Farber Katie Thompson - principal Mrs Bertrand Ms Guthart Ms Swain Susan O'Dell Anne Coatar Kim Clemence Michelle Gladden Lindsay Snipes Kelcey Patrick-Ferree Anna Flaming Morgan Terrell Miss Cindy
Principal's Report	<i>Katie Thompson</i> Things are going smoothly! Excited about our ReadATHon (this is the first time we've done this).

PTO UPDATE & DISCUSSION

Topic	Things to consider/Questions
Quick Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• alexander.iowacityschools.org/pto (PTO->Meeting Minutes)• Treasurer's Report - balance: \$4163.77 recent transactions: \$150

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(5 minutes)	<p>pd for Run for Schools, \$1042.45 pd for yearbooks, \$40 DPO dues, \$110.00 deposit for run for schools donations and \$59.34 Venmo deposit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Districtwide Parents Organization Report www.iowacityschools.org/dpo Ariane Rhone DPO Meeting at Alexander on Wednesday! (10/9 6:30 - 8:00)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Katie Thompson will present specifics on the Hills/Alexander transition, highlighting som of the intentional efforts we did last spring, this summer/fall to ease the transition.
PTO Tax-Exempt Status (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The PTO's tax-exempt status was auto-revoked by the IRS, as we failed to file the 990-N form for three years in a row.• Colbin and Emily have a meeting scheduled with attorney Emmett Robertson to file a renewed application.
Read-a-thon (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Started last week• Update from Sara Karbeling<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ As of 10/7 AM, we have 54 participants, 1594 minutes read, \$1472 raised. Kids have already reached their first 2 all school prizes. As of now (6:30pm 10/7) We're now up to ~1700 with 63 participants. We'd love to have feedback so we can make it even better next year! The prizes will arrive soon, to be distributed by PTO to the school. Thanks to friends at Hoover PTO for helping get this started○ Principal Thompson says it has felt pretty smooth so far!
Pre-K Field Trip (2 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visiting Sass Farm in October for Ms Forbe(pre-K field trip)• Applied for grant, but they were not able to fund it.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Total is \$300 for bussing○ The ICCSD foundation does not provide funds for PreK○ Motion passed Unanimously to fund
Picture Day Monday, October 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Volunteers/Sign Up Genius<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ariane will make this

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UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Fall Fest Friday, Nov 8 5:30 - 7:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoom meeting tonight at 7:30: Fall Fest Zoom Link• Need help gathering donations• Setup assistance on Tues & Thurs the week of (11/5 & 11/7)• PTO Closet was found to have mice, planning to clean out tomorrow at 4:30, come if you want to help	<p>Which classrooms can we use? Tech room, Art Room, Gym, Cafeteria, SpED? K classrooms? - Katie will check on that. We may use stations in the gym, hallways, wedge, etc. Where can we store donations the week of the event? Teacher workroom or conference room in the office</p>
<p>Community Meeting Monday, Nov 11 6:30pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ELL team will talk to families at this meeting• Pizza as usual, Sara will coordinate the order this time<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Emily usually calls the day of at about 3pm to place the order (be sure to mention you're a school), give payment, and meet them at the door (Be sure to get a receipt)• Translation• Childcare?	
<p>Literati Book Fair Week of Nov 18-22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need sign up for parents to volunteer• Run the register and generally organize• This is the first year with this vendor -	

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	<p>more books and fewer doodads. This is the week of conferences. Full day of conferences on 11/22. Wed. after school 11/20. Ms Coatar will figure out the hours of operation (maybe Thursday evening?).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not sure if there will be one in the spring (tentatively booked with Scholastic) – let's see how this one goes.	
<p>Parent-Teacher Conferences Friday, Nov 22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meal(s) for Teachers<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Should we do this on the all-day day, or on one of the dinner days?○ Teachers think having a dinner is better (so they just have to pack one meal at that day). Maybe 11/20 day• Taco bar? Chili crockpots?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Be sure to have individually packaged stuff for allergy needs.	

ADJOURN NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: NOVEMBER 11
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: DECEMBER 9

Off agenda items:

If there's any interest in starting a knitting club, let Kelcey know (if the old yarn is usable)

Ukulele Club: Ms Swain says they just had their first club meeting last friday, 18 kids signed up with 4 on waiting list. We're meeting at 7:05am - 14 out of the 18 showed up. Ms Swain asks if the PTO could fund shirts for the club, and would like to have the club come to play at events later in the year. This is the 3rd year of Ukulele Club. An alum came back on Friday to play with the club and it was very cool.