

ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY

PTO BUSINESS MEETING

February 10, 2025

6:30 pm

Zoom

WELCOME! REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

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| Check in | <p>Question: Yesterday was National Pizza Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Favorite pizza topping?• Non-starter pizza topping? <p>In Attendance: Katie Thompson, Colbin Erdahl, Sara Karbeling, Emily Voss, Ariane Rhone, Molly Hotka, Sabena Perret, Kim Clemence, Brianna Herman, Kadie Farber, Carson Gibson, Miss Cindy, Amanda Brown, Michelle Harbison, Julie Hansen, Anne Coatar, Emma Schroeder, Melissa Glanz, Fleming Family</p> |
| Principal's Report | <p>Katie Thompson</p> <p>It's been a good few weeks at Alexander, I want to thank everyone who was at Family Movie Night. We had good attendance and attendance continues to climb as our number of students and families has grown. Last week on Friday we wrapped up our Winter Universal Screening. Last week we also had the Global Day of Play and that's a relatively unstructured day of play (plus early release!) that was a lot of fun. I really appreciate the flexibility from families and from teachers with the odd weather and difficult schedule shift. Families will be getting some communication this week about Conferences coming up (Feb 26, March 6, March 7). It's another valuable time to welcome families into our school & we value the conversations with you. We strive for 100% attendance - whether that is in person, on zoom, or on the phone.</p> |

PTO UPDATE & DISCUSSION

| Topic | Things to consider/Questions |
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| Quick Updates: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• alexander.iowacityschools.org/pto (PTO->Meeting Minutes)• Treasurer's Report - balance: \$9603.89 recent transactions: Deposits: \$226.34 Book Fair. Withdrawals: \$274.90 t-shirts; \$40 DPO; \$158.56 pizza.• Districtwide Parents Organization Report www.iowacityschools.org/dpo Ariane Rhone |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prev DPO Meeting Jan 8○ Next meeting: This Wed, Feb 12 |
| Funding Request | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Preschool Field Trip to the Iowa Children's Museum in March<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approval for bussing funds (~\$200-300) - Motion to fund, vote: All (10+) yes, 0 no.● 3rd grade requests funding for bussing to West Branch to attend a Women's History presentation on 3/27. Motion to fund, vote: All (10+ yes, 0 no) |
| Movie Night Debrief | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Finding Nemo was enjoyed by all on the Lu screen in the gym● Nearly 200 were in attendance! |
| Bike Rodeo Date | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bicyclists of Iowa City (BIC) is busy on Thurs, May 22● Available Dates: 5/21 or 5/23, otherwise Thurs, 5/15 or 5/29<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Probably at Wetherby Park again<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Trueblood is floated as an option, but many kids would not be able to bike there (busy street)○ Colbin will ask about 5/21. |
| STEM Night Planning Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thursday, April 10th from 6-8pm● Guests:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Confirmed 7 volunteer groups to host tables/activities<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Robotics - City■ City High Environmental Club■ City High "Golden Beaker"■ Mathematics - Ulowa■ Mechanical Engineering - Society of Black Engineers■ Mathematics - Ulowa■ Computer Science @ Iowa○ Confirmed Physics Demo for 45 minute 'show' at the end○ 2 possible paid groups: thoughts?<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Iowa Raptor Project (Cost \$300)■ Children's Museum (Cost \$250)○ 6 additional leads not confirmed - other leads/ideas?<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Johnson Co. Conservation■ Black Girls Do Science■ SWE■ Robotics - West■ Medical School - Ulowa |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Driving Safety Research Institute● Logistics and Locations - <i>Sara & Katie have been talking about plans.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Possibly stations in the gym, with physics demo in the cafeteria</i> |
| Spring Book Fair Fri 3/7 - 3/14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Will be open for conference day on Friday, 3/7 (maybe Thurs eve conf too - TBD)● Need a Sign Up for Parent Volunteers |
| Conference Meals for Teachers Week of March 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Need to confirm Dates Wed eve 2/27, Thurs eve 2/6, Fri all day 2/7● We usually provide two meals on the Evening Conference days<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fall was Jimmy Johns & Taco/Taco Salad Bar○ Teachers loved Jimmy Johns choices and sides!○ Maybe do a baked potato bar for something different? |
| Call for PTO Officers The PTO Needs Volunteers for Leadership in 2025-26 | Officers are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● President Current: Colbin Erdahl● Vice-President Current: Sara Karbelling● Secretary Current: Ariane Rhone● Treasurer Current: Emily Voss <p>Please email, or plan to attend the business meeting on April 14.</p> |

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Pajama Storytime Thursday, Feb 20 6:00-7:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the Library, Teachers can read their favorite book!• Cookie for kids as they leave | Emily - order cookies? |
| Community Meeting Monday, Mar 10 6:30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker/Topic ideas from last meeting• Pizza as usual• Translation | Maybe attendance and IASPS (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) |
| STEM Night Thursday, Apr 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inviting Presenters/Booths from STEM fields | |

ADJOURN NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: MARCH 10
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: APRIL 14

New Business: