ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY PTO: Business Meeting Agenda

February 09, 2025 6:30 pm

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Reports and Presentations	
Check in *(5 minutes)*	In Attendance: Co President Ariane Rhone, Treasurer Ali McCue, Secretary Rachel Trinidad, DPO Representative Michelle Gladden, Ann Benge, Michelle Harbison, Carson Gibson, A. Flaming
Introduction of PTO Leadership Team/Board	**2025-2026 PTO Board Members:** ● **Co-Presidents -** Ariane Rhone & Sara Karbeling ● **Vice President -** Melissa Morgan ● **Secretary -** Rachel Trinidad ● **Treasurer** - Ali McCue
Quick Updates: *(5 minutes)*	● www.iowacityschools.org/AlexanderES (PTO->Meeting Minutes) ● Treasurer's Report -**Balance: $9,975.70.** Includes transfer from silent auction from fall fest. Paid for preschool field trip ● DPO Report: Michelle Gladden . Last DPO meeting toured the Junior Achievement Dream Accelerator (in the basement of the main district office by ACT) that will be where 9th graders go to start career planning, college paths and trade paths. Will also offer classes for high schoolers from all three high schools. The meeting this week will include legislative updates. Possibly three state legislators will be in attendance by Zoom. https://www.iowacityschools.org/students-families/get-involved https://facebook.com/events/s/february-meeting-legislative-u/798571616516114/
Principal's Report *(5 minutes)*	Information passed along from Principal Thompson since she wasn't in attendance. BASP next year: ICCSD is piloting district-run BASP at Alexander (and Twain, Wood, and Garner) starting in August 2026. Costs will be comparable to what they are with current provider (Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, NCJC). Summer programming will be with NCJC. There are no hard feelings with

	NCJC this was a mutual agreement. There will be Site Supervisors, assistants, and support staff for each site. A needs assessment survey has been sent out to families (if the AM program doesn't have enough need, we won't have it). Goal is to feel very similar and streamlined, hopefully enhanced. Staffing preferences will be given to current (solid) NCJC employees in our programs. Site Supervisors will be the main contact with families and will organize the programming/groups Costs estimated at this time: PM only $260/month; AM only $100/month; AM+PM $295/month. Childcare assistance and Bridgecare scholarships to reduce the cost of the program will be available for eligible families.

Discussion Items		
Topic	***Things to consider/Questions***	***Next Steps***
Funding Requests	2nd Grade Fieldtrip to Kent Park (around $350 for bussing) Historically the PTO has funded one extra field trip per grade. Vote has passed with a majority of 5/8 yays (0 nays; assume 3 abstained or were away from keyboard at time of vote)	Vote
March FFCM 3/9/26 6:30pm Alexander Library	Presentation: Attendance Month Info Asked Ms Mary to present as well as Emily Voss to speak about truancy laws.	Childcare - Sara Pizza - Ali Interpreters - Katie
Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities	• Teacher Conference meal - Taco bar - March 4 - *Sign-up genius* Plan to reuse sign up genius from last time. There will be a way for monetary donations to be sent for those who aren't able to bring food in • ISASP Classroom snacks - Amazon 'wish-list' posted after spring break Hoping to be able to provide every grade and class with healthy snacks for testing time. Ali and Ariane will set up the Amazon wishlist.	
PJ storytime Feb 12, 2026	Family Flyer Don't need many volunteers since PTO supports by providing snacks. The event is from 6-7 pm. Per Ann Benge students are making cards and will post them on doors with the information..	Cookies - Ali Title team runs this event

Arts Night Apr 23, 2026	Initial emails have been sent! Looking forward to a great event again this year! Folks from prior years planning to come back. Arts and STEM Night rotate every other year. This year is Arts Night. Many of the art activities are from people in the community. Core Planning team: Sara, Rachel, Ali, and Sabena We welcome others interested in participating. Please email the PTO to volunteer. Also, if you are an artist or know an artist who would like to be involved in the programming, let us know!	
Yearbook	Clarification of PTO's role in this: ● PTO will buy extra yearbooks for 5th graders who otherwise didn't purchase ○ Facebook ask - Venmo/supporting those who wouldn't otherwise get it. ● Provide list of businesses that have supported us & provide page ● Timeline - When do order forms go out to students? *Katie states:The PTO will send a flyer for donations for yearbooks. On the same flyer, families will be able to indicate that they'd like to receive a free yearbook. Melissa K has been the go to for the yearbook, though this may shift to Sarah Oxley in the future. After the initial order form, there's an additional push to get all 5th graders a yearbook if they don't order one.*	
Bike Rodeo	Planning information: ● Timing: 1-1.5 hrs - After school ***or*** early evening ● Location: Wetherby Park or School blacktop ● Date: May 18-end of year (except 27th) ● Snacks & Water! **Contact:** Marc Wold Marc has an open schedule for when to have the event. Ariane will coordinate with Katie to set a date. Wetherby has been the traditional location since many students can bike to the park, but the school is closer for Hills students. For those present, no strong opinions on which location would be better. Next year may try to get a survey sent out for location. The event will need snacks and water-will have a sign up genius for donations. Ariane has some snacks leftover from the PTO movie night. Gallon jugs and cups for water have worked the best since it reduces amount of waste of half used water bottles. Ariane votes to adjourn the meeting. Ali seconds to adjourn the meeting.	

Upcoming Events

2025-2026 PTO Calendar - future events

- 1/12 - **Community Meeting** [Leadership Team]
- 1/23 - **Community Movie Night** [Ariane & Sara]
- 2/9 - **PTO meeting - Zoom** (https://iowacityschools-org.zoom.us/j/97053526532)
- 2/12 - **PJ Storytime** [Ariane & Katie]
- 3/4 - Conferences - **PTO Meal** - *Sign-up genius*
- 3/9 - **Community Meeting** [Leadership Team: attendance KT, MC-J, Emily Voss?]
- **ISASP week** - [Sara] *Sign-up genius for classroom snacks*
- 4/13 - **PTO meeting - Zoom** (https://iowacityschools-org.zoom.us/j/97053526532)
- 4/23 - **Arts Night** [Sara]
- 5/4-5/8 - **Teacher appreciation week** - [Leadership Team] *& Sign-up genius*
- 5/11 - **Community Meeting** [Leadership Team]
- 5/25 - **End of Year Snack Sign-up** *Sign-up genius for classroom snacks*
- 5/? - Bike Rodeo [Ariane] & *Sign-up genius*

Adjourn Next Meeting: March 9