ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY PTO: Business Meeting Agenda

April 13, 2026 6:30 pm

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Reports and Presentations	
Check in *(5 minutes)*	In Attendance: Principal Thompson, Co President Ariane Rhone, Treasurer Ali McCue, Secretary Rachel Trinidad, DPO Representative Michelle Gladden and 4 staff and parents.
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: $9711.18** ○ **$45 in Venmo donations for ISASP snacks** -Some teachers did send out individual wish lists for snacks. PTO snack drive is meant to fill in gaps where needed. For next year will communicate better with teachers to let them know ahead of time. ● DPO Report: Michelle Gladden . ● 3 students were recognized, one from each high school for a scholarship. Recognized staff that were nominated from the district. This Thursday is the spring Dine out for Education. *Rachel to put post on Facebook with poster and link to the participating restaurants
Principal's Report *(5 minutes)*	3 quick things: The month of April is attendance awareness month. Scaled it back a little bit, partly due to manpower and it is also a busy month. Will be sending out a few more messages to families about attendance. The PTO meeting last month had a presentation on attendance. If the weather is good, we will have kite day on May 1 to celebrate attendance. It was a tradition brought from Hills Elementary. Today was a big day for 3-5 graders. First day of ISASP testing. 5th graders have an additional test on Thursday. Today there was an impromptu fire drill during testing. Had smoky melted crayons that set off smoke detectors. It went off around 9:15 this morning. Everybody did a good job following fire drills and

	classes that had testing did well getting back into them. Kindergarten round up is on Wednesday this week. All new and existing Falcons are invited. We have a whole team that helps out. We take kids to rooms and do activities. Good social experiment to see how they interact with others. Katie gives information to parents in the library. Ariane asked if able to have a slide about PTO. Sara and Ariane will discuss what to put on the slide.

Discussion Items		
Topic	***Things to consider/Questions***	***Next Steps***
Funding Requests	Kindergarten Raptor Center Trip ~$620 Asking to cover 2 buses to get kids to the Raptor Center. The field trip had been planned, but then funding got pulled. PTO was asked to help. Melissa from the front office will be cc'd.	Vote: no "nos" by the 9 in attendance Passed by majority.
May FFCM 5/11/26 6:30pm Alexander Library	Presentation ideas/requests May 11 is the next meeting in person. Don't currently have a presentation lined up. Last year we had a presentation on the summer slide. Those in attendance agreed this would be a good topic to cover. Katie will reach out to teachers to make a presentation.	Childcare - Sara Pizza - Ali Interpreters - Katie
Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities	• Arts Night 4/23/26 5-8:30pm building helpers for welcome table, setup, cleanup(just a few) -Low ask on the volunteer side. Nice to have building helpers to guide where to go. Will probably be ok with those on the core team. If more are needed, we will make a sign-up genius. 7 adults from school have signed up to help. • ISASP Classroom snacks - Amazon 'wish-list' posted • Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8 *stick around after the meeting for details! • Bike Rodeo Wednesday, May 20 -Having adults around from school is helpful.	
Arts Night Apr 23, 2026 6-8pm	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.	
Yearbook	Find out when order forms go out - PTO will supply	

	yearbooks for 5th graders who don't otherwise have one -Sent donor list from fall fest/discounted pizza to put them in the year book. Was emailed to Melissa in the front office. Will do an ask for donations to make sure all 5th graders get a yearbook. PTO will cover the rest. Will order fewer yearbooks this year.	
Call for 2026-27 officers	President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary -Try to get them voted on in the May meeting, if not in the June meeting. Having a full leadership team helps with planning over the summer.	

Upcoming Events	
2025-2026 PTO Calendar - future events ● **ISASP week** - [Sara] *Amazon list 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] ● 5/20 - Bike Rodeo [Ariane] & *Sign-up genius* ● 5/25 - **End of Year Snack Sign-up** *Sign-up genius for classroom snacks*	
Adjourn Next Community Meeting: May 11	